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Thursday 31st March 2022.

APRIL IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH 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 7 th April	Thursday 14 th April	Thursday 21 st April
PROGRAMME:	Bidgee Strawberry Farm	EASTER- NO MEETING	TBA
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker Geoff Treloar	N/R	Karel Bijker Jenny Masters
SHORT & SWEET:	Mary Ann Kelly	N/R	Shishir Bhengra
FINES-MASTER:	Brad Bland	N/R	Don Pembleton
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	David Cannon	N/R	Bruce Barber
VOTE OF THANKS:	Neil Hilpern	N/R	Bryan Short
BULLETIN REPORTER:	John Heazlewood	N/R	Peter Veerhuis
MEETINGS:			Board Meeting

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 7th April

- We will hold our meeting at the **Bidgee Strawberry Farm Billagha St - 6pm sharp to 8pm**
- The barbeque team will cater and the cost \$20. (Not BBQ)
- Soft Drinks and ice-creams available over counter
- Good Parking and Toilet facilities
- Pick your own strawberries if light allows and pay by punnet
- Sitting area similar to Copland St – normal Rotary program.
- Farm representative will give a talk about the business.
- Directions – Visit website:- <https://www.bidgeestrawberriesandcream.com.au/>



NO MEETING on 14th April with Easter break imminent.

MEETING REPORT for 31st March :-

Attendance.

President Alan welcomed thirty-four members and invited all to join in the usual invocation plus a toast to the Rotary Clubs of District 9150 – which includes Rotary Clubs from ten African countries, including the Democratic Republic of Congo (home to our Keynote speaker). It was very pleasing to see a number of visitors and guests – obviously testament to the quality of our Keynote Speaker Dr Luc Mulimbalimba.

The guests included Dr Luc's wife Delice plus members' partners Joan Page (Gerry), Fran Mecham (Terry) and Marilyn Roberts (Gary). Also in attendance were visiting Rotarians Phil Burgess (R C Wollundry), Peter Keith (R C Koorungal), David & Sue Brady and Colin & Alison Weise (all R C Sunrise). As always it was good to again welcome Renas Khalef to our meeting.

Club Business:- The following announcements were made: -

- The **Club Board** will meet on Thursday 21st April.
- **Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)** is to take place during the week commencing 9th May. Our rostered day is Thursday 12th May and at least six volunteers are required. Names to Sect Ellen please.
- Volunteers are also required for the Wagga **Anzac Day commemorations**. Duties will include distribution of service sheets and miniature national flags. See Peter Smart
- Phil Burgess (President-elect R C Wollundry) thanked those members who assisted with the **Gears & Beers Festival** last weekend. He provided a brief overview of the event which has now developed into a major item in the Wagga calendar – attracting over 3,400 participants, mostly visitors. Future events are expected to revert back to October.

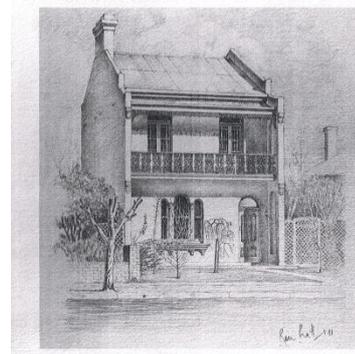


Events we can support:-

- **Wagga Wagga Inner Wheel Club, Sean's Two for Ten charity walk is on 10am on Saturday 9th April at Wagga** Walk 2km, donate \$10. The event is a fundraiser for Inner Wheel Australia's national project, cord blood research. **So come along**, 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 <https://innerwheelaustralia.org.au/national-project/>

Short & Sweet:-

David Cannon informed and entertained us with a brief summary of the book 'Pencil Studies of Wagga Wagga' by Ron Pratt and Con Forsyth. This 1981 publication, detailing historic buildings in the Wagga Wagga City area, is now relatively rare. It provides details of a number of structures and includes David's home – which apparently has a somewhat 'chequered' history. If only the walls could talk??



Fines-Master:-



Peter Smart produced an audio-visual presentation of a song loosely based upon the well-known melody 'These are a Few of my Favourite Things' made famous by Julie Andrews in the film *The Sound of Music*, which she presented in a special 85th birthday performance, at Radio City Music Hall in New York', an extract of which is at Kooka later in the bulletin.

There was much audience participation, accompanied by the sound of coins dropping into the fine boxes.

Guest Speaker

Dr Luc Mulimbalimba was introduced by PDG Gary Roberts, who has been a close associate of Dr Luc since his previous visit to our region – that visit resulted in our Rotary District (especially, the Rotary Clubs of Wagga & Wollundry) providing financial support for Dr Luc's objectives.

Dr Luc spoke passionately of his home province in the eastern regions of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). He provided some startling and heart-wrenching details of the problems faced by the survivors following the civil wars which occurred between 1996 and 2003. Those conflicts drew in many African forces – the Rwandan, Ugandan, and Burundian armies on one side and the Angolan, Zimbabwean, Sudanese, and Namibian militaries on the other – plus numerous armed groups and militias throughout the DRC. An estimated eight million lives were lost in the wars, plus looting and rape was rife. The conflict left many displaced persons and orphans and malnutrition was a major problem.





Dr Luc is Medical Director of Luvungi Naturopathic Hospital and the Uvira Hospital and Bethesda Medical Centre in Kinshasa Province. He founded the Mission in Health Care and Development (MHCD) in DRC and this NGO is supported by The Mission in Health Care and Development Australian Support Association (MHCDASA) which is a volunteer based organisation dedicated to providing on-going assistance to MHCD. MHCDASA raises funds for the transport of containers, micro-credit programs, hospital buildings, surgical campaigns and community development. It was incorporated in January 2014 and is a listed charity and accepts (tax-deductible) donations that are 100% directed to MHCD.

Since 2008 MHCD has developed from one empty building to an impressive list of assets which include: -

- A 120 bed hospital,
- A trade school for 1,300 students,
- Midwifery college for 50 students,
- Three radio stations,
- An assembly hall,
- An accommodation complex for 26 volunteers,
- Solar power (hospital, school & street lighting).

The work achieved each year helps transform the lives of women, children and vulnerable people through a unique self-help program instigated by Dr Luc.

Dr Luc is currently seeking donations of used solar panels, batteries and inverters. In addition, members are invited to support the cause through cash donations to MHCDASA via the following link: -

<https://mhcdasa.org.au/how-you-can-help/donate/>

In recognition of the previous support provided, Dr Luc presented certificates of appreciation to both the Wagga Wagga and Wollundry Rotary Clubs.

Tony Hutchinson moved a vote of thanks on our behalf, which was supported unanimously.

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

- **TBA** **Next Club Rotary Information Session**
- **Sat. 9th April** **Inner Wheel Club of Wagga - Sean's Two for Ten charity walk**
- **9-12 May** **RYDA (Youth Driver Awareness) at Wagga Showground**
- **14th & 15th May** **Wagga Rotary Club BOOK FAIR – NOTE DATE CHANGE !**
- **1 December** **Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga SHINE AWARDS**

SNAPS FROM THE WEEK: -



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(3rd April to 9th April)

Birthdays Nepal GHOSH (6/4)

Rotary Anniversaries: Nil

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil



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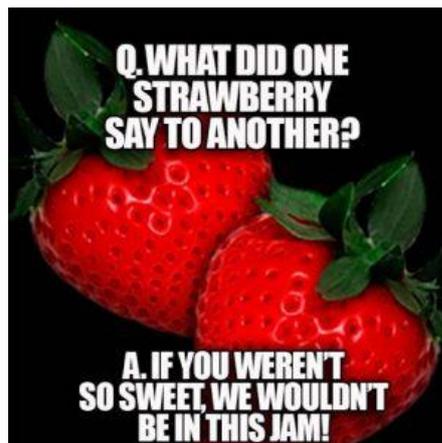
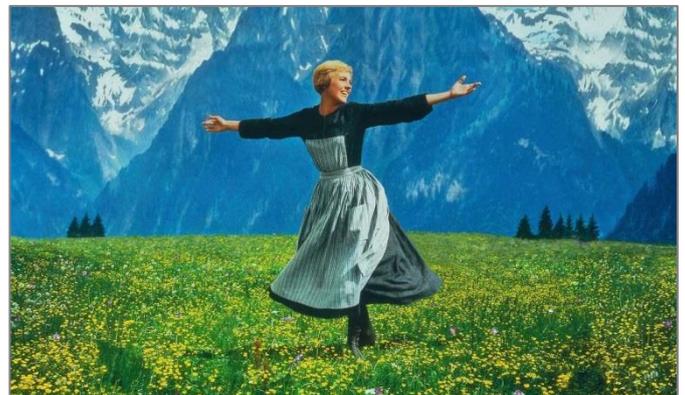


Some of Julie Andrews' Favourite things - at 85.

Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,
These are a few of my favourite things

Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinnin',
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,
When we remember our favourite things

When the pipes leak, When the bones creak,
When the knees go bad,
Then I remember the great life I've had,
And then I don't feel so bad.



NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT:

Bidgee Strawberry Farm

Please remember to register your apology or guest by contacting the Country Club as usual before noon on Tuesday, to help with catering numbers.