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THE FOUR WAY TEST:

Of the things we think, say or do: -

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill & better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

BULLETIN NO: 11

Thursday 12th September 2019.

September is Rotary Basic Education & Literacy Month.

Club meets at the **WAGGA WAGGA COUNTRY CLUB, 6:00 PM for 6.30 PM** (unless stated below).

Duty Officers' Roster: -

Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot fulfil your rostered duty. Also inform the Bulletin Reporter.

| DATE: | Thursday 19 th Sept. | Tuesday 24 th Sept. | Thursday 3 rd Oct. |
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| PROGRAMME: | BARRY GRIFFITHS SES. | Combined Rotary Clubs Film Night. | Visit Wagga Men's Shed. |
| ATTENDANCE: | Karel Bijker David Wynne | Karel Bijker | Karel Bijker Marion Moran |
| GREETER: | John Haezelwood | Not Required | Alf Barzen |
| SHORT & SWEET: | Neil Hilpern | Not Required | Terry Mecham |
| FINES-MASTER: | David Kennedy | Not Required | Philip Cross |
| INTRODUCE SPEAKER: | Don Pembleton | Not Required | Peter Veerhuis |
| VOTE OF THANKS: | Alan Lean | Not Required | Mike Murray |
| BULLETIN REPORTER: | Vida Smart | Ellen Brasier | Gerry Page |

Invocation: For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary, we give thanks.

Unable to attend a meeting? **Please lodge an apology with THE COUNTRY CLUB OFFICE ☎ 6922 6444** by 2.30 pm Wednesday (or pre-record it in the book provided at the meeting attendance table – IN BLOCK LETTERS).

Also, for catering purposes, please advise if bringing a guest to a meeting.

MEETING REPORT: -


Attendance.

Thirty-four members attended, plus five guests – Club Guest and Key-Note Speaker, Caroline Angel, Elle Palmer (past member & guest of Graeme Callander), Aakash Nanda (guest of Alok Sharma), Graham Gorrel, and visiting Rotarian David Webster (Hornsby Rotary Club).

Apologies were recorded from Alf Barzen, David Cannon, Gerry Page, Gordon Saggors, Marion Moran, Neil Hilpern, Terry Mecham & Vida Smart.

Administration Matters.

President David welcomed all, especially our guests, and advised: -

1. On Saturday 21st September, Sunrise Rotary Club will be holding a **Retro Afternoon Tea** fundraiser.
 2. Advice that the Royce Abbey Peace Oration scheduled for 21st September has unfortunately been **CANCELLED** due to insufficient of acceptances.
 3. On 21st September, the Rotaract vs Rotary **Ten-Pin Bowling Challenge** will be on – and we need three members to represent Wagga Rotary – any takers (names to Sect Ellen please).
 4. On Tuesday 24th September, the **Polio Plus Movie Night** will take place at the Forum Cinema This is in lieu of our Rotary Club meeting on Thursday 26th September. Tickets are \$20 – available from Lyndal Seymour. Please remember to present tickets when entering the theatre.
 5. The Wollundry Rotary Club **Gears & Beers Festival** will be held on 5th and 6th October. Our Club has nominated around 15 members to assist and a roster is being prepared. Cyclist nominations are substantially more than last year – already more than one thousand riders in the Dirty 130.
 6. **RYPEN** (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) is to be held at Borambola Sports and Recreation Camp from 29th November to 1st December. It is a three day camp for year 9 students, to assist them forming their own values and to broaden their cultural, social and academic horizons. The Club is looking for nominations
 7. **RYLA** (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) will be held at the Greenhills Centre, Cotter Rd, Cotter, ACT from Sat 11th to Fri 17th January 2020. The program is designed for individuals aged from 18 to 25 who have shown some leadership potential. The aim is to challenge and inspire these young people to gain further confidence and self-esteem as well as setting goals for their future. It will be run as a joint venture of Districts 9700 and 9710 prior to district amalgamation in July 2020. Again, our Club is seeking nominations.
 8. The Club was briefly addressed by visiting Rotarian **David Webster** from Hornsby Rotary Club. David was in Wagga to attend the MG Car Rally but pointed out that he is also a member of ACHAFR, the Rotary Fellowship which came into being in the 1980s as a result of actions by our past Wagga member, the Late Brian Henry (PP 1986/87). The Fellowship is now predominantly organised out of Europe. They will be holding a rally in Australia in 2023, probably travelling from Melbourne to Sydney, and would like to visit Wagga, the birth place of their Fellowship. President David promised them a warm welcome.
- Antique Classic & Historic Automobile
world Fellowship of Rotarians
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9. Alan Lean provided a brief summary of the recent **PCYC Fund-Raising Dinner** at which young sailor Jessica Watson was guest speaker. Alan advised that Rotary received many plaudits as being the joint founder of PCYC back in the 1930s, along with the then NSW Police Commissioner.
 10. Alan also reminded us that this week is **RUOK Week** and we should be ensuring that we always keep an eye open for those who might be doing it tough. He also informed us that RUOK organisation was initiated in 2009 as a result of the actions of one Gavin Larkin who unfortunately succumbed to cancer in 2011. Gavin was a cousin of our Club member Lyndal Seymour.

Raffle Winner.

This week's 'Lucky Door Prize' was won by Don Pembleton

Short & Sweet.

Tony Hutchinson related details of a horrific trip in an RAAF Lockheed C-130 Hercules being shuttled from Australia to US and back. Between engines catching on fire and having to be replaced, a variety of hitch hikers (which left the crew having to sit on the cargo bay floor with a rope or belt of some sort to hold them in place), multiple delays waiting for spare parts to be sourced, it made you appreciate that 'cattle class' is a dream compared to what our service personnel endure.



Fines-Master Session.

The session this week was conducted by PP Peter Veerhuis. Peter fined the usual birthday and anniversary people, and if those fined were an apology from the meeting, he nominated their mates to foot the bill. (Surprising how quickly one can forfeit mates).



He also was looking for Mike Murray after the retaining of the Ashes by the Australian cricket team – in his absence, he fined another 'pom' in Peter Smart.

Peter also chose a joke told by their Italian cruise hostess on a recent trip about overtures by the boat captain to one of the better looking passengers. Peter must have felt a little shy about telling the detail of the story, in the form of diary excerpts, but he managed to twist Lyndal Seymour's arm to do the job and she "rescued" the story, and we all had a great laugh.

Plenty of money in the fine boxes, thanks Pete

Key-Note Speaker.

Our speaker this week was Caroline Angel, Commercial Operations Director, Wagga Wagga City Council



Caroline commenced work with Council about 4 years ago as a project manager, after experience in the aviation industry. Her role has grown into managing the Commercial Operations of Council. These include Waste Services, Roads and Drainage, Buildings, Project Management of Contracts, Parks and Council Businesses. She gave a comprehensive overview of recent activity including Upgrading of the Wagga Levee, the building of the Multi Purpose Stadium at the Equex Centre, upgrading of the cattle yards at the Bomen Livestock Marketing Centre and the major infrastructure expansion of the Bomen Industrial Area. She also spoke about upcoming projects such as the Pomingalarna Cycling Complex and the replacement of Eunony Bridge.

She also advised that due to the difficulty of drawing professional staff from Sydney to the regions, Wagga Council is going to open an office in Sydney, where in the first instance, 17 staff will be appointed and work remotely for Council. It is hoped after regular visits to Wagga, and time for their spouses/partners to find employment in Wagga, they may see fit to relocate to the region – a very different and novel way to try to address an ever present problem.

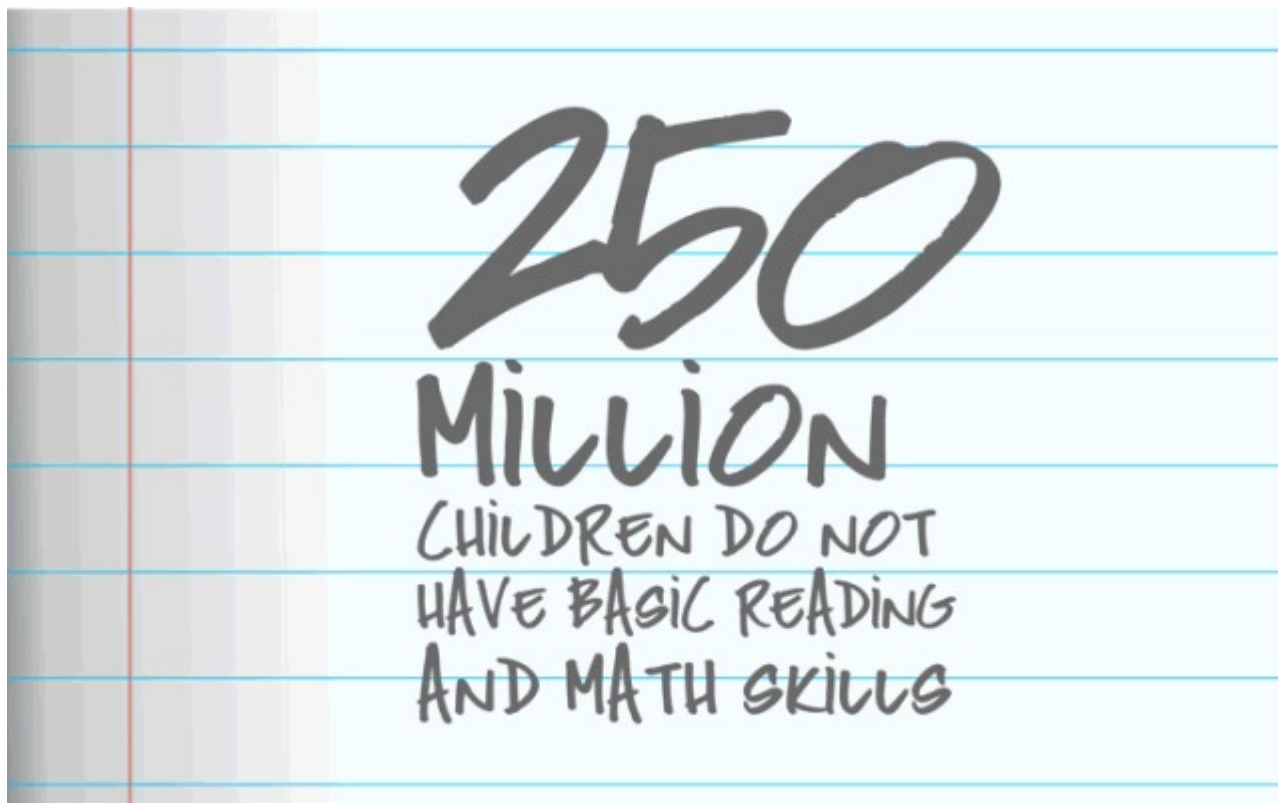
Vicky Donoghue moved a vote of thanks.

PERSONNEL NOTES: -

The Mecham's most recent report dated 12th Sept found them "in Port Macquarie preparing to head over the ranges tomorrow – planning to be home next week".

By the time you read this they'll be almost home. We look forward to seeing them and learning of their adventures.

SEPTEMBER IS ROTARY BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH: -



To donate funds to the Rotary Foundation, consult our Club Treasurer or click onto the following link -

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NEXT MEETING: -

Our next meeting will be held at the Wagga Country Club and will see us welcome, as Key-Note Speaker, our regional State Emergency Services (SES) Deputy Zone Commander, Barry Griffiths.

Barry heads up the SES Southern Zone which basically covers the fifteen local units in the Murrumbidgee Valley – stretching from Gundagai to Hay. He will, no doubt have some interesting ‘tails to spin’.

We are indebted to the Programs Sub-Committee, headed up by David Cannon for coordinating such interesting and informative speakers as we have enjoyed in recent weeks. Why not invite a guest or two to our weekly meeting. Show them what we do. You never know, they might be encouraged to join Rotary!



If hosting guests or potential members, please advise numbers for catering as detailed above.

THE 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



Elle Palmer 'enjoyed catching up' with old friends, David, Graeme & Don.



Visiting Rotarian David Webster seeking information of the history of ACHAFR.



Vicky Donoghue moves a Vote of Thanks on member's behalf.

PLEASE BLOCK-OUT THE FOLLOWING DATES IN YOUR DIARY: -

- 21ST SEPT. SUNRISE ROTARY – RETRO AFTERNOON TEA.
- 21ST SEPT. ROTARACT & ROTARY – TEN-PIN BOWLING COMPETITION.
- 24TH SEPT. POLIO PLUS MOVIE NIGHT – “RIDE LIKE A GIRL” (THE MICHELLE PAYNE STORY).
- 26TH SEPT. **NOTE!!** NO ROTARY MEETING THIS NIGHT – MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE COMBINED ROTARY CLUBS FILM NIGHT (24TH SEPT – SEE ABOVE).
- 6TH OCT. WOLLUNDRY ROTARY GEARS & BEERS FESTIVAL.
- 20TH OCT. BBQ – APEX PARK, SUPPORTING JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH (10 AM TO 2 PM).
- 24TH OCT. WORLD POLIO DAY.
- 28TH NOV. ROTARY SHINE AWARDS.
- 15-16TH FEB. PETS TRAINING & DINNER GOULBURN.
- 20-22ND MAR. FINAL D9700 CONFERENCE (TEMORA).
- 2ND/3RD MAY. WAGGA ROTARY CLUB ANNUAL BOOK FAIR.
- 6-10TH JUNE 20 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION – HONOLULU, HAWAII, USA.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(22nd Sep to 28th Sep)

- Birthdays:** Peter Harding (24/09), Fran Mecham (26/09) & David Kennedy (28/09).
- Rotary Anniversaries:** Brad Bland (22/09/11 + 2008/10 Hay Rotary), Barry Francis (23/09/04) & Gordon Saggars (27/09/74).
- Wedding Anniversaries:** Nil.



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