



**ROTARY CLUB  
OF WAGGA WAGGA**

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**BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA Inc. - CHARTERED 1930**

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**BULLETIN NO: 28.**

**Thursday 27<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 3rd Feb.	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
<b>PROGRAMME:</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Karel Bijker Marion Moran	Vicky Donoghue Alok Sharma	Karel Bijker Don Pembleton
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	Bruce Barber	Karel Bijker	Brad Bland
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>	Bill Prest	Gerry Page	Lyndal Seymour
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b>	Graham Russell	Gordon Saggars	Peter Smart
<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>	Alok Sharma	David Payne	Alok Sharma
<b>BULLETIN REPORTER:</b>	Don Pembleton	Peter Veerhuis	Vida Smart
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	Board Meeting 8.00pm	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.**

**President Alan** welcomed 26 members and our visitor Cat Daly to the Country Club this week. Reduced numbers due to the current Covid climate are evident, with several members taking a cautious approach in guarding their health. Alan then went on to dedicate the evening's toast to Australia, all levels of Rotary, and especially to our own Club and its members, before all those present enjoyed a delicious chicken main course.



### **President's Report.**

- President Alan informed the meeting that Terry Mecham is making steady progress. It is hoped that he will be flown back to Wagga via Air Ambulance on Friday (28<sup>th</sup>) to continue his recovery. We miss his smiling face and humor at our meetings, and the Club sends him our best wishes.
- Members are alerted to a call for volunteers to assist at the following event:

### **BURNOUT BASH FOR BRAD**

12 February 2022

Wagga International Speedway

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This is a fundraising event being conducted by Riverina Classic and Muscle Car Muster in aid of Brad Fewson (a local veteran) to assist with the purchase of essential medical equipment which will alleviate the need for travel for treatment. The involvement of Wagga's Pro Patria Centre makes this an event of particular interest to our Club. Anyone who can assist, please speak to President Alan asap.

- All Board members are reminded that they will meet next week.
- President Alan will be contacting the chairpersons of the Environmental, Vocational, and Community Service Committees for progress reports in the near future.
- Alan acknowledged those members who do all the 'behind the scenes' jobs which make our meetings run smoothly. Special mention was made of the efforts of David Cannon, our Programs Director, who works hard to engage our guest speakers. David addressed the meeting about how difficult it is to find guest speakers in January/February in 'normal' years, and with Covid thrown in, the difficulty rises to a whole new level. It was noted that we have a wealth of talent within our Club, and we probably have no lack of possible speakers in our ranks. So, when the bulletin says TBA, it's not for want of trying.....just come along and be surprised!
- With Australia Day fresh in everyone's memory, President Alan commented on the seeming lack of interest in the Civic celebrations held to mark the day. Very small numbers attending the announcement of our Citizen-of-the-Year ceremony and the Australia Day breakfast found him questioning why, when in years gone by these events were well supported by the public. Is it that the style of event is no longer appealing, or is it that the events are not publicized widely enough?? All food for thought.

## Short & Sweet

Elaine Almond took the microphone to highlight how Rotary has featured in the public eye locally in recent times:

- Wagga Citizen of the Year 2022 is Deidre Tome is a member of Sunrise Rotary Club,
- South Wagga Rotary Club was awarded 'Environmental Citizen of the Year' due to their Rocky Hill Regeneration Project.
- Koorungal Rotary, assisted by South Wagga Rotary catered for the Australia Day breakfast
- Our own president Alan Lean is an active member of Wagga's Australia Day Committee.



## Fines-Master Session.

Graham Russell started by waxing lyrical about Dylan Alcott and Delta Goodrem and fined any members who also admire these two quintessential Australians.



David Friedlieb was asked to pay for the privilege of winning the wine this week.

Jokes that might make straight hair curl followed. One which finished with the line "No! Open your own\*###@\* gates!!" probably passed the 'you can print it' test!

Fines for anyone who has been separated from family and/or friends due to the Covid climate made many contribute to the coffers.

We were then treated to a 'Graham special', a bush poem which involved a snake, naked people and a loaded shotgun. Great entertainment!

Thanks Graham.

## Andrew has left the building.....

Members were told that Andrew, the friendly face who has always been behind the bar and has assisted with set-up for meetings at the Country Club has resigned his position. Alan thanked Andrew (in his absence) for all the help he has given our Club in the past and expressed a hope that in the future he may accept an invitation to be our guest for a proper thank-you.

## 'GUEST' SPEAKER: -

Our newly (re)inducted member, Elle Palmer shared some of her experiences and inner secrets when she stood up to reintroduce herself to the Club. After spending her childhood in tropical Queensland and she moved to Sydney at the age of 15. Somehow, she found herself in Wagga where she was employed by Telstra. This was the time of her first stint as a member of our Club. A move to Sydney for work saw Elle become a regular visitor to Wagga. She spoke briefly about her various 'careers'....Telstra, Carnival Cruises (even though she HATES cruising!), and the experience of a 'virtual call centre'. Questions from the floor extracted further information about Elle.....



- ◆ She LOVES renovating and owns just about every power tool known to man (or woman). She has recently purchased a home in Wagga which will test this love!
- ◆ In her younger days she was a bit of a bikie and pursued this interest keenly, until she fell off and injured herself.

Elle was thanked by Bruce Heydon. It is great to have Elle back with us!



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

**8<sup>th</sup> March 2022**      **International Women's' Day Rotary Breakfast in Wagga linking to D9705 Function in Canberra**

**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**

**'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: - (thanks Gerry!!)**



