



**ROTARY CLUB  
OF WAGGA WAGGA**

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

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**BULLETIN NO: 34.**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022.**

**MARCH IS WATER AND SANITATION MONTH**

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

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

	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March
<b>PROGRAMME:</b>	<b>Wayne Flood PCYC</b>	<b>David Wynne (At Copland St Shed)</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Karel Bijker Bruce Barber	Karel Bijker Elaine Almond	Vicky Donoghue Peter Veerhuis
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	Philip Cross	David Payne	David Cannon
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>	David Wynne	Gerry Page	Peter Smart
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b>	David Cannon	Vida Smart	Margaret Everett
<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>	Gordon Saggars	Lyndal Seymour	Karel Bijker
<b>BULLETIN REPORTER:</b>	David Kennedy	Ellen Brasier	Pembleton, Don
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	Rotary Info Session	Rotary Info Session	

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

**IMPORTANT:** If you're unable to attend a meeting: **Please lodge an apology with THE COUNTRY CLUB OFFICE ☐ 6922 6444 (Ext. 1)** by **NOON on TUESDAY** (or pre-record same in the book provided at the meeting attendance table).

*Also, for catering purposes, please advise if bringing a guest to a meeting.*

## MEETING REPORT: -

### Attendance.

President Alan invited all present at our temporary Rules Club venue, given the unavailability of the Country Club at short notice, to stand for the Invocation, a toast to Rotary International and International Women's Day.

He then welcomed 33 members, **especially Terry Mecham returning from a bout of serious illness**, Guest Speaker Des Goonan; as well as Dr Abed, Renas Khalef, and Shane Carroll, (guest of Marg Everett.) He thanked the Rules Club for providing a room for our meeting at no charge..



### Club Business:-.

- Alan gave a final reminder to members that the **District 9705 Conference** will be held in Temora on 18/19/20 March. President Alan indicated that he is travelling to Temora for the day on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> and would be happy to provide transport for anyone considering attending for that day. **See also Michael Moore's email re Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March being the last day for meal registration.** Go to [rotary9705.org.au](http://rotary9705.org.au) for details and registration.
- **Sad to hear from Acting District Governor Michael of the death of Elaine Farrelly, wife of District Governor Leo Farrelly. Sincere sympathy from our club for your loss, Leo.**
- No **Rotary Information session** was held tonight because of the change in venue but the sessions will return for approximately 30 minutes directly following our meetings of 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March.
- **Ellen Brasier** reported that several club members took part in the International Women's Day functions on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March.
- **Gerry Page** circulated a supply of small Book Fair flyers for members to drop at their coffee shop, pass to friends etc and keep on hand so that they can suitably advise any enquirers about location of the drop-off and the quality of book donations we seek.
- **The club meeting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March** will be at the Copland St Shed, with the Country Club unavailable.
- The **Clontarf Foundation** at Mt Austin High School is again operational, and they once again welcome visits from our Club members to their Friday morning breakfasts (8am to 8.45am). A roster has been setup to arrange 2 members per week to attend.

Roster for remainder of Term 1:

Date	Members Attending
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	David Kennedy, Elle Palmer
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	John Heazlewood, Don Pembleton
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	David Cannon, Peter Smart

Please be aware that a current Working with Children Check is required for this activity.

## Events we can support:-

- **RC South Wagga** are conducting their Annual Charity Golf Day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. All golfers are encouraged to support this event. Details at: -  
[https://www.mycommunitydiary.com.au/New\\_South\\_Wales/Wagga\\_Wagga/South\\_Wagga\\_Rotary\\_Charity\\_Golf\\_Day/125439](https://www.mycommunitydiary.com.au/New_South_Wales/Wagga_Wagga/South_Wagga_Rotary_Charity_Golf_Day/125439)
- **Gears & Beers** – Saturday 26 March (9.30 am to 1.00 pm) & Sunday 27 March (7.30 am to 2.30 pm). Wollundry require our assistance with at checkpoints around the various courses. It is not onerous.... but they need a LOT of people. If you can assist, **please let Ellen know your mobile number and your day/time of availability ASAP – and she will advise Wollundry.**
- **Lilier Lodge**, High Tea at Borambola Winery on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March (2:00 PM to 5:00 PM)  
Phone 6925 5240 for bookings. **(Though it may be booked out)**

## Short & Sweet:-



Gerry Page reminded us what an amazing world we live in, using as a prop a frying pan lid battered by atmospheric pressure in a kitchen incident. He told us that that humans have got one tonne of air pressing down on them, same as the weight of a small car and explained why it doesn't crush us like the lid.

The recent flooding suggested to him another aspect of the atmosphere, eg how much does a cloud weigh? He noted that no one is afraid to walk underneath a cumulus cloud because they are afraid it might fall on them, but blooming heck, when their contents rain down on us they weigh many tonnes. Sydney had more than 300 mm of rain so far in March - over every square Km, that translates to 300 million litres of water which is 300 million kilograms or 300 thousand tonnes, that originally floated over their heads. Multiply that out for the coastal area involved it and he reckoned you'd agree it becomes absolutely amazing.



## Fines-Master:-

Fines Master was Gordon Saggars who asked for a sympathy fine for El Presidente Alan who dinged his head during the week. Gordon didn't have much trouble getting other fines paid with some great targeted humour : why would dogs be named Rolex and Timex – they're watch dogs of course; guy stopped for speeding asked to show his licence complaining " You cops should get your act together, just yesterday you took my licence off me and now you expect me to show it to you. Another guy consulting a mechanic complaining his engine died, was told "Just crap in the carburettor". "How often do I need to do that" he enquired. Good fun Gordon and profitable.



## Key-Note Speaker

Guest speaker for the evening, Des Goonan, was introduced by David Cannon, taken a bit by surprise by a change in scheduling. Des is obviously a hugely experienced fisherman and gave a great expose of many aspects of that art. He mentioned his early fishing experiences - the lack of fishing at home Dubbo, necessitating trips to the Barwon River seeking murray cod. A key experience involved an irrigation dam 2 kilometres long and 10metres deep at the wall. Ducks were a problem and the dam was stocked with fish (cod) in 1990, by 1992 cod were about 50cm long, and they fixed the duck problem by eating chicks. Des told us that cod, in fact, eat everything observed floating in the water, including the young of European Carp, whose numbers are falling.



He indicated that the Lachlan River has heaps of cod. Blowering Dam is an excellent cod hatchery, though water releases interfere. River cod are harder to catch than in dams - river cod are fitter because of the currents and it is harder to “wear them out” than in a dam. His favourite cod bait is cheese, the secret being the scent in the water. Funds from licences go towards restocking – fishing clubs match this. The scheme is very successful and has improved fishing.



Des was thanked for a fascinating talk behind the scenes of fishing by Graham Russell.

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

- **17 March 2022** Club Rotary Information Sessions
- **18 March 2022** RC South Wagga Charity Golf Day
- **18/20 March 2022** D9705 Conference (Temora NSW)
- **26/27 March 2022** RC Wollundry Gears & Beers – volunteers needed
- **9-12 May 2022** RYDA (Youth Driver Awareness) at Wagga Showground
- **21/22 May 2022** Wagga Rotary Club BOOK FAIR
- **1 December 2022** Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga SHINE AWARDS





**HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -**



**International Women's Day Breakfast attendees**



**Marg Keys manning In charge of the International Women's Day Expo >>>>**



**Cheeky Graham In action**



**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -**

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

**Birthdays:** Marion MORAN 14/3  
**Rotary Anniversaries:** Mary Ann KELLY 15/03/2007  
**Wedding Anniversaries:** Nil



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*The Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga*

**BOOK FAIR**



**Welcomes  
Good Quality  
Book Donations**

Next Fair 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 at the Wagga Showground  
 **WE WELCOME:**  
BOOKS IN VERY GOOD CONDITION  
 **WE CAN'T USE:**  
AGED MATERIAL IN POOR CONDITION  
or Encyclopaedias, Texts, Magazines  
**ITEMS CAN BE LEFT NOW AT:**  
\* Riverina Model Cars Plus, Unit 7, 23 Copland St.  
Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm.  
(If Collection is required, (leave contact details on our website  
[www.waggarotary.org](http://www.waggarotary.org)



**NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT OUR USUAL VENUE..... THE COUNTRY CLUB.**  
Should a change of venue be required due to Covid, this will be notified by email....so check your inbox!  
**Please remember to register your apology or guest by contacting the Club before noon on Tuesday.**