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BULLETIN NO: 15.

Thursday 7th October 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 14 th Oct.	Thursday 21 st Oct.	Thursday 28 th Oct.
PROGRAMME:	HAT NIGHT for Mental Health Partners Night	TBA	TBA
ATTENDANCE:	Vicky Donoghue Mary Ann Kelly	Karel Bijker Tony Hutchinson	Karel Bijker Peter Olson
SHORT & SWEET:	Don Pembleton	Elaine Almond	Gordon Saggars
FINES-MASTER:	Peter Olson	David Wynne	David Friedlieb
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Tony Hutchinson	Mary Ann Kelly	David Kennedy
VOTE OF THANKS:	Margaret Everett	David Friedlieb	Paul Galloway
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Peter Veerhuis	John Heazlewood	Vida Smart
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.

MEMBER NOTICE

President Alan advised us that from Monday 11th October, access to the Wagga Wagga Country Club for our meetings will be subject to a Health Order from the State Government, as per the details set out below in the advice from the Wagga Country Club:

Club Secretary Ellen is endeavouring to assist in this process by keeping a list of members who are double vaxed, so if you can please confirm your vaccination status with her, that would be appreciated. Otherwise the Golf Club will be seeking individual verification and if you do not have it, access will be denied

Dear Members

Re: Double Vaccination Required – Monday 11th October 2021

As of Monday 11th October 2021, in line with the NSW Government Health Order, all people over the age of 16 years of age will have to be double vaccinated to come to the club and access the course.

All those attending the Club will have to show staff reasonable evidence that they have been double vaccinated or provide evidence of exemption. If you can't provide reasonable evidence of double vaccination, you will not be able to play golf or attend the clubhouse in accordance with the Health Order.

Information on how individuals can obtain and show proof of their vaccination can be found via the following link www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/vaccination/proof

We appreciate that the rules set by the NSW Government are different to what everyone has been accustomed to and some people will not agree with the rules. Please understand that the Club and valued staff will have to comply with the Health Order. Club representatives are here to assist with compliance of the Health Order, signage will be on display to remind people of their obligations.

When attending the Club please have your evidence ready to show both in the Pro Shop and Clubhouse, we are working with our system providers to make this as easy as possible to administer.

Thank you for assistance in helping the club remain compliant and members and staff safe.

Yours Sincerely

John Turner
Secretary Manager
For and behalf of The Board

THIS WEEK'S MEETING 14th October will be a HAT NIGHT, with partners, in aid of Rotary Mental Health. **Guest speaker** will be Australian Rotary Health Coordinator for D9705, PDG John Egan. So partners are invited and could everyone please wear a hat (and mask). **Partners or other guests attending will also need to have proof of double Vaccination status, and recorded in the Attendance Book at the Country Club.**

Note that if you are not attending , for any reason, you still need to lodge an apology with the Country Club office by 2.30pm Wednasday.

MEETING REPORT: - Thursday 7th October

Attendance:

There were 37 Members present, Visiting Rotarian Andrew Stow, Rotary Club of Corrimal and Bryan's guest, Sally Short. Club Guest was Mayor Greg Conkey OAM, and there were 8 apologies

Club Business

- **President Alan** started us off with a birthday greeting for Jane Heazlewood and congratulations for a Rotary anniversary to Terry Mecham, of 4 years at Hay then 22 years with us.
- **Secretary Ellen** also advised that the Club had received a letter of thanks from **Koorungal High School** advising that they had spent our \$750 donation after assisting us at our Book Fair, on new furniture for the senior's area in the school library. She also advised of two other thank you letters from **The Leisure Company**, one from one of their clients and one from their CEO, following our \$2000 donation which was used to fund outdoor sporting activities.
- Ellen also advised that the Club had received a **resignation letter from Howard Mendel** mentioning health issues with his wife, a few of his own at age 86 and wishing to spend more time with his spread out family. President Alan accepted the letter with regret and thanked Howard for introducing us to his water treatment facility and vision for third world countries. Our Club will continue with its efforts to deploy a number of these units in Timor Leste.



Great News !

During the evening the news reached us of the birth of a second son to Nepal & Dipa Ghosh.- named Nirantak Manik Ghosh. Congratulations and best wishes from us all !



Finesmaster

Fines Master was Mary Ann Kelly. Raffle winner was President Alan, drawn by Mayor Conkey – is this an ICAC matter?? Mary Ann chose the Covid theme. She cleaned us up by mentioning lack of access for haircuts, pedicures, pub meals, entertaining friends and retail therapy – how have we survived? Also picked up on those that had trouble social distancing from the refrigerator, and remarked about how prior to 2020 we had to avoid negative people, now in 2021 we have to avoid positive people. Funny world. Thanks Mary Ann



Short & Sweet:

Gerry Page provided our Short and Sweet session this week. He gave a great rundown on his grandfather's brother-in-law, the Hon James Gormly MLC., gleaned from James' memoir which Gerry encountered while book sorting. Did you know the Honourable Member and Gerry have connections with Book Book, on the Tumbarumba Rd? No wonder he has been keen to use the reference at Book Fair time – *book person from Book Book*.

James was born in Ireland in 1836 and arrived with his parents in Australia in 1840. The family settled at Nangus in 1844. Before he was 10, he was an accomplished horseman, often assisting in droving of cattle. From the family of 7, 5 drowned in the 1852 flood which swept away most of Gundagai.

Shortly after this, James then headed off to the Victorian gold fields, but not for long as he returned to Wagga Wagga in 1854 and bought land. Soon after, at age 21 he entered into mail delivery contracts with the Postal Department and ended up with over 500 miles of line. At times he would have 300 horses on the road. He subsequently sold this business to Cobb and Co.

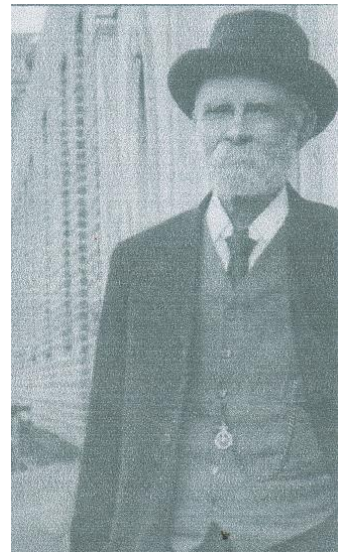
He had wide pastoral interests, but set up home at "Foxborough", now part of Wagga Wagga, where the old home site is in Hardy Ave, opposite Calvary Hospital, He became a Councillor, Mayor and later, Member for Wagga in the NSW Parliament, before many years in the Legislative Council of NSW.

James had a huge range of interests and documented much of this as part of his daily routine. As well as his ongoing pastoral pursuits, there was horse racing, the School of Arts, horse and stock judge, and the Catholic Church.

He also had early interest in the investigation and planning of Burrinjuck Dam, and was an advocate for a more reliable inflow to Lake Albert. He also wrote extensively of flooding of the Murrumbidgee River, having kept meticulous records of flood events He died in 1922.

Gerry has a spare copy of James' memoir "Exploration and Settlement in Australia" which he is willing to lend if you are interested, and you can learn more about the Book Book connection.

Thanks Gerry – very interesting, particularly with our guest speaker and current Mayor Greg Conkey being present.



Guest Speaker

Our Guest Speaker was soon to retire Wagga Wagga City Mayor, Councillor Greg Conkey OAM, who was introduced and welcomed by Neil Hilpern. Greg: was born and schooled in Cootamundra, became a cadet journalist in Cootamundra, then journalist in Armidale where he met his wife Jenny, and moving to Wagga Wagga in 1977. Then in 1979, he started The Leader newspaper and was owner/manager/editor for 25 years. In 2012, he was elected to Wagga Wagga City Council and has been Mayor from 2016 until now.



Greg gave us a broad overview of Wagga with enough detail to help us realise how fortunate we are to live here. He spoke of our great health system with 125 specialists and 90 GPs, a great education system with quality Primary, Secondary and Tertiary facilities. He also reminded us of our secure water supply with no restrictions during the most difficult recent drought, good energy supply, and good road, rail and air connections to other places. We also have the benefit of 2 major defence training facilities which add to our economy.

There has been huge infrastructure activity in our region over recent years, and this is continuing to happen. This includes upgrades to Defence Service facilities, Snowy 2.0, Transgrid power lines and substations, highway upgrades, Inland Rail, solar farms and hospitals. In Wagga itself we have a new hospital, the recently upgraded levee bank, the RiFi development at Bomen, including a Special Activation Precinct, Riverside development, an Active Travel Plan with upgrades to walking and cycling facilities, a multi activity Cycling Park at Pomingalama Reserve and arterial road upgrades. So there is a lot going on, all contributing to our local economy.

There have been some challenges over the last five years, such as the sacking of the Council General Manager, the fighting for retention of the Rex maintenance facility at Forest Hill, issues with our Sister City link to Kunming in China, suspension of a Councillor, North Wagga flood protection, and the Code of Conduct. These were openly discussed and, hopefully, the consensus is that we have been well served by most of our Councillors.

Greg then answered a number of questions, before being well thanked for his wonderful presentation and service to the city by Allan Duffus.



The meeting concluded with President Alan reminding us about all wearing hats for our Hat Night with partners next week and the need to have been double vaccinated to be able to enter the Golf Club

OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH!

Nearly 1.4 billion employed people live on less than \$1.25 a day. Rotary members promote economic and community development and reduce poverty in underserved communities through training, well-paying jobs, and access to financial management institutions. Projects range from providing people with equipment to vocational training. Our members work to strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.

Rotary pledges \$97 million at Global Citizen Live

RI President-elect **Jennifer Jones** announced Rotary's \$97 million pledge for sustainable projects during Global Citizen Live, a star-studded 24-hour broadcast with events and performances across six continents. The event 25 September aimed to unite people to take action to defend the planet, end the COVID-19 pandemic, defeat poverty, provide education for all children, and promote equity and justice for all. In Paris, where Jones pledged Rotary's support, thousands of people gathered at the iconic Champ de Mars near the Eiffel Tower to see performances from Elton John, Ed Sheeran, Black Eyed Peas, and more. [Read more](#)

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: -

(11th Oct. to 18th October)

Birthdays Graham RUSSELL 15/10, Wendy HARDING 11/10, Christine HEYDON 15/10

Rotary Anniversaries: Elaine ALMOND 17/10/2013

Wedding Anniversaries: Bill & Dorothy PREST 13/10



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Reasons why the English language is so hard to learn:

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 7) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 8) I did not object to the object.
- 9) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 10) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 11) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 12) After a number of injections my jaw got number.

HAPPY SNAPS.....

