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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: 14**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2019.**

**OCTOBER IS ROTARY ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 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 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct.
PROGRAMME:	Jennifer Cameron Red Cross	Music Quiz Compère: Mike Murray	Rural Fire Service.
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker Peter Murray	Karel Bijker Bruce Heydon	Karel Bijker Tony Hutchinson
GREETER:	Rob Sharkie	Peter Smart	Vida Smart
SHORT & SWEET:	Bryan Short	Allan Duffus	David Wynne
FINES-MASTER:	Don Pembleton	Gerry Page	Lyndall Seymour
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Philip Cross	Not Required	Allan Duffus
VOTE OF THANKS:	Howard Mendel	Not Required	Terry Mecham
BULLETIN REPORTER:	David Kennedy	Vida Smart	Neil Hilpern

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.

Twenty nine members were present on a visit to the Wagga Wagga Men's Shed, with apologies recorded from Alf Barzen, Bruce Heydon, David Friedlieb, David Payne, Elaine Almond, Ellen Brasier, Gerry Page, Howard Mendel, John Heazlewood, Margaret Everett, Marie Ann Kelly, Mike Murray, Nepal Ghosh, Paul Galloway, Peter Murray, Rajinder Singh & Tony Hutchinson.



Past president Peter Veerhuis was in charge in the absence of President David Friedlieb. Opening the meeting, he thanked the Wagga Men's Shed for hosting us for the night and noted that this Men's shed was awarded the title of Men's Shed of the Year in 2017.

### Administration Matters.

The following matters were raised: -

- Vicky Donoghue led a short discussion to clarify the club's involvement with the Gears & Beers Festival to be held on Sunday. We are providing quite a few helpers, and our involvement is part of an agreement with Wollundry Club to provide helpers at our Book Fair set-up and close.
- Allan Duffus expressed his thanks for the help provided by club members when he fell while exiting the recent Movie Night.
- Brad Bland outlined a proposed Youth Exchange arrangement which he and David Cannon are developing, between our club and an Argentinian Rotary club, which will focus on a short term – up to 6 months, which is favoured by many potential participants, and have a bit more flexibility than the formal RI scheme. A local school is prepared to accept an incoming student without fees.
- Details will be set out in an email coming on Monday, and Brad earnestly requests member feedback on the proposal.
- Terry Mecham advised that the club will provide the Barbecue for the Diabetes Foundation fundraising walk around Lake Albert on 20<sup>th</sup> October from 10am. He and Tony may be missing – we will need to finalise arrangements at our next meeting.
- Terry also mentioned that Lilier Lodge dinner nights have been programmed for 4<sup>th</sup> March and 3<sup>rd</sup> June next year.

### Short & Sweet.



Terry Mecham gave us a snapshot of his and Fran's recent trip up North. They were away 95 nights and traversed 9,000 kilometres. He reported on aspects of the various van parks visited, including the 'politics' e.g., the coast often being populated by regulars exhibiting 'ownership' and the quality – some being better than others. He recalled one of the goodies, with an intriguing name – the Brandy Bottle Caravan Park. The trip was greatly enhanced by being in their new caravan.

### Fines-Master Session.

Philip Cross set a challenging task for the session – build a limerick around a mathematical formula he handed out. Some of us solved the maths, others targeted the task setter and a number of versions emerged (Set out in the Kookaburra Section below).

Phil noted Gordon Saggars recent anniversary of 45 years membership of the club.



## **Formalities.**



Acting President Peter introduced Peter Quinane current President of the Men's Shed and told the story of Peter's involvement in recovering our clubs' lost charter document. Sometime in 1951, the original Charter document of our Rotary Club, dated 18th January 1929, was mislaid. Strangely, nobody noticed it had gone missing. Two years later a number of Rotarians, when trying to recall its last sighting, guessed that it seemed to have disappeared some time in 1951. The Club then organised a replacement Charter from Rotary International in 1953.

Imagine the incredible joy, when in February 1995 the original Charter was found! 44 years after it went missing!

The gentleman who bought a dusty piece of paper in a decorative wooden frame for \$5.00 at the Estate sale at the home of the late Mr Ray Thornton in Murray Street, Wagga Wagga in February 1995 was none other than Peter Quinane. The late Mr Thornton had lived at the address for 40 years. Following some enquiries it became clear that the Charter belonged to our Club and arrangements were made to return it to the rightful owners. The rest is History.

Declining the offer of \$5 recompense, Peter confirmed our welcome to the Men's Shed and touched on a few of their recent projects, including sprucing up tables, chairs, and bin holders along the Main Street in association with the City Council, upgrading work at Downside Hall, as well as a new shed on their site. He thanked their catering corps for a great job on the night.

Men's Shed founder Rick Priest presented our member Graeme Callander with a token of their esteem for Graeme's involvement some years ago with the Shed's insurance, which stood them in good stead when the premises were torched – a giant Anzac biscuit, made by their member John Mason.

President Peter handed over \$725-00 covering the night's catering.

Mike Murray moved the vote of thanks to the Men's Shed for their great hospitality, and for the wonderful dinner provided.



## **OCTOBER IS ROTARY ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH: -**

Read news about Rotary's work to grow local economies - 'click onto' the following links: -

- 1) Rick Burns' thoughtful approach to Iraq and Afghanistan

<https://www.rotary.org/en/rick-burns-thoughtful-approach-iraq-and-afghanistan>

- 2) Rise of the female Honduras entrepreneur

<https://www.rotary.org/en/rise-female-honduran-entrepreneur>

- 3) New Ugandan club takes on challenges of a growing economy

<https://www.rotary.org/en/new-ugandan-club-takes-challenges-growing-economy>

- 4) Free vegetable gardens sprouting up around France

<https://www.rotary.org/en/free-vegetable-gardens-sprouting-around-france>

## NEXT MEETING: -

Our next meeting will see us back at our normal 'stamping ground' – the Wagga Wagga Country Club, where we will host Jennifer Cameron from the local branch of the Australian Red Cross as our 'Key-Note' speaker. Jennifer will provide us with an update on Red Cross activities (other than the Blood Bank). She will particularly cover those programs managed by our regional branch.



You may know that a number of our members are currently Red Cross volunteers, involved in assisting Clontarf Foundation student drivers in accumulating their log-book hours, in order to qualify for a drivers licence. This is one of the many programs that Jennifer coordinates.

Just a reminder, if bringing guests, please advise change in numbers for catering purposes. As stated above, this can be done by contacting the **Country Club Office before 2:30 PM on Wednesday.**

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



*Rotary Members line up to be fed by the Men's Shed volunteers.*



*Part of the Men's Shed Workroom Facilities.*

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

- 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.**
- 4<sup>TH</sup> MAR 2020      **CATERING AT LILIER LODGE**
- 3<sup>RD</sup> JUN 2020      **CATERING AT LILIER LODGE**
- 6-10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 20      **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION – HONOLULU, HAWAII, USA.**



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(13<sup>th</sup> Oct – 19<sup>th</sup> Oct)

**Birthdays:** Graham Russell (15/10) & Christine Heydon (15/10).

**Rotary Anniversaries:** Peter Smart (16/10/14), Vida Smart (16/10/14), Alf Barzen (18/10/18) & Elaine Almond (17/10/13).

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Bill & Dorothy Prest (13/10) & Barry & Chris Francis (13/10).



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### Member's Limericks Fashion For Phil's Fines Session: -

Only an Engineer  
With a mind that works so queer  
Would make us write lines  
So we can pay fines  
We'll solve it for the cost of a beer

There was an old man called Phil  
Who gave us problems to kill  
But although 81 was the answer to this  
It had nothing to do with the price of the .....

A mathematician named Hall,  
Had a hexagonal ball,  
The square root of its weight  
Plus his pecker plus eight!  
Was his phone number;  
Give him a call.



Nothing makes me feel so old as  
having to scroll  
down to find my  
Year of Birth.

