



**ROTARY CLUB
OF WAGGA WAGGA**

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

THE FOUR WAY TEST:

Of the things we think, say or do: -

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill & better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

BULLETIN NO: 25.

Thursday 16th December, 2021.

DECEMBER IS ROTARY DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT 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.:-

Date:	Thursday 23 rd Dec 2021	Thursday 13 th Jan 2022	Thursday 20 th Jan 2022
PROGRAMME:	NO MEETING	CLUB SOCIAL/FELLOWSHIP	TBA
ATTENDANCE:		Karel Bijker Gordon Saggars	Karel Bijker Graham Russell
GREETER:		Not Required	Not Required
SHORT & SWEET:		Peter Veerhuis	David Wynne
FINES-MASTER:		Peter Olson	Gordon Saggars
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:		Not Required	Bruce Barber
VOTE OF THANKS:		Not Required	Peter Olson
BULLETIN REPORTER:		Bryan Short	Ellen Brasier
MEETINGS:		Nil	Nil

IMPORTANT: If you're unable to attend a meeting? **Please lodge an apology with THE COUNTRY CLUB OFFICE**

6922 6444 (Extension 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 Lean welcomed all to our 2021 Christmas function hosted by Paul and Judy Galloway who provided a magnificent outdoor setting at their home.

Fifty members and guests were in attendance – our guests included nine partners, Peter and Sue Maxwell (Guests of Gerry & Joan Page), outgoing Mayor, Greg Conkey & Jenny, Chris Francis and Sally Lean (Guests of Alan).

Welcome to Plumpton Road.

Paul Galloway welcomed all and sundry to 41 Plumpton Road. He made sure that everyone understood the layout of the premises to ensure the comfort of all – the ladies inside the home and the gentlemen out the back!

In case of an emergency the clothes line would be the Assembly Point.

Paul gave a special welcome to all our guests, including Greg Conkey (having recently released himself from the Mayoral Chain of Office), and his wife Jenny.



Short & Sweet.



David Wynne provided a personal reflection on the passing of time – his age; the cost of candles; his age; the danger of female mosquitoes; his age and the dangers that might arise from taking a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night! And of course, his age.

Seems to be a bit of a recurring theme here – makes one think!

Christmas Dinner.

As the evening progressed it was very obvious that Paul & Judy and our Caterers, Doris & Daryl Lamont, were doing a power of work in the background to provide all and sundry with delicious food and sweets. Meanwhile they had staff carefully watching to make sure no one went dry or became thirsty.

Christmas Carolling.

Members of the Wagga's Male Rugby Choir arrived to render to us traditional Christmas Hymns. Paul Galloway was part of the Choir – which was expertly directed by maestro, Judy Ferguson.

The choir's contribution was very much appreciated by all in attendance.

Highlights.

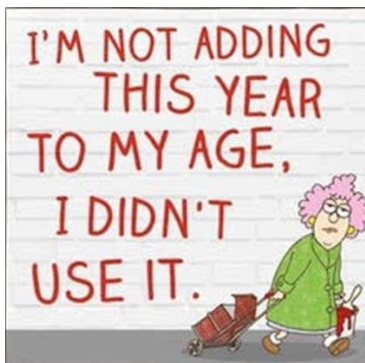
Paul Galloway reflected upon the highlights of the evening; they included: -

- The Festive Spirit shown by all.
- The stand-in Santa, Peter Smart, distributing gifts.
- Excellent meal provided by Darryl & Doris and their two daughters.
- Great service provided by Sofia and Anna, making sure no one went thirsty.
- The Carols singing lead by the Wagga City Rugby Male Choir.
- Plus a big thank-you to those who helped set up and clean up the venue.



As our very pleasant night drew towards its conclusion, the group of singers moved towards a special screen which had been set up to keep a track of the progress of the Second Cricket Test (Australia vs England). Judging from Mike Murray's subdued conversation, Australia was doing very well!

NEXT MEETING: -



As the year 2021 comes to a close, it might be another one that many of us prefer to forget – and in Wagga Wagga Rotary Club terms, that year (2021) has now come to a close. There are no Rotary meetings or other planned activities now until Thursday 13th January 2022. No doubt we will all enjoy a Covid-restriction free Christmas/New Year break.

Unless you are informed otherwise, the 13th January meeting will be a Club Social night hosted at the **Wagga Wagga Country Club**. Normal acceptance rules apply so please don't forget to notify the Country Club Office of any changes to normal numbers.

Present Alan and the Board of Directors wish you all a happy and a safe holiday break.

DECEMBER IS ROTARY DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH: -

Rotary is committed to combating and preventing disease. As stated in last weeks edition, this is one of Rotary's 'Six Area of Focus'. Disease and illness results in pain and injury. Prolonged illness may result in loss of employment and income. It can affect the quality of life for individuals, families and communities.

Rotary and Rotarians are committed to helping people to live wholesome lives. Our primary focus in this area is polio eradication – but polio is not the only malady, or aspect of a healthy life, upon which Rotarians expend resources.

One way in which Rotarians have elected to provide attention to an area of concern is through a **Rotarian Action Group (RAG)**. Action groups are independent, Rotary-affiliated organisations made up of people who are experts in their particular field; fields such as the environment, clean water, economic development, peace, addiction prevention – the list goes on and on.

Action groups offer their technical expertise and support to help clubs plan and implement projects thus maximizing our impact. RAG support includes helping clubs find partners, funding, and other resources. Action groups can also help clubs and districts prepare grant applications, conduct community assessments, and develop plans to monitor and evaluate prospective projects. Each RAG establishes its own rules and administrative structure.

There are more than a dozen Rotarian Action Groups committed to disease prevention and treatment (our focus for the month of December). You can find a comprehensive summary of all RAGs at: -

<https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/empower-leaders/join-rotarian-action-group>

In this season of giving, there can be no better way to **Serve To Change Lives** than to follow this link and provide financial support to an Action Group/s of your choice.



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

- ◆ **13th January 2022** **First Wagga Rotary Club Meeting for 2022.**
- ◆ **8th March 2022** **International Women's' Day – D9705 Function**
- ◆ **18/20 March 2022** **D9705 Conference (Temora NSW)**
- ◆ **24th March 2022** **Wagga Rotary Shine Recognition Function**
- ◆ **21/22 May 2022** **Wagga Rotary BOOK FAIR**



SOME 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



Those assembled enjoyed Paul & Judy's hospitality and Darryl & Doris' catering.



The famous Wagga Male Rugby Choir were in fine voice.



Doris & Darryl - all enjoyed their decision to come out of retirement for our function.



Is that Santa Clause attempting to imitating Peter Smart again?

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(19th Dec – 15th Jan)

- Birthdays:** Brad Bland (21/12), Allan Duffus (27/12), Bruce Barber (30/12), Neil Hilpern (8/1), Lyndal Seymour (9/1) and Dorothy Prest (15/1).
- Rotary Anniversaries:** Nil.
- Wedding Anniversaries:** David & Josephine Cannon (22/12) & David & Ruth Kennedy (31/12), Bruce & Ruth Barber (2/1), Peter & Joan Veerhuis (8/1) and Brad & Jacqui Bland (14/1).



≈ **KOOKABURRA** ≈

One part of the story of the birth of Jesus begins with the phrase “In those days”. These few words locate the events that unfold in Bethlehem in a remembered specific reality. The Roman empire under Caesar Augustus was vast and expanding. Bethlehem was a small town in a very small part of that empire. The contrast of power and vulnerability could not be greater.

In such a world of contrast and power a baby is born. A child whose birth attracts attention and creates such fear and danger that refuge in Egypt is the safest option.

A reality for people in this period of time was that peace (Pax Romana) was maintained through fear. Into this world is born ‘the Prince of Peace’ and on whose shoulders power will rest.

The peace that is revealed in Jesus transforms people and situations. The most marginalised are made the centre of the story. Discrimination based in illness or disability is overcome. Women and children are affirmed, and violence does not have the last word. Peace is revealed as people focussed with prophetic strength.

I invite you to join together and pray for such a revelation of peace this Christmas. Can we hope for a growth in gracious compassion, justice for the marginalised and a renewing care of the earth? We pray for such a healing and renewing peace this Christmas.



*Rev John Gilmore,
President,
National Council of Churches in Australia*

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.