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**BULLETIN NO: 21.**

**Thursday 18<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 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec.	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec.
<b>PROGRAMME:</b>	<b>WAGGA ROTARY CLUB AGM.</b>	<b>Viterra Agricultural Network.</b>	<b>Can-Assist.</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Vicky Donoghue Mike Murray	Karel Bijker John Heazlewood	Karel Bijker Brad Bland
<b>GREETER:</b>	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	Bryan Short	Shishir Bhengra	Graeme Callander
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>	Gordon Saggars	Peter Smart	Don Pembleton
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b>	Not Required	Brad Bland	Mike Murray
<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>	Not Required	Tony Hutchinson	Mary Ann Kelly
<b>BULLETIN REPORTER:</b>	Ellen Brazier	Don Pembleton	Bryan Short
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	Board Meeting (8:00 PM)	Nil	Nil

**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 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.**

Our meeting was held at the Country club with twenty-nine members in attendance along with two guests Geoff Treloar & Jenny Masters (guests of Vida), as well as Cat Bailey.

Our Club Guest and Key-Note Speaker was Alex Manley from Solar Wise. His topic, "Renewables" is more fully detailed below.

### **Administration Matters.**

- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December will be our **Club Christmas Party** – to be held at Paul and Judy Galloway's home with Doris & Daryl Lamont catering (you beauty). Address and parking suggestions will be provided at a later date, when catering numbers will be requested.
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December **Clontarf Awards Night** and BBQ 6.00 pm (our BBQ team need to be in attendance by 5.30 pm) At the Music Bowl. (Rosters sent separately)
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December **Disability/Mental Health Service BBQ Lunch** at the Music Bowl. (Rosters sent separately)

### **Short & Sweet.**



Bruce Heydon delivered an excellent history on the racing career of Alan Moffat OBE.

Alan was born in Canada on 10 November 1939 and moved to Australia when 17 and started motor racing in the early 1960s.

In 1969 after a trip back to America, he began racing a Ford Mustang in the Touring Car Championships.

He won these championships in 1973, 1976, 1977 and 1983 triumphing in wins at Bathurst in 1964, 1969, 1970, 1974, 1983 and 1988 all the time driving for Ford except for the 4<sup>th</sup> and final Touring

Car Championship in 1983 when he was in the middle of a five-year stint with Mazda.

He and Peter Brock are the only two drivers to win Bathurst in both its 500 miles and 1,000 kilometres formats. His last winning race was the Fuji 500 in Japan in 1989.

He was awarded the OBE in 1978 and in 1999 became the fourth motor-sports identity to be inducted into the Australian Motor Sport Hall of Fame.

In recent times Alan has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease and has been admitted to a special care facility in Melbourne.



### **Fines-Master Session.**

Terry Mecham had some great jokes that he managed to 'hang on' all those present. One of the most memorable was the pig that came into the bar, sat on a stool & ordered a schooner and toasted sandwich. He became a real local, and one day a ringmaster from a circus, who had just arrived in town, came into the pub. The barman told him about the talking pig and encouraged him to stay and meet the pig. This duly happened at lunchtime and the ringmaster, after listening to the pig, immediately offered him a job.

The pig asked for more details, specifically regarding the construction of the circus tent. “What would they want a brickie for?”

Other jokes about a marine biologist who bread Dolphins that only ate seagulls.

A cat meeting St Peter who was granted first wish – a satin pillow. A mouse on meeting St Peter was granted his wish for roller skates. A few days later St Peter meets up with the cat who was over the moon with the beautiful pillow and the “Meals on Wheels”.

### Lucky Door Prize.

**WINNER OF THE WINE** was Elaine Almond (I’m sure this is rigged!)



### Key-Note Speaker

After being introduced by Graeme Callander, Alex Manley gave an extremely interesting and informative address on renewables – mainly addressing solar powered devices.



In Australia there is one building every 44seconds being installed with solar power and Australia now leads the world in per capita figures for such installations.

He spoke about using equipment that uses higher energy, e.g. washing machines, and programming electric off-peak water heaters etc. during the day. He explained water Heat Pumps as being like a reverse cycle air conditioner.

Batteries to store excess power generated during the day are coming down in price, but still are very costly and probably not fully

comparable in most cases. There are various brands available such as Tesla, LG Chem, BYD, and Power Plus (which is Australian owned).

The new types of Solar Power now have small inverters attached to each panel which means they can be installed in parallel and just added to if ant extra panels are needed.

His tip is to do your research, watch out for “Performance” warrantees which are all but useless and look for the guarantee on the life of the panel (which should be about 25 years). It is also very important to choose a well-known brand so that if you need to make a claim, the panel maker is still in business. He considered LG Panels to be one of the recommended brands.

Panels probably only need to be cleaned about ever five years. And this can be carefully done by the householder, with the normal safety precautions.

Vote of thanks was given by Peter Smart – with his new hairdo and beard (see photo below).



## **NEXT MEETING: -**

Our next meeting – on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November** is to be our **Annual General Meeting**. It will be held at the Country Club – so firm numbers are required for catering.

Come along and help launch 'David Wynne's year'. Should be a great night – and a great year.

**PLEASE DO NOT FORGET THAT CATERING NUMBERS ARE NOW REQUIRED BY  
NOON ON THE TUESDAY PRIOR TO THE MEETING.**

## **NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH: -**

For the 13th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating – four stars – from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.

The Foundation earned the recognition for adhering to sector best practices and executing its mission in a financially efficient way, demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. Only one percent of the organizations Charity Navigator evaluates have received 13 consecutive 4-star evaluations.

"Your achievement and 4-star rating will enhance your organization's fundraising and public relations efforts," says Michael Thatcher, president and chief executive officer of Charity Navigator. "This exceptional designation sets the Foundation apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness."



The rating reflects Charity Navigator's assessment of how the Foundation uses donations, sustains its programs and services, and practices good governance and openness.



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

- ◆ **1<sup>st</sup> December.**      **Clontarf Academy annual Awards Night – also a BBQ Team activity.**
- ◆ **3<sup>rd</sup> December.**      **BBQ Team – lunchtime BBQ for Disability/Mental Health Services**
- ◆ **16<sup>th</sup> December**      **Wagga Rotary Christmas Party**
- ◆ **24<sup>th</sup> March 2022**      **Wagga Rotary Shine Recognition Function**
- ◆ **21/22 May 2022**      **Wagga Rotary BOOK FAIR**



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



**Peter's New Look!!**



**Sergeant Graeme keeps things moving.**



**Key-Note Speaker Alex receives the 'Polio-Plus Certificate'.**



**Terry – the 'master fine-master'...**

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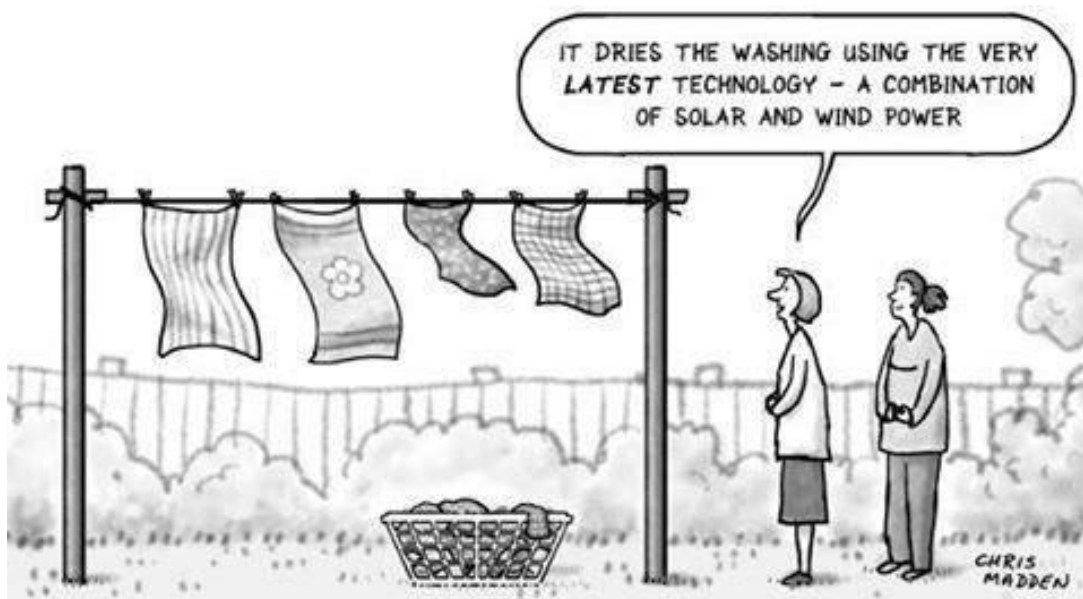
**Birthdays:** Shishir Bhengra (27/11).

**Rotary Anniversaries:** Vicky Donoghue (23/11/2017) & Nepal Ghosh (27/11/2014).

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Ian & Georgina Gibson (26/11).



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QUARANTINE DAY??????  
TODAY, I MELTED AN  
ICE CUBE WITH MY  
MIND JUST BY STARING  
AT IT. IT TOOK A LOT  
LONGER THAN I  
THOUGHT IT WOULD.