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

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**BULLETIN NO: 18.**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021.**

## NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION 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 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
<b>PROGRAMME:</b>	<b>HAT NIGHT for Mental Health (Partners Night)</b>	<b>FILM NIGHT Details within</b>	<b>Alex Manley Renewables</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Vicky Donoghue Marion Moran	N/R	Karel Bijker David Payne
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	Elaine Almond	N/R	Bruce Heydon
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>	David Wynne	N/R	Terry Mecham
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b>	Tony Hutchinson	N/R	David Cannon
<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>	Margaret Everett	N/R	Bruce Barber
<b>REPORTER:</b>	Vida Smart	Ellen Brasier	Kennedy, David
<b>MEETINGS</b>			

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.

**THIS WEEK'S MEETING:** On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November, will be a **HAT NIGHT** for Rotary Mental Health – Partners are very welcome. [\(It has been confirmed that we are able to meet at the Country Club.\)](#) Guest Speaker is John Egan, Australian Rotary Health Coordinator, District 9705 **Wear some distinctive headgear.** The night will include an auction to be conducted by David Wynne. Items for auction will be gratefully accepted.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November Meeting:** On that date the Combined Wagga Rotary Clubs will conduct a Film Night for the premiere of the new James Bond film - details below – this will take the place of our meeting for that week.

### **MEETING REPORT: - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

#### **Attendance:**

Our meeting was held at the Wagga Men's shed. We were unable to meet at the Country Club due to difficulties complying with current Covid rules. After proposing a toast to Wagga Rotary, President Alan welcomed 34 members, 1 visiting Rotarian (Andrew Stow) and our guest speaker Tim Harvey. There were 11 apologies received. Alan extended a special welcome to honorary members Alf Barzen and Ian Gibson, who we have not seen for some time, as well as Bill Prest and Peter Murray.

#### **Club Business**

- Alan gave a special thank you to **David Cannon** for the way he has been able to liaise with guest speakers as we have negotiated our way around zoom meetings and venue changes.
- **Peter Veerhuis** has more information re local podiatrist looking for a driver to take him to Cootamundra on certain dates to service clients there. **(Details included later).** Contact Peter if you can help.
- **Alan gave a big thank you** to Tony Mason (president) and John Killalea (vice-president) and to all members of the Men's Shed who had contributed to the night. We will be back at the Men's Shed on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December as the Country Club will be unavailable.

#### **Short & Sweet.**

This week we had the benefit of two for the price of one. Gordon Sagers shared some reflections on the life of a past member of our club – Eric Morton. Eric and his wife were passing through Wagga on a tour that was to take them to N.Z. During the short time they were here a deposit was paid on a house and after their trip they returned to Wagga to live. An Englishman, Eric was a proud member of the Grenadier Guards from 1938-1948. Gordon affectionately referred to him as the "little pommy" as he was only 5 foot nothing tall. (Fellow Pommy member Phil Jackson used to be fond of exclaiming "Stand up Eric.")



Eric was awarded a Paul Harris fellow in 1993-94. As well as being a member at Wagga Rotary he was a regular visiting Rotarian at Wollundry Rotary Club. It is claimed that he rarely missed a meeting at either club. On leaving Wagga he and his wife moved to Palm Cove where he continued to be involved with Rotary. Gordon showed a framed collection of insignias from the Brigade of Guards given to him by Eric when he left Wagga.



During the session, Gordon invited our resident story teller, Graham Russell, to share with us a rather poignant tale told to him by Eric from his early life.

### **Fines-Master**

David Friedlieb suggested that his theme for the evening was to be the Men's Shed and sport, particularly racing. There was a story of a difficult golf shot with an unlikely result. Not sure who paid for that. There were fines for those who had been at, bet on or did/did not know the winner of past Cox Plate, the Victoria Derby and the Melbourne Cup. No mention was made of the AFL Grand Final . . . .! There was also a fine for all those who are not eligible to be a member of the Men's Shed, along with the winner of the bottle of wine, Ellen Brasier..



David finished with two stories that reflected on the frailty and pitfalls of human ambition, both male and female.

### **Guest Speaker**

Paul Galloway introduced our guest speaker Tim Harvey, general manager Agribusiness of the Commonwealth Bank. Tim, a local farmer from Currawarna, is a graduate of Charles Sturt University. Tim is very positive in his outlook for farming. With a predicted 60% increase in the world's population by 2050, a large part of the increase in Asia, there is unlimited potential for growth in Australian agriculture.

In the shorter term there are three things which have converged in favour of agriculture. Firstly it has been raining! Second, prices for many commodities are at record levels. Prices for beef and sheep meat are strong, as is the price of wheat and canola. Canola has risen from \$550/ tonne last year to close to \$1000 this year due to dry conditions in Canada. Third, money from banks is readily available and interest rates are at their lowest level in most people's lifetime. Tim observed that land has been the best investment class over the last thirty years but price movements are difficult to predict. Recent unprecedented prices are causing corporate investors to back off.



Family farmers are driving the rise and young farmers are being attracted back into agriculture where twenty years ago they were looking for alternative careers. On the negative side there is always the ever present threat of drought.

Our deteriorating relations with China is also a problem. Tariffs placed on exports of several commodities, including barley, wine and, in particular rock lobsters, have been problematic. Wheat and wool are still big exports to China and could be seen as vulnerable.

Another negative has been the impact of Covid on supply chains. Space on container ships has been restricted, leading to the potential for shortages of urea, machinery and spare parts over the next year. Finally Tim talked about carbon and the push for net zero by 2050. He sees great opportunities for farmers to be part of the solution with the potential for strong income growth through the use of carbon credits.

When moving a vote of thanks David Kennedy thanked Tim for a positive and informative speech.

We will pay for the vaccination of ten people against polio in Tim's name.

### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -**

1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> November)

**Birthdays** Margaret KEYS (7/11)

**Rotary Anniversaries:** Tony HUTCHINSON (1/11/1995)

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Nil



### **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



### **FILM NIGHT**

The joint Rotary Clubs of Wagga will conduct a **Premiere screening of the new James Bond movie "No Time to Die"** at Forum 6 Cinemas Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 . Screening at 7pm . **This will take the place of our club meeting for that week.**

This is a joint fundraising venture for all Rotary clubs to raise funds towards a program to support Wagga's Homeless. Everyone is welcome to attend .

Tickets are \$20 plus fees, online through [www.trybooking.com/BUWQE](http://www.trybooking.com/BUWQE)

Tickets are on sale NOW - tickets are emailed to the purchaser and have bar-code and QR code as identifiers. Sales will determine whether a second cinema is needed.

**On arrival at the cinema** As at 18 Oct, 2021 arrangements for cinemagoers are:

- need to be double vaccinated and able to show proof
- wear a mask and QR code log in & show Forum 6 staff
- seating will be at 75% capacity and is currently capped at 300 which would use 2 cinemas.



## HELP NEEDED FOR A ROSTER - PETER VEERHUIS

I'm looking for help in providing assistance to the podiatrist we have used for the past 12 months, Jesse Boardman, who has lost his license through speeding, and is seeking helpers to drive him to Cootamundra so he can meet his client commitments there

He lost his license two weeks ago over speeding, which he admits, and regrets - however part of Jess' role as a Podiatrist is to travel to Cootamundra on a weekly basis. Between now and early February, Jess has to attend the Cootamundra clinic on 14 more occasions – he is very busy and good at his work.

Apparently he deals with up to 20 clients every time he goes to Cootamundra, obviously providing a very useful and essential service at that centre.

It is suggested as a club fund-raiser - Jesse is offering to pay the club \$100 for each trip using club members as volunteer drivers

For the time being he needs to be picked up from Koorungal at 7.20 am for a 9 am start in Cootamundra. He finishes his work at 5 pm. He is then picked up at 5pm for arrival back in Wagga – at 6.45 pm. **On Wednesday this week, Joan and I drove Jesse to Cootamundra and back - Jesse transferred a donation of \$100 into our Club's Service Account.**

He needs help every Wednesday - on 3 Nov, 10 Nov, 17 Nov, 24 Nov, 1 Dec, 8 Dec, 15 Dec, 22 Dec, 5 Jan, 12 Jan, 19 Jan, 26 Jan and 2 Feb. He also has appointments on Thursday 16 December.

Jesse promises to donate \$ 100 to our Club Service Account for every return trip to Cootamundra. That would amount to a \$1,000 donation to our Service account between now and Christmas.

**I would appreciate members considering if they can assist Jesse in meeting his commitment to his Cootamundra clients and let me know / discuss a date.** (Perhaps it could be part of a day trip including not only Cootamundra, but a visit to further nearby towns such as Cowra & Young.)

Peter Veerhuis

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*"You must all work - we must all work to make the world  
worthy of its children."*

Pablo Casals

**BECAUSE WE CARE  
MAKE A CONTRIBUTION, BE THE DIFFERENCE**

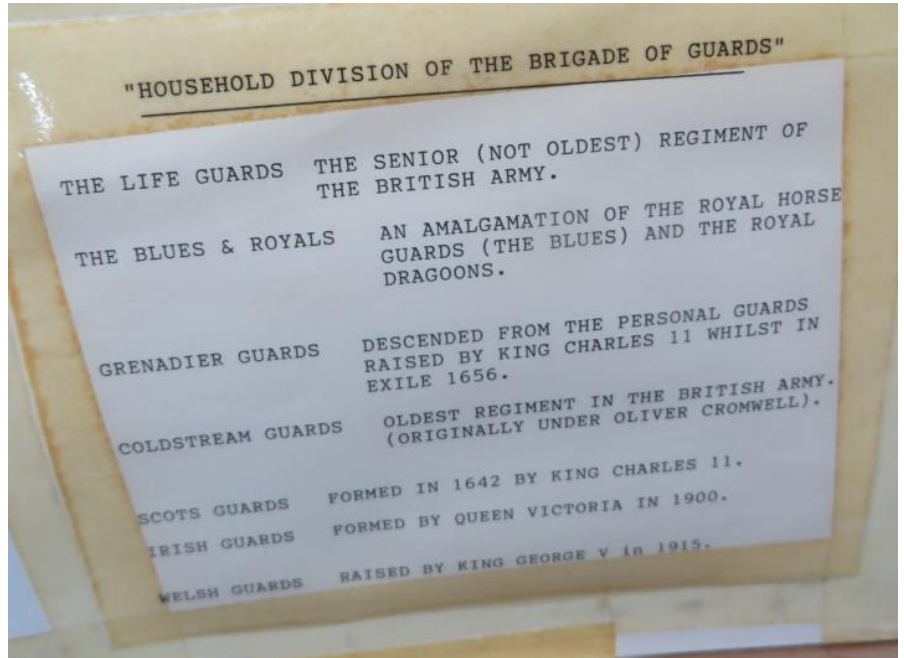
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**TAKE ACTION: [rotary.org/contribute](https://rotary.org/contribute)**

**SNAPS FROM THE NIGHT.....**



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## And a little Hat Joke

*There was a little old lady standing at a corner (on her way to the Melbourne Cup). She had both hands holding her hat on while the wind blew her dress up around her waist.*

*A dignified looking gentleman came up and said, "Ma'am, you should be ashamed of yourself, letting your skirt blow around, being indecent, while both hands hold your hat."*

*She said, "Look mister, everything down there is seventy years old, this hat is brand new!"*

