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<p><b>RI President:</b> Shekhar Mehta  <b>Dist. Gov 9705:</b> Leo Farrelly  <b>Area Three Gov:</b> Elaine Almond  <b>Club President:</b> Alan Lean  <b>Club Secretary:</b> Ellen Brasier</p>		<p><b>THE FOUR WAY TEST:</b>  <b>Of the things we think, say or do: -</b>      Is it the truth?      Is it fair to all concerned?      Will it build goodwill &amp; better friendships?      Will it be beneficial to all concerned?</p>
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**BULLETIN NO: 26.**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2022.**

**JANUARY IS ROTARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE 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 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Thursday 3rd Feb.
<b>PROGRAMME:</b>	District Governor Visits	TBA	TBA
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Karel Bijker Peter Smart	Karel Bijker Lyndal Seymour	Karel Bijker Marion Moran
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	Graham Russell	Elaine Almond	Bruce Barber
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>	Gordon Sagers	Graham Russell	David Wynne
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b>	Bruce Barber	Don Pembleton	Graham Russell
<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>	Peter Olson	Mike Murray	Alok Sharma
<b>BULLETIN REPORTER:</b>	Ellen Brasier	David Kennedy	Don Pembleton
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	Nil	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 (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.

## **MEETING REPORT: -**

### **Attendance.**

Acting President David Friedlieb welcomed 26 members and two guests (Andrew Stow—Rotary Club of Corrimal, and Cat Daly) back to our first meeting for 2022 and explained that there was no formal program for tonight's meeting with the emphasis being on a social get-together.

President Alan was at home with daughter Sally awaiting results of a Covid test – an all-too-common situation at the moment.

An observation: Two tables of ladies, three tables of men. Ladies' attendance pushing 40% of the meeting total - a great effort, however not a lot of mixing between the sexes, but plenty of chatting between tables.

### **Club Matters.**

- Acting President David started us off with multiple birthday and anniversary greetings covering our 4 week break for Christmas and New Year.
- Secretary Ellen also advised that there will be no January Board meeting. The next meeting will be on the 8th February.
- Tony Hutchinson gave us an update on Terry Mecham's latest exploits. After being shipped off to Sydney for a bit of heart M&R, he had a quadruple bypass, enough to steady anyone up. He was going OK but then ran into a dose of Covid, bringing him down with isolation and ICU and tubes hooked up, in and out and all over him. He is slowly turning the corner and we look forward to his smiling face returning in the not too distant future. Keep the chin up Tez!
- DG Leo Farrelly is due to visit us next week, Covid permitting. He will talk for about 20 minutes about District activities and will seek questions from the floor.
- It has been decided that the Shine Recognition Awards, which were to be held in March (after postponement from November) cannot proceed in the current Covid climate. President Alan has indicated that the vulnerability of the participants is a major concern, and the restricted numbers that Covid regulations might impose would mean that attendance of participants' support networks would be limited. A new date will be scheduled when the Covid situation improves. The Club website has been updated to reflect this.
- Community Service Director Gordon Saggars gave an update on the Club's involvement with the Timor Leste (T-L) Clean Water Project. He gave some history of the project and how the Club had joined into an existing program initiated by former member Howard Mendel and the Bairo Pite Clinic in Dili under the management of the Clinic Manager named Inacio. The project ran into a number of difficulties, the worst being Covid, but others being hurricanes and lack of communications back from T-L. Progress from the minimal communications was very slow. Our Club sought to introduce an extra resource, being Alex Sarmiento who lives in Dili and had helped the Club with its Tutuala Pre-School project. After an initial positive contact between Inacio and Alex, Inacio declined to take any more calls or meet with Alex. On this basis our Club had no indication of where units had been deployed, the number of spare units in stock in Dili, extra components that may be required, and a lack of information on a program to identify communities with water quality issues. As we had registered the project with RAWCs and were preparing to ask individuals and community groups to contribute to the project, there was a lack of confidence in what the outcomes might be.  
On this basis, the Club Board felt that it had no alternative but to withdraw from the project. Expenditure to date has been minimal. The Club still has a desire to undertake further activities in T-L but if it chooses to do so, it will be something where the Club has more influence in the management of the project.

## **Short & Sweet.**

David asked for anyone who might be prepared to do an impromptu Short and Sweet. He was nearly knocked down in the rush and he decided on 2 Short & Sweets – one from Peter Smart and another from Phil Cross.

Peter Smart was adamant that he had to do his tonight and opened up the top of his shirt to reveal some horrible welts and bruising on his upper chest – an unsympathetic call of ‘love bites???’ - came from the floor. It turned out be a toxic venom attack from a Rove Beetle, which none of his doctor-mates was able to diagnose, but a girl in his office was across it – good staff! He said it was hugely painful but was already on the mend. He had to show us this week as it might well be gone by next week.



Phil Cross then told us a bit about his journey to be a civil engineer, as against being an architect. After deciding to choose engineering, his first project was to build a toilet block – similar in some ways as Rotary’s first public project in Chicago, in 1907, led by Rotary pioneer Paul Harris. Phil wanted to build it with an elliptical shape (hard to get those architectural genes out of your system) but his boss told him ‘you can’t build brick walls in a curve’. Later in life he found that this could be done and there was a good example at the old Wagga Baths kiosk. Phil tried to save it for posterity’s sake when project managing at the new complex in the 1990s, but again got overruled. Such is life.

He also gave us an update on former 2005 exchange Student from Denmark, Henrik Sogaard, who stayed with Philip and Meryl. Henrik was an excellent ambassador, and sailor and went on to represent his country in sailing. Phil has kept in regular contact with Henrik’s father Klaus, who with his wife came and visited Henrik when he was here. Klaus tells us that Henrik married Rikke in 2020, they are living in Copenhagen and are expecting their first child in July.

## **Fines-Master Session.**

Fines Master this week was Peter Olson.

Raffle winner was Elle Palmer who was duly fined—there were murmurings from those who had been in attendance for YEARS and haven’t cracked a win, and along comes Elle who wins the very meeting after she’s re-inducted!!

Then there was a fines feast with all the Birthday and Anniversaries to be acknowledged. Although many of the chosen ones were absent, this did not stop Pete as he looked up the alphabetical membership list and the neighbour on the list had the pleasure of paying up for their fellow member.

Singers at the Christmas party, Novak Djokovic, doctors treating Covid and anyone who had a Covid test last year also got hit.

Thanks Pete.

## **General Discussion:**

As this was a social night, there was no guest speaker.

Members were given the opportunity to provide any input that the board might consider on how to manage our activities under the ongoing pandemic. Suggestions were wide and varied. No one seemed keen to go back to Zoom meetings. It was emphasised that whilst meetings continue to be held at the Country Club, each member needs to weigh up his/her own circumstance and decide whether to attend. Obviously, anyone who is symptomatic or in isolation should not attend, and register an apology.

The meeting concluded at 7.40pm

## Note from the Book Fair crew.

Book sorting on Tuesday afternoons has recommenced, and it's only four months until this year's Book Fair. Here is some relevant information:

**\*\*BOOK FAIR DROP-OFF POINT:** The current drop-off point for book donations is

**\* Riverina Model Cars Plus, Unit 7, 23 Copland St.  
Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm.**

Look for the number 23 in Copland St near Lake Albert Road, just down the hill from Katrina Riley Curtains, and proceed down the lane - the drop-off spot is on the left & has a sign outside when open.

Over the next few months, we want to source good quality books for the Book Fair.

**\*\*Please be aware in dealing with any enquiries about book donations:**

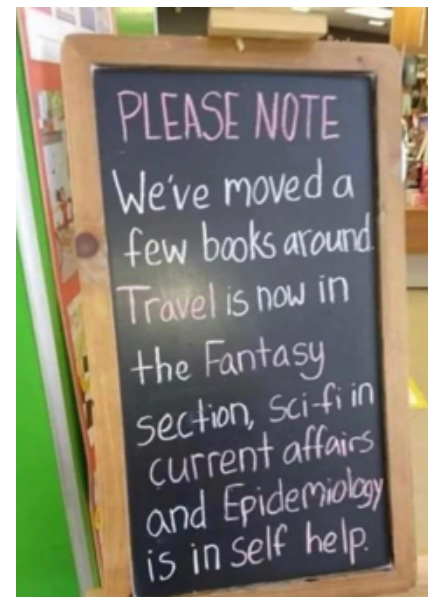


we **ONLY WELCOME GOOD QUALITY BOOKS**

**WE CAN'T USE:**



AGED MATERIAL IN POOR CONDITION or  
Encyclopaedias,  
Texts,  
Magazines.



## NEXT MEETING: -

We will meet at the Country Club as usual next week when District Governor Leo Farrelly will be our guest. Please remember to register your apology or guests before noon on Tuesday.

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

**8<sup>th</sup> March 2022**      **International Women's' Day – D9705 Function**

**18/20 March 2022**      **D9705 Conference (Temora NSW)**

~~**24<sup>th</sup> March 2022**~~      ~~**Wagga Rotary Shine Recognition Function**~~ *Postponed*

**21/22 May 2022**      **Wagga Rotary BOOK FAIR**



**NO 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -**

**Vicky forgot to take the photos!!** 😄

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -**

(16<sup>th</sup> Jan – 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan)

Birthdays: Nil.

Rotary Anniversaries: Nil.

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil.



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I just flipped our microwave on its side, and he absolutely loves it



*" If you get tired, learn to rest, not to quit " ~ Banksy.*