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**BULLETIN NO: 19.**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 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 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
<b>PROGRAMME:</b>	<b>FILM NIGHT</b> Details within	<b>Alex Manley</b> Renewables	<b>Club AGM</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	N/R	Karel Bijker David Payne	Vicky Donoghue Mike Murray
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	N/R	Bruce Heydon	Bryan Short
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>	N/R	Terry Mecham	Gordon Saggars
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b>	N/R	David Cannon	N/R
<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>	N/R	Bruce Barber	N/R
<b>REPORTER:</b>	Elaine Almond	David Kennedy	Ellen Brasier
<b>MEETINGS</b>			Board Meeting 8pm

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



If you can't attend a meeting, please lodge your apology with THE COUNTRY CLUB OFFICE on 6922 6444 by **NOON ON TUESDAY** (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: On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November** the Combined Wagga Rotary Clubs will conduct a **FILM NIGHT** at the Forum Cinemas for the premiere of the new James Bond film - details below – **AND THIS WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF OUR MEETING FOR THIS WEEK.**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November** The meeting will be at the **Country Club**. Guest Speaker will be Alex Manley with the topic – Renewables

**For the Diary - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December** Club Christmas Party

## **MEETING REPORT: - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

### **Attendance:**

Our meeting was held back at the Country Club. 34 Members attended, along with Peter Veerhuis' guest Joan, & Peter Olson's guest Lynne. We welcomed back past member Elle Palmer, (pictured with Mary Ann) who has recently returned to Wagga Wagga. & we hope, will join us again soon; as well as guest Cat Bailey. Our Guest Speaker John Egan, was joined by his wife Maria. President Alan acknowledged all club members wearing hats/headgear in honour of Rotary Mental Health.



### **Club Business**

- **President Alan** opened the meeting with the sad news of the passing of John Chambers from Chambers Whyte printing. John had been a Rotary Club of South Wagga member.
- **Terry Meacham** informed the club that the **BBQ Team** have two events coming up:
  - The Clontarf students from Mount Austin have their Awards night on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 from 6pm till 7pm. As usual, the BBQ Team will be cooking up a storm for the students and their parents.
  - Then on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 (which happens to coincide with Terry and Fran's wedding anniversary) at lunchtime the BBQ Team will provide their services for the Disability/Mental Health Services. **Both events will be at the Botanic Gardens Music Bowl.**
- Vida acknowledged **Paul and Judy Galloway's** generosity in donating a (nearly) brand new Ping Pong Table, complete with new bats, to the Clontarf Boys, as our clubs gift to them this year. It had been noted by members during the Friday breakfasts that their Ping Pong table was looking well used and a little passed its prime. (like many of us!). **An Invitation** was also passed on to all club members to the **Clontarf Award night** at the Music Bowl. (See Attachment) **Can Members who are going to attend please let Vida know by 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021.**



- In July, Alan nominated our BBQ team for the **NSW Volunteer Awards**. The volunteer team at the Junee Roundhouse won a category, and John Rodd from the Wagga RSL Club also won in recognition for his work in raising funds by donating cattle. Although our BBQ team did not 'win' they are all winners for the excellent work they always do, as far as our club is concerned.
- **Raffle** was won by MaryAnne Kelly.
- A reminder that the **Centurion Foundation Donations** are presently being collected by Phil Cross
- **Peter Veerhuis thanks Don Pembleton and Peter Harding** who volunteered help to get Jesse Boardman to his Podiatry work – in Cootamundra. Don gave up a day on Wednesday 3 November: Peter Harding is arranging to do likewise this week, on Wednesday 10 November. Peter has received a further early phone call from a third member who may be able to help out on Wednesday 17 November. Our Club Service Account benefits to the tune of \$100 each time help is given! **Please see last week's Club Bulletin for further information if you may be able to participate.**

### **Short & Sweet.**

Elaine Almond reminded the club that 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021 was World Polio Day, and our meeting that week was held via Zoom, due to the Lockdown restrictions, so this is her first opportunity to mark the occasion. (We then had a brief pause in Elaine's presentation whilst Gerry Page attempted to 'sneak up on her' and take a photo). Once Elaine was no longer distracted, she continued to point out the 'END POLIO NOW' banner which was up at the front of the room. Elaine then went on to inform us that in 2020, Afghanistan had 56 cases and Pakistan had 86 cases of Polio. In 2021, both countries have recorded only 1 case of Polio, which is fantastic, and we can only hope that with the present geopolitical situation in those countries, that next year the numbers remain as low, or even less!



Elaine then went on to talk about the Rotary Banner and for those who did not know, the clubs are listed alphabetically in our new district 9705. Elaine wanted to point out to us all that the dates all the clubs were all chartered are also listed, and accordingly, our club shares second place with a Goulburn Club that was also Chartered in 1930.

### **Fines-Master**

David Wynne entertained everyone with a VERY complex story of family dynamics and used it to suggest that anyone in the club who had ANY relations such as Mother/Father/ Brother/ Sister/ Husband/Wife, they should 'Kick the Tin'. (One assumes not literally)



The story was all about a man marrying a widow, and then his father marrying the widow's grown up daughter. Once the man and the widow had a baby, the complexities of the familial relationships were enough to permanently cross ones eyes. (As David said, he had to read through the story 5 times to check every fact was correct.) Naturally, everyone in the club had to pay a fine. David then finished his fine session listing all the local businesses that have struggled during Covid. To name a few; Interflora had to prune it's business model, a food blender company that went into liquidation and a local bra manufacturer that has gone bust. You might be able to guess how this was used to fine those listening.

### **AUCTION:**

David Wynne and Brad Bland then successfully auctioned off donated items from various members. All items were graciously received, but there were a couple of noteworthy bids. Bronwyn Callander had donated two beautiful teddy bears that she had made, and one of them fetched \$130, bought by Lyndal Seymour. The other items donated by President Alan were sketches of three Prime Ministers done live by Larry Pickering at a Fund Raising event for the First Camp Quality back in 1986. Gordon Saggars was the successful bidder for these wonderful items. In total \$1025.00 was raised for Australian Rotary Health/ Mental Health Research by auctioning all the donated items. A huge thank you to all concerned.



### **Guest Speaker**

Tony Hutchinson introduced tonight's Guest Speaker, past District Governor John Egan, who is the Australian Rotary Health Co-ordinator for District 9705.

John commenced his presentation by thanking our club members for their on-going support of Australian Rotary Health, which he stated is the most important non-government organisation for donating funds to Australian medical situations.

John said that 'Mental Health' is a buzz word' now, whereas as little as 15 years ago, there was a huge stigma associated with having mental health problems. He stated at that time Australian Rotary Health had a lot to do with changing public perception of mental health, he thinks in large part due to his good friend Noel Trevaskis who was the Chairman of Australian Rotary Health.



Noel was a driving force of that change and himself suffered from mental health issues, so used that insight in his work to bring about those changes. Australian Rotary Health is now one of the biggest sources of income for research into mental health.

John then went on to explain that currently Australian Rotary Health is moving into research of young children from 0-12 yrs, using Professor Michael Sawyers findings that children that suffered a major 'episode' between the age of 0-12yrs are at a high risk of developing into an adult with serious mental health issues, if that 'episode' was not treated well at the time it occurred. Australian Rotary Health run a program called 'Triple P' which is a 'Positive Parenting Program' which helps parents by giving them tools to help raise happy and confident children.

Two in every ten children experience anxiety during early childhood, and another world-renowned Rotary program called 'Cool Kids' is a self-help program designed to help these children. The statistics John gave us were quite disturbing in that 14% of Australian children experience mental disorders, and 50% of mental disorders across all age groups have their onset by the age of 14yrs. This reiterates the importance of the work being done for children between the ages of 0-12yrs. John finished his presentation telling our club members that the money raised tonight will all go into the mental health research areas, as well as the other areas of Rotary Health such as Indigenous Health Scholarships, Rural Nursing Scholarships, etc



Margaret Everett then gave the Vote of Thanks on behalf of our club.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -**

8th to 14<sup>th</sup> November)

**Birthdays** David FRIEDLIEB 11/11 , David PAYNE 14/11

**Rotary Anniversaries:**

Peter OLSON 12/11/2020 and Wagga 1988-2002, Bruce HEYDON 12/11/1998

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Nil



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

- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**      **Clontarf Awards Night BBQ 6pm**
- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**            **Disability/Mental Health Services BBQ – Lunch**
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**        **Wagga Rotary Christmas Party**
- **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.**

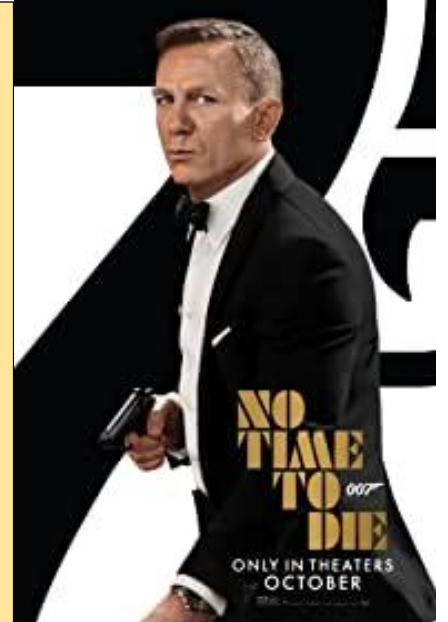
This is a joint fundraising venture for all Rotary clubs to raise funds towards a program to support Wagga's Homeless. Everyone is welcome to attend .

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.

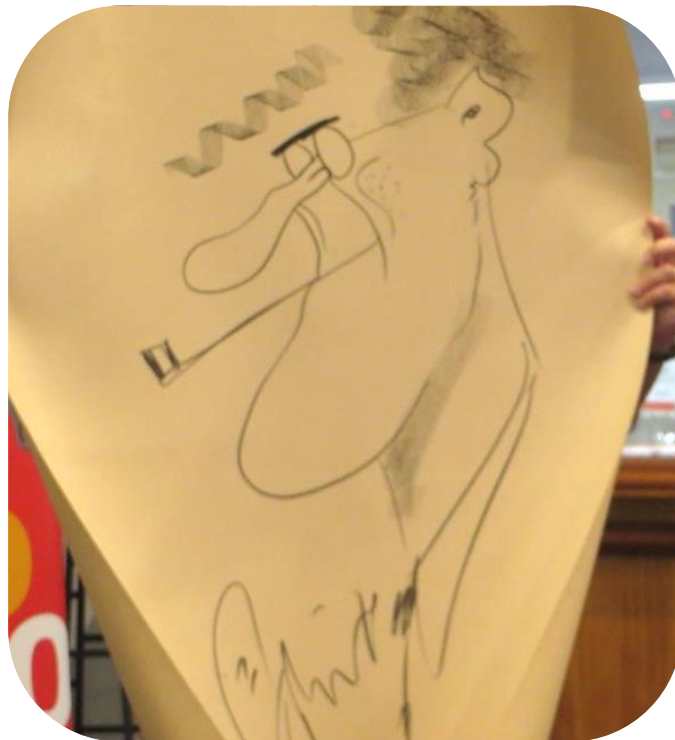
**On arrival at the cinema** As at 18 Oct, 2021 arrangements for cinemagoers are:

- 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.



## SNAPS FROM THE NIGHT.....





**Sketch by Larry Pickering of Malcom Fraser – sold at auction.**