



**ROTARY CLUB
OF WAGGA WAGGA**

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BULLETIN NO: 35.

Thursday 17th 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 24 th March	Thursday 31 st March	Thursday 7 th April
PROGRAMME:	David Wynne (At Copland St Shed)	TBA	Bidgee Strawberry Farm (TBC)
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker Elaine Almond	Vicky Donoghue Peter Veerhuis	Karel Bijker Geoff Treloar
SHORT & SWEET:	David Payne	David Cannon	TBC
FINES-MASTER:	Gerry Page	Peter Smart	TBC
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Vida Smart	Tony Hutchinson	TBC
VOTE OF THANKS:	Lyndal Seymour	Karel Bijker	TBC
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Ellen Brasier	Pembleton, Don	John Heazlewood
MEETINGS:		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.

COMING MEETINGS

This Week Thursday 24th March 2022 we will meet at the Copland St. Shed for a Social Night, as the Country Club is unavailable.

On Thursday 31st March the meeting will be back at the Country Club. (Program TBA)

On Thursday 7th April It is proposed that we will hold our meeting at the Bidgee Strawberry Farm in Billagha St, as outlined by David Cannon on Thursday night. (Directions will be provided next week). This is still to be confirmed.

MEETING REPORT for 17th March :-

Attendance.

There were 29 members present, and apologies included our current president, Alan Lean, as well as the immediate past president David Payne. So it fell to David Friedlieb to chair our meeting.

Alan Lean however had a very good reason for not attending for he has suffered a some complications following his recent accident. We all wish Alan a very speedy recovery. It was good to see Renas Khalef visiting again.

We then heard that our Guest Speaker Wayne Flood from the PCYC was also unable to make it, so David Friedlieb assured everyone it would be an early night since Richmond kicked off at 7.30pm. (Bad luck David!)



Club Business:-

➤ Report on Pro Patria



Gordon Sagers reported on a recent meeting he attended with the Pro Patria committee together with Alan Lean and David Friedlieb. There has been a major problem with ownership and land in the past, however they have recently formed a Pro Patria Property Trust who have acquired the land and now hold it on behalf of the people of Wagga. They are just waiting on a construction certificate and the necessary changes can be made.

There are quite a lot of veterans waiting for treatment, which in many cases will not be the standard treatment overseen by a GP. They are also hoping that the hyperbaric chamber will be located on site, for it is to become a treatment centre for the area.

➤ Rob Sharkie

David Cannon reported that he visited Rob Sharkie in the RSL Life Care Centre. Rob is only able to last about 20 minutes before tiring and also gets lost and forgetful. He mostly knows times and places, particularly from the past and welcomes a visit. The centre however only allows one visitor per day so if planning to visit, please contact the RSL Life Care Centre first.



➤ No Rotary Information session was held but a session will return on 31st March.

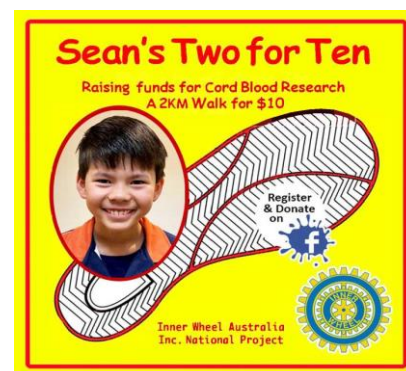
- **Clontarf Foundation** Ellen Brasier reported on behalf of Vida on a board decision to pay \$450.00 to fund urgent eye treatment and glasses for a Clontarf high school student unable to afford it. Friday morning breakfasts (8am to 8.45am). at Mt Austin High School are again operational, Roster for remainder of Term 1:

Date	Members Attending
Friday 25 th March	John Heazlewood, Don Pembleton
Friday 1 st April	David Cannon, Peter Smart

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

Events we can support:-

- **Wollundry Rotary Beers and Gears festival** on Saturday 26 March (9.30 am to 1.00 pm) & Sunday 27 March (7.30 am to 2.30 pm). still need more volunteers. Let Ellen Brasier know if you can help.
- **Wagga Wagga Inner Wheel Club** are seeking community members ready to step out **on Saturday 9th April** for the **Sean's Two for Ten charity walk** and help medical researchers make life-saving breakthroughs . Walk 2km, donate \$10.



The event is a fundraiser for Inner Wheel Australia's national project, cord blood research . (which is blood saved from the Umbilical Cord). They have made this a priority Australia wide, raising over \$3 million since being involved, and this has allowed over 60 research grants.

Not only does it help with Leukaemia and blood diseases, it has also been used for Stroke, Heart disease. Diabetes , Cystic fibrosis, Cerebral Palsy, Prostate Cancer and Covid patients.. Sean is the Ambassador for Cord Blood as he has been through this disease and is doing well.

So come along at 10am on Saturday 9th April at Wagga Beach, register and join them for morning tea. Stroll your 2 kilometres along the pathways by the beach , or sit and chat. Then follow up with a sausage sizzle to complete your morning. **(Inner Wheel members have been very helpful with our Book Fair, so here's a pleasant way to return the favour and help with this great project.**

<https://innerwheelaustralia.org.au/national-project/>

Short & Sweet:-

Phil Cross delivered one of the shortest "Short and Sweet" addresses to help with the early night. He recalled how he was asked to write an article on the "Darkness to Light" Wagga Rotary Project for the second edition of "Rotarians Down Under – Humanity in Motion" which featured on Page 96.

Phil also gave some interesting statistics on the outcomes up until February 2020.

No of attendances = 17,500; No. of patients = 11,154; Cataract operations = 2,552;

Screened for glasses = 7,136 and glasses issued = 2,635; medicines dispensed = 8,733.

A wonderful project in which our own Alok Sharma played such a pivotal role.



Fines-Master:-

The Master of Fines and jokes, David Wynne centred in on St Patrick's Day with a cluster of relevant jokes that rolled out so fast we almost laughed continually. The fine was on anyone who laughed, so there was much put into the fine boxes. Dave commented that new expensive shops have recently sprung up – Petrol Stations - which have caused the Car-owner-virus. He noted that two years ago, you weren't allowed to travel more than 5 Kms. Today you can't afford to travel more than 5 Kms. He's got a full 500 litre diesel tank in his backyard, which he is considering swapping for a deposit on a 4-bedroom house.



St Patrick's Day always holds a special place in his heart for his grandmother was Irish and you have to understand their logic. Some of his Irish jokes were: .

- Paddy remarked that he was so old that he remembered when the rainbows were just black and white.
- The Irish don't iron their 4-leaf clovers because they don't want to press their luck.
- Paddy had an empty glass of Guinness and Mick asked him if he'd like another. "No thanks said Paddy, why would I want 2 empty glasses?"

Rotary network enables rapid relief for Ukrainian refugees

Rotary and Rotaract clubs in Europe and around the world have taken swift action and are working with members nearby to provide food, water, medical equipment, and shelter for refugees from the conflict in Ukraine. According to the United Nations, more than 2 million people, most of them women and children, have sought refuge in neighbouring countries and across Europe, while about 1 million more people have been displaced within Ukraine. Efforts by Rotary clubs are ongoing. [Read the latest roundup.](#)

Thousands of desperate civilians waited for trains to leave Kharkiv as the Russian invasion of Ukraine continues. >>>>>>



Pic.Source: <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-10582475> and Coolamon Rotary Bulletin

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



- **31st March 2022** **Club Rotary Information Session**
- **26/27 March 2022** **RC Wollundry Gears & Beers – volunteers needed**
- **Saturday 9th April** **Inner Wheel Club of Wagga - Sean's Two for Ten charity walk**
- **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**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(20th Mar – 26th Mar)

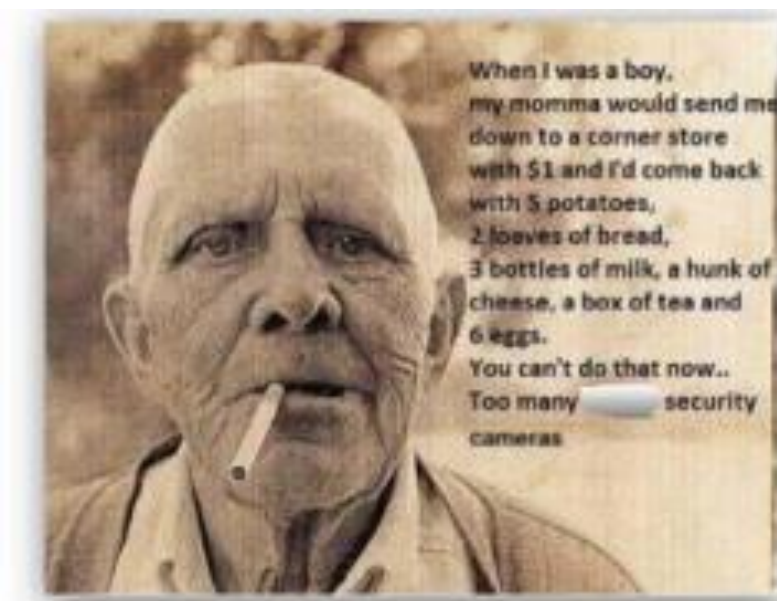
Birthdays Ellen BRASIER (21/3)

Rotary Anniversaries: Nil

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil



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(Based on one of the Finesmaster Jokes)

NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT

The Copland St Storage Shed!

Please remember to register your apology or guest by contacting the Club **before noon on Tuesday.**

SNAPS FROM THE WEEK: -



The Winner ! (Margaret, not Richmond)

Marion back after an upgrade



Sunset after the meeting – recorded by our bulletin reporter David Kennedy