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

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BULLETIN NO: 12.

Thursday 16th September 2021.

SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY 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 23 rd Sept.	Thursday 30 th Sept.	Thursday 7 th Oct.
PROGRAMME:	Trevor Beckwith The Artist's Model	TBA	TBA
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker Vicky Donoghue	Karel Bijker Tony Hutchinson	Karel Bijker David Kennedy
SHORT & SWEET:	David Payne	Mike Murray	Gerry Page
FINES-MASTER:	Paul Galloway	Lyndal Seymour	MaryAnn Kelly
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	John Heazlewood	Bruce Heydon	Neil Hilpern
VOTE OF THANKS:	Philip Cross	Vicky Donoghue	Allan Duffus
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Gerry Page	Don Pembleton	Bryan Short
MEETINGS:			

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

Unable to attend a meeting? **Please lodge an apology with THE COUNTRY CLUB OFFICE ☐ 6922 6444** by 2.30 pm Wednesday (or pre-record same in the book provided at the meeting attendance table – IN BLOCK LETTERS.
Also, for catering purposes, please advise if bringing a guest to a meeting.

MEETING REPORT: -

- Once again on Zoom, President Alan welcomed 31 members and his daughter Sally (acting as ZOOM co-host) to the airwaves for our weekly meeting. This week our toast included Australia, and the hope that Wagga remains free from lockdown.
- Secretary Ellen informed the meeting about an email received through the enquiries portal of our website. It was from Lorraine Hardwick, who is based at the Dept of Planning Industry and Environment, Wagga Wagga. In part, it reads...

I'm contacting you about a program we are working on in the local area looking at river health and community benefits.

The NSW Government is investing in a range of infrastructure projects to help landholders manage flows through creeks and rivers. It's called the Reconnecting River Country Program. The program aims to achieve a balance of economic, social, cultural and environmental outcomes across southern NSW by improving wetland and floodplain connectivity.

We are contacting local community groups as well as other stakeholders to gain their perspective on what is important to them and for them to provide their input.

Lorraine expressed her desire to speak to the club, or alternatively for club members to speak to her. Lorraine's contact details have been passed on to our Programs Director to assess whether this may be a 'guest speaker' opportunity.

- Book Sort update: It is anticipated that book sorting will recommence on Tuesday 21st September. Graham Russell indicated that donors are responding well to the change in drop-off location. Bruce Heydon reported that about 10 donations had been received in the last little while, and that they had been transported to headquarters ready for sorting. Bruce was once again thanked for the service he is providing. Graham also mentioned that he is keen to update the website with better coverage of this project.
- Terry Mecham reminded members that we are due to cater a casserole dinner at Lillier Lodge on 22nd September. He asked for volunteers to deliver a casserole to Lillier Lodge during business hours on that date (Wednesday). The casserole should be of a size which would provide 5 or 6 serves. At the time of printing, **Terry is still seeking a couple more**. Please contact him to let him know you are going to deliver one. The empty casserole dishes will be available for collection on Thursday. On Friday afternoon Terry will pick up any dishes which that haven't been collected and will bring them to the next meeting at the Country Club.
- Elaine Almond mentioned some structural changes which may be introduced in the future. This will involve changing from 'Districts' to 'Divisions'. More information on this will no doubt be available closer to when it is all happening.
- "Opportunities for Leadership" ZOOM seminar led by Stephen Hill (District 9705) will be held on Sunday 26th September. Any member interested in learning about leadership roles within our Club or wider Rotary should speak to Alan or Ellen about registering for this seminar. Nominations are not great..... please register as soon as possible. It is open to anyone with an interest.
- Graeme Callander asked if there were any male members interested in undertaking paid exam supervision duties at Koorinal High School. The school already has a full quota of women on the roster. Anyone interested can get details from Graeme.

Short & Sweet:

From Howard Mendel:

Fellow Rotarians out there somewhere. I was surprised to find my name listed for short and sweet, and forced to consider a subject.

Shooting elephants in Africa occurred as a suitable subject, not something I have experienced.

Probably spurred by our recent locked down condition, a thought occurred.....

US & THEM, —that could also include Me and Them — as a subject is proven every day to be inexhaustible.

Any footy fan can articulate in depth about his footy team for thirty minutes without stopping for a breath. Or for that matter on his State team, that may consist primarily of players from other teams.

Expand the subject into politics—town, state, federal, and international— to feel just how much this subject affects our lives.

Take me for instance, beginning with Me and them. In primary school I had only one name “fat”.

This was accepted as a complete description of me, compared to all other school members of obviously superior capability, proven daily in sporting activities.

This did little for my confidence.

At the beginning of secondary schooling, I managed to get the cricketing position of wicket keeper, that did not require running capability. I often managed to get the highest personal score runs scored by the opposition, as I failed to prevent the ball passing by me. One teacher advised the class that I could neither learn French, nor play cricket.

However, by the end of secondary school, I was a quite competent wicket keeper in our first eleven, which soundly defeated any other school we met.

I had moved to being among US versus Them.

Then my spinal column decided to end my passion for team sport.

I went on to university as a cadet with WA Public Works department. In vacation periods I worked with PWD. In those days (late fifties) WA had a population density around 1 per square mile, and the government had its own facilities for everything from land clearing, shipping, hospitals, schools, jails, etc.

Great experience for a cadet to drive bulldozers and have a personal project in government buildings with fan ventilation systems. Great confidence builder for someone about 21 years old.

At the time I was a pipe smoker, and the job was a ventilation system in the local mental asylum.

I was approached by an inmate of the asylum, who had noticed the pipe tobacco packet in the pocket of my overalls.

“Hey mate, how about a fill of me pipe” he said. Politely I agreed.

He then produced the largest pipe I have ever seen. My tobacco pouch would have disappeared in the bottom.

My position as Me and the asylum inmates had taken a severe tumble.

If you thought I was avoiding my one project in the club, you are wrong.

We have commenced a program to reduce child mortality and stunting in Timor Leste. This is not the conventional approach of “interventions by US to benefit THEM”

But is a project together to benefit both US & THEM. A major improvement in health and wealth in Timor Leste is our best protection from the security danger to us from a country neighbour with severe health and wealth problems motivating some of their persons to look for violent actions to address their situation.

Finesmaster:

Terry Mecham rolled up to fill the Finesmaster slot and reminded everyone they will be expected to pay up when we return to the Country Club.

His opening remarks about lockdown went like this....

I've just been talking about this with the microwave and toaster while drinking coffee and we all agreed that things are getting bad.

I didn't mention anything to the washing machine as she puts a different spin on everything.

Certainly not to the fridge as he is acting cold and distant.

In the end the iron straightened me out as she said everything will be fine, no situation is too pressing.

The vacuum was vey unsympathetic.... told me to just suck it up, but the fan was more optimistic and hoped it would all soon blow over!

The toilet looked a bit flushed when I asked his opinion and didn't say anything. But the doorknob told me to get a grip.

The front door said I was unhinged and so the curtains told me to.....yes, you guessed it.... pull myself together.

And for those who need to remember this one.....

The local news station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just gotten married – for the fourth time.

The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation.

"He's a funeral director," she answered.

"Interesting," the newsman thought. He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living.

She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she'd first married a banker when she was in her early 20s, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40s, later on a preacher when in her 60s, and now in her 80s, a funeral director.

The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers.

She smiled and explained, "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."

On the strength of this, Terry managed to fine 'anyone who has EVER been to a bank, a circus, a church or a funeral. And if you reckon you haven't been 'got' yet....just cough up anyway!!!

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

21st September 2021

International Day of Peace virtual ceremony

22nd September 2021

Lilier Lodge Catering (Casserole Dinner)

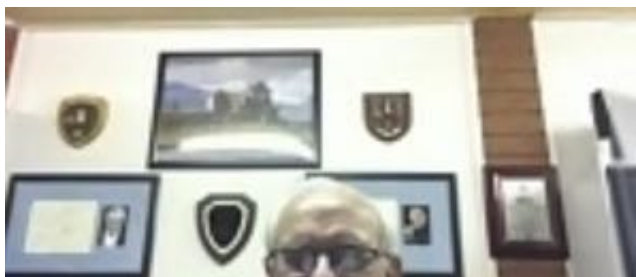
26th September 2021

'Opportunities for Leadership' Seminar

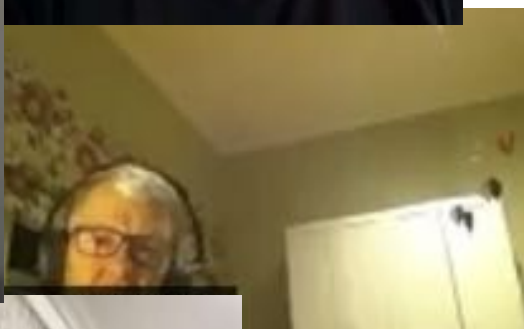
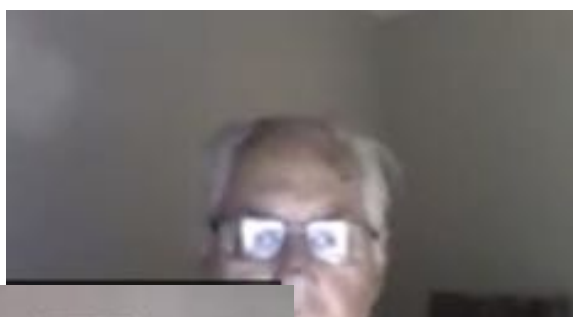
25th November 2021

Wagga Rotary Shine Recognition Function **POSTPONED**

HAPPY SNAPS.....ZOOM STYLE!!



Don't we all look great on ZOOM!!!



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(20th Sept – 26th Sept)

Birthdays: Bronwyn Callander (20/9), Jacqui Bland (23/9),
Gary Roberts (26/9), Fran Mecham (26/9)

Rotary Anniversaries: Brad Bland (22/9/2011 & Hay 2008-2010)

Wedding Anniversaries: Gerry & Joan Page (22/9)

