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**BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA Inc. - CHARTERED 1930**

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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: 12**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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:	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct.	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct.
<b>PROGRAMME:</b>	Combined Rotary Clubs Film Night.	Visit Wagga Men's Shed.	Jennifer Cameron Red Cross
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Karel Bijker	Karel Bijker Marion Moran	Karel Bijker Peter Murray
<b>GREETER:</b>	Not Required	Alf Barzen	John Heazlewood
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	Not Required	Terry Mecham	Rajinder Singh
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>	Not Required	Philip Cross	
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b>	Not Required	Peter Veerhuis	Philip Cross
<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>	Not Required	Mike Murray	Howard Mendel
<b>BULLETIN REPORTER:</b>	Ellen Brasier	Gerry Page	David Kennedy

**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.

President David opened the meeting with our Invocation & Toast, and especially welcomed Honorary Member Ian Gibson who has not been able to attend for some time.

Thirty-four members in attendance this week, including Honorary Member Bill Prest. This represents 75% of our membership.

A special welcome was also extended to Elle Palmer (guest of Graeme Callander) and Robyn McPherson (guest of David Payne) as well as Club guest (and our Key-Note Speaker) Barry Griffith from the NSW State Emergency Service (SES).

Apologies were recorded from Alf Barzen, Allan Duffus, David Cannon, Gerry Page, Lyndal Seymour, Marion Moran, Mary Ann Kelly, Peter Veerhuis and also Vida Smart - who fortunately arrived back jet-lagged from her visit to the USA in time to, not only attend the meeting, but also undertake the reporting for this publication – how's that for dedication).

### Administration Matters.

The following matters were raised: -

- a) President David reminded Board Members there is a meeting immediately after the Club meeting tonight at 8:00 PM in the Board Room.
- b) The Rotoract Vs Rotary Ten Pin Bowling Competition is this Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. As yet, our club has unfortunately not entered a team.
- c) Members are reminded there is **No Meeting Scheduled for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019**. In lieu, Members are requested to attend the **Combined Rotary Clubs Movie Night on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept** to raise funds for Polio-Plus. Lyndal has sold 36 of 50 tickets, so David has 14 tickets left to sell. Please see him if you wish to buy a ticket. Should be a great night out.
- d) The Wollundry Club is hosting their **Beers and Gears Festival** on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Octobers 2019. Twelve of our Club Members have Registered to help at this event so far. If any additional members are available to assist can they please let Ellen know.
- e) Members are reminded that the **Shine Awards** are scheduled to be presented in November and nominations are required for both Employers and Employees. All members should start being aware of potential nominees within the community. Alan Lean should be contacted for any additional information (Mobile 0434 548 161).
- f) Mike Murray is again raising funds for children with cerebral palsy through the **Steptember** Program (10,000 steps per day). Please support Mike and pledge a couple of dollars. You can contact him on 69262491 or by email: - <mailto:michaelmurray3081@bigpond.com>
- g) Member Howard Mendel would like to draw attention to the section '**Spotlight on Health**' on page 42 of the current issue of **Rotary Down Under**. It is a One Health Initiative on Superbugs and the article is written by his brother Dr Barry Mendelawitz. A great read – and very informative.



### Raffle Winner.

The 'Lucky-Door Prize was both drawn and won by David Payne's guest Robyn McPherson (how lucky can you be?). See photo below.

### Short & Sweet.

In Neil Hilpern's absence, Paul Galloway was volunteered to entertain the club with a description of his trials and tribulations building a temporary chook house for a visiting grandchild from the city.



As any self-respecting Grandfather knows, these things have to be done right, so after enlisting the help of fellow Rotarian Bryan Short, dipping into his wallet a time or three, taking several directions from his wise wife Judy, and what sounds like an expensive trip to Bunnings, Paul finished up with a **rabbit hutch**. Should have read the instructions Paul!

Needless to say the construction may have a limited life span, but probably longer than that of the rooster. Top points to Paul for introducing your grandchild to the wonders of rural living.

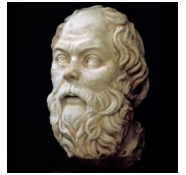
### Fines-Master Session.

David Kennedy commenced by testing those members who are aged 70+ years with some tricky questions, allowing those younger to breathe easy. Then he pounced on those younger members who fared equally poorly.

He made the job of the fine collectors easier by announcing an "all in" \$5 fine that stopped members from displaying their inadequacies.

Socrates was invoked, and as usual, all members dug deep into their pockets.

He finished with a humorous Irish tale involving alcohol, broken glass, band aids and a hall mirror.



### Key-Note Speaker.

Don Pembleton introduced Barry Griffith, a Deputy Zone Commander for the SES. He had served some twenty years with the Australian Army prior to joining SES, and during his military service served in Afghanistan with Kieran Jackel, a former member of our club.



Barry commenced his presentation with a slide show and proceeded to detail the SES's role in our community. The SES is actual the legislated Combat Agency for Flood, Storm and Tsunami Disasters – although Barry did point out that in our particular area the latter is extremely unlikely in this region. The SES provides general land rescue, vertical rescue, bush

and alpine search and rescue and incident management as some of their services. In this zone alone he has 40 units, and approximately 700 volunteers.

The Volunteers can differ from working within a unit, a community action team, a corporate unit or as a spontaneous volunteer in reaction to a specific event. For example the floods we had here in Wagga in the CBD in 2012, Spontaneous Volunteers filled Sandbags.

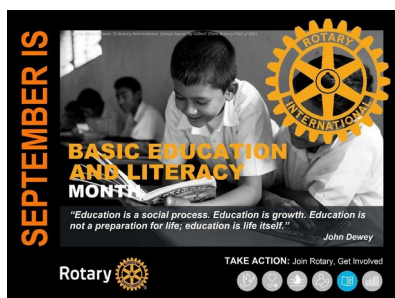
Barry stated that current SES volunteers were aged from 16yrs to 92yrs and whatever their skill set, they are put to work according to their capability and skill. Therefore if management and communication is a volunteers forte, then that would be the area they would try to be placed.



At the end of his presentation, the members had a lot of questions, which Barry was able to answer, a lot to do with the kinds of jobs that the SES do. Most volunteers would work approximately 4-6 hours a week, but it would depend on the area they were in, and the time of year.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Alan Lean gave the Vote of Thanks, remarking on the role of the SES in the Flood event in Wagga CBD in 2011 and as is customary, Barry was presented with a Certificate of Undertaking to Immunise 10 children against Polio somewhere in the world.

## SEPTEMBER IS ROTARY BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH: -



Members attention is drawn to the current edition of Rotary Down Under where the Guest Editorial by John Thorne AM appears under the heading 'Literacy, The Road to Human Progress' – see P5. John is currently the global chairman of Literacy Rotarian Action Group, having previously served on the RI Board (2002-04).

The editorial details John's personal observations and experiences in leading Rotary in its efforts to combat illiteracy in regional areas. A very informative and motivating read.

In addition, in the same publication, commencing on P14 is a concise summary of the results of Rotary's actions throughout our region.

### Rotary Foundation Mission Statement: -

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### NEXT MEETING: -

Any members that arrive at the Country Club next Thursday (26<sup>th</sup> September) are requested to enjoy the pleasure of their own company (plus that of any other members that haven't read the Bulletin and turn up at the Club). The meeting for the 26<sup>th</sup> is cancelled and replaced by the Polio-Plus Movie night (as detailed above).

Any member in attendance next Thursday is requested to make a list for the Fine-Master's session on the subsequent meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> October).



**THE 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -**



***Guest Robyn McPherson wins the Lucky Door Prize.***



***Alan Lean moves the Vote of Thanks to Key-Note Speaker Barry Griffiths from our Regional SES Office.***



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

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



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(29<sup>th</sup> Sep to 5<sup>th</sup> Oct)

**Birthdays:** Jacqui Bland (23/9), Bill Prest (30/09), Bruce Heydon (2/10), Marg Everett (3/10) & Jane Heazlewood (5/10).

**Rotary Anniversaries:** Nil.

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Nil.



## ***CSKOOKABURRA CS***

You never  
appreciate what  
you have till it's  
gone.  
Toilet paper is a  
good example.

The main function  
of the little toe on your foot  
is to make sure that  
all the furniture in the house  
is in place.

