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BULLETIN NO: 14.

Thursday 30th September 2021.

OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH.

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

Duty Roster Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot fulfil your rostered duty & inform our Bulletin Reporter. : -

Date:	Thursday 7th Oct	Thursday 14th Oct.	Thursday 21st Oct.
PROGRAMME:	Greg Conkey Mayor of Wagga	TBA	TBA
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker David Kennedy	Vicky Donoghue Mary Ann Kelly	Karel Bijker Tony Hutchinson
SHORT & SWEET:	Gerry Page	Don Pembleton	Elaine Almond
FINES-MASTER:	Mary Ann Kelly	Peter Olson	David Wynne
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Neil Hilpern	Tony Hutchinson	Mary Ann Kelly
VOTE OF THANKS:	Allan Duffus	Margaret Everett	David Friedlieb
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Bryan Short	Peter Veerhuis	John Heazlewood
MEETINGS:			

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

Don't forget!

If you can't attend a meeting, please lodge your apology with **THE COUNTRY CLUB OFFICE** on 6922 6444 by **2.30 pm Wednesday** (or pre-record it in the apology 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: - Thursday 30th September

Attendance:

It must have been the excitement of Mike Murray's Annual Music Quiz that attracted them – there were thirty-four members in attendance, plus Club Guest Mr Rakesh Gupta, the General Manager of the Riverina Oils & Bio Energy (ROBE) oil-seed processing plant at Bomen.

Eight member's apologies had previously been notified.



Club Business

All in attendance must have been impressed by the fact that the meeting (again) commenced 'dead-on time'. Congratulations to both President Alan and Sergeant Graeme. Due to the Covid situation, toasts and recitals were undertaken, in the Royal Navy custom, from a seated position.

The following matters were raised: -

- **Elaine Almond** reported the death of past President of Coolamon Rotary, Marg Perkin. Among many achievements in Rotary, Marg got involved in that club's projects helping those who needed her expertise in South Africa and, in particular, Hout Bay near Cape Town. She also used her talents to help enrich the lives of disadvantaged children in Cambodia. **Marg accompanied Alok Sharma on one of this club's *Darkness to Light* trips to India.**



- Elaine also has made available a link to a 15 minute video sourced from the Rotary 9705 – Serving Humanity Club, that summarises the complex challenges of climate change in a simple and clear manner. Well worth watching. <https://lnkd.in/gEUkkZUa>
- **Mike Murray** advised that, during September the "Long Run Project" raised a sum of \$1,674,000 was for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia for its research and awareness programmes.

Mike competed his 72 kms " Long Run" on 13 September. He raised \$1,811. He wishes to thank President Alan and the Board for their kind donation of \$300 plus the fellows who supported him by contributing funds for this worthy cause.

Finesmaster

Lyndal Seymour initially extracted a legalistic oath requiring all Rotarians to faithfully and honestly answer a series of very personal – and sometimes moderately embarrassing questions on their personal habits. One might not expect that such an oath would be required from such fine, up-standing members of our Club, but when the questions followed – well!

After much frivolity, the Club coffers were willingly replenished. Well done Lyndall. (File Photo)



Short & Sweet:

The honour, on this occasion, fell to Graham Russell who related a heart-wrenching story of a young boy who went missing and lived in the wild for some years. He eventually fell down a mining shaft in the Laming Flats (now Young) gold-rush area some 89 years ago, and was found.



As can be imagined, the lad was in an emaciated state when found, his origins were unknown and considerable effort and expense was incurred to restore him to reasonable health. In order to recoup the costs incurred, the lad was pressed into manual servitude and hence, acquired the nick-name, Hard Pressed. Over the years, he dropped the Hard and became known as Bill Pressed – subsequently distorted to Bill Prest – who was with us at the meeting and celebrated his 89th birthday. We all sang the birthday song and helped Bill to devour the cake. Happy Birthday Bill.

It may be a little ironic, but somehow, Bill also managed to win the Door Prize – so he has a bottle of joy (and a few extra friends) to increase his delight in his cake.

Guest Speaker

Alok introduced Club Guest, Rakesh Gupta, who provided an excellent audio-visual presentation on the establishment and management of the ROBE Plant at Bomen. For many of the longer-serving Rotarians, this was a 'refresher course' as we had been escorted around the plant a few years prior.

The concept came into being in 2011 and the construction phase ended, only two years later, in 2013. It quickly became known as one of the major Agri-Food operations in south-eastern Australia. By 2019 over one million tonnes of product had been processed – and the plant will be looking to exceed this production rate in this bountiful season.

All of the necessary grain is sourced locally, crushed, refined and warehoused at the Bomen plant, and then prepared for sale. The majority of the finished product is for export, predominately to USA and Pacific nations..



In addition to the processing, there is an extensive Research and Development program which ensured that the organisation is at the cutting-edge of the edible oil industry.

Following a brief question time, members were some-what overwhelmed when Rakesh presented a ROBE cheque for \$5,252-00 to be used in the Club's Darkness-to-Light Project. An extremely generous gift that was acknowledged by both President Alan and Alok.



Music Quiz

The presentation of the ROBE cheque was undoubtedly the high-light of the evening; so it's difficult to imagine that, like the steak-knife advertisement says 'wait there's more...' A very appropriately turned out and barely recognizable, Mike Murray presented his annual Music Quiz.

There were two distinct parts to the Quiz; the first was a series of written questions that participants were allowed to work on during the course of the meal. Then followed the aural tests – with popular songs, ranging back to the late 50's, were played on Mike's 'Boom Box' and participants were required to answer a series of questions on each tune.

Rotarians who paid the appropriate fee were allowed to use their smart devices – this being the only avenue open to your scribe, who apparently has led a very sheltered musical life.

Vida Smart and David Wynne were the undisputed musical champions, and gratefully accepted the prize – which consisted of a bag of chocolates, which they generously shared around. Great fun, very well organised and presented Mike!



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

- **24 March 2022** Wagga Rotary Shine Recognition Function
- **21 & 22 May 2022** Wagga Rotary BOOK FAIR

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(4th Oct to 11th Oct.)

Birthdays Jane HEAZLEWOOD 5/10

Rotary Anniversaries: Terry MECHAM 07/10/1999 and Hay 1987-1991

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

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Enjoy the Footy



HAPPY SNAPS.....



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