



**ROTARY CLUB  
OF WAGGA WAGGA**

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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: 29.**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022.**

**FEBRUARY IS PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION 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.:-

	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
<b>PROGRAMME:</b>	Wayne Flood PCYC	Peter Veerhuis Topic TBA	Graham Russell "An Incredible Man"
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Vicky Donoghue Alok Sharma	Karel Bijker Don Pembleton	Karel Bijker Vida Smart
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	Karel Bijker	Brad Bland	MaryAnn Kelly
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>	Gerry Page	Lyndal Seymour	Paul Galloway
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b>	Gordon Sagers	Peter Smart	Bryan Short
<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>	David Payne	Alok Sharma	Lyndal Seymour
<b>BULLETIN REPORTER:</b>	Peter Veerhuis	Vida Smart	Vicky Donoghue
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	'Social Media People'	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 declared the meeting open and welcomed thirty (30) members plus the following guests: -

- Sally Lean (our Club Guest & Key-Note Speaker)
- Cat Daley (guest of Elaine),
- Des & Denise Goonan (guests of Pres Alan),
- plus visiting Rotarians, Dr Abed (RC Mukto Swadesh – Dhaka Bangladesh) and Eilagh Rurenga & Karen McNally (both RC South Wagga).

He invited all to remain seated (due to COVID), and join him in toasting Rotary International, plus the Rotary Clubs of Wagga Wagga, Mukto Swadesh and South Wagga.



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

- Club Secretary Ellen has received a request from RC Wollundry for our members to assist with marshalling at the Beers & Gears Festival over the weekend 26/27<sup>th</sup> March. This is a major fundraiser for Rotary, and in past years our assistance to Wollundry has been welcome and appreciated. Those available should contact Ellen (Mob: 0412 938 716) for further particulars.
- Club Polo Shirts – in the new style and fabric – can now be ordered through Hunter's.
- RC South Wagga are conducting their Annual Charity Golf Day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. All golfers are encouraged to support this event. Details at: - [https://www.mycommunitydiary.com.au/New\\_South\\_Wales/Wagga\\_Wagga/South\\_Wagga\\_Rotary\\_Charity\\_Golf\\_Day/125439](https://www.mycommunitydiary.com.au/New_South_Wales/Wagga_Wagga/South_Wagga_Rotary_Charity_Golf_Day/125439)
- After three postponements due to COVID, Lilier Lodge, in conjunction with Can-Assist, will be hosting a High Tea at Borambola Winery on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March (2:00 PM to 5:00 PM). Sounds like fun. Pres Alan encourages all to support this event.
- Another event for the golfers; on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, the Melanoma Institute will host their charity golf day. Allocated tee-off times commencing at 11:00 AM. Phone Moo on 0423 407 001 to book in.
- Bidgee Theatre Productions invite you to their production "Mamma Mia: The Musical" at the Civic Theatre for two weeks from 11<sup>th</sup> February. Contact the Theatre for information and bookings.



### **World's Newest Rotarian**



As always, it is a great honour to witness the induction of a new Rotarian. On this occasion, President Alan undertook the prodigious duty of inducting Cat Daley. Cat has attended our Club as a guest of Elaine for a number of weeks now and was finally encouraged to take the exalted step and become a Rotarian. Cat has extensive professional experience in nursing and is an active volunteer in erous local organisations. She will make an excellent Rotarian. Welcome Cat!

## Short & Sweet



Bruce Barber served as District Governor (D9700) in 2004/05. During his term of office, he became acutely aware of RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) and the excellent works that they do. Bruce served as chairman of RAWCS for a number of years until it became logistically very difficult for him to continue.

RAWCS was formed to enable Australian Rotarians/Clubs/Districts to assist disadvantaged communities and individuals through humanitarian aid projects. RAWCS has a financial infrastructure system that facilitates fundraising for projects that deliver humanitarian aid and charitable support in Australia and overseas. Projects are registered through Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund (RAOAF), Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS) incorporating Rotary Australia Compassionate Grants (RACG), Rotary Australia Relief Fund (RARF), Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) and Repurposing Medical & Health Equipment.

Bruce encourages us all to become involved with RAWCS. Details (and donations) can be coordinated at:  
- <https://rawcs.org.au/>

## Fines-Master Session.



Fines-master for the evening was David Wynne who firstly complained there was no milk crate for him to stand on so that he could reach the microphone. (Where is Sgt Graeme when you need him most??)

David revelled in a career in the meat & livestock industry. He worked with many colourful Aussie characters who, in the true Australian tradition, allocated their workmates and contacts nick names. David related some of the more interesting ones and invited donations from anyone who could identify similarities in themselves or their contacts.

A leading hand in the boning room was 'Bugs' (he only had his two teeth – in the front), the owner's sons were known as 'The Rusty Gun' (won't work and you can't fire him) and 'Harvey Norman' (who stayed for three years with no interest). There was also 'Sensor Light' (who only worked when someone was walked past).

Closer to home was possibly our tallest member Bryan, known as 'Shortie' and Terry Mecham 'Spookie' (Terry kept that one very close to his chest).

An entertaining and productive session. Thanks David.

## Centurion Club.



Phil Cross continues to coordinate the Centurion Club, which was the brainchild of our late member, Peter Walsh (PDG). Peter saw the need to establish a program similar to "Every Rotarian Every Year" and strongly supported and encouraged this until his untimely death in a light aircraft crash in Chicago USA in 2005. The concept has now spread across many other Rotary Districts.

District 9705 Centurions make a personal contribution to the Rotary Foundation. It is a way for Rotarians and Friends of Rotary to make small regular personal (Tax Deductible) contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

Contact Phil (Mob: 0407 493 120) if you wish to become a Centurion – or renew your membership of this honourable group. He plans to ‘close his books’ for this year at the end of this month, so do it soon!

### **Members' health reports.**

President Alan reported that, earlier in the day, he had had a lengthy telephone conversation with Terry Mecham, who has returned to Wagga and is now an in-patient at Calvary Hospital. His condition, whilst still relatively serious, is much improved but he hasn't lost his sense of humour. He is anxiously looking forward to the day he can return to Rotary and be with us again.

Our Treasurer Nepal is recuperating from a recent surgical procedure to his hand. The Club wishes him a speedy recovery. Nepal continues to keep his eagle eye on the Club finances, being ably assisted by Don Pembleton.

### **Key-Note Speaker**

Once again, we welcomed Sally Lean to our meeting where she related Part Two of her adventures as a language teacher in Asia. Sally was introduced, somewhat irreverently (by in good humour), by Graeme Russell.

Sally has worked with International Schools in mainland China, Hong Kong and more recently in Singapore where she was instrumental in the establishment of ACAMIS (Association of China and Mongolia International Schools) and the extension of the prestigious institution the Singapore American School, a non-profit, independent, co-educational day school located in the Woodlands area of Singapore. It is considered to be one of the leading educational centres in the world and offers an American-based curriculum for students from preschool through high school.



More recently Sally has returned home to Wagga Wagga for a break and is currently developing a language curriculum at the Barellan Central School. Let's hope that the Barellan students (and their parents) appreciate the extent of Sally's knowledge and experience.

Bryan Short thanked Sally for her presentation and reminisced on his visit to Hong Kong with his wife (another Sally) where Sally (Lean) kindly acted as their (very enlightened) tour guide.

### **Greetings from Hany!**

Peter and Joan Veerhuis recently drove to Albury and enjoyed lunch with Past President Hany Hanna and his wife Frances.

Hany asked that Peter pass on greetings from Frances and himself to the members of the Wagga Rotary Club. Consider it done!

**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!!)**



Our  
Guests



**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -**

(6<sup>th</sup> Feb – 12<sup>th</sup> Feb)



**Birthdays:** Rajinder Singh (10/2), Sheila Murray (11/2)

**Rotary Anniversaries:** nil

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Allan & Marnie Duffus (9/2)



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# THE COMBINED ROTARY CLUBS OF WAGGA WAGGA

Invite you to attend the  
**International Women's Day Breakfast**



- **Join us as we celebrate the achievements and strengths of women.**
- **Hear inspirational guest speaker Paralympian Vanessa Low OAM via zoom from the Canberra meeting.**
- **Enjoy the company of like-minded women and the men who support them in their endeavours.**
- **Show acceptance with this year's theme.**

## ***'BREAK THE BIAS'***

**When: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7am-8.30am**

**Where: The Gardens Function Centre, Botanic Gardens Wagga**

**Cost: \$25 pp**

**To Book: <https://events.humanitix.com/combined-rotary-cubs-of-wagga-international-women-s-day-breakfast>**

## ≈ KOOKABURRA ≈



A lawyer and a blonde woman are sitting next to each other on the plane from Cairns to Perth. That's a very long flight so in the end the lawyer decides to make some conversation and asks the blonde if she would like to play a fun game. The blonde is tired and just wants to take a nap, so she politely declines and tries to catch a few winks.

The lawyer persists, that the game is a lot of fun. "I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me only \$5; you ask me one, and if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$500."

This catches the blonde's attention, and- to keep him quiet- she agrees to play the game. The lawyer asks the first question. "What's the distance from the Earth to the Moon?" The blonde doesn't say a word, reaches into her purse, pulls out a five-dollar bill, and hands it to the lawyer.

Now, it's the blonde's turn. She asks the lawyer, "What goes up a hill with three legs, and comes down with four?" The lawyer uses his laptop, searches all references. He uses the Airphone; he searches the Net and even the Library of Congress. He sends e-mails to all the smart friends he knows, all to no avail.

After one hour of searching, he finally gives up. He wakes up the blonde and hands her \$500. The blonde takes the \$500 and goes back to sleep.

The lawyer is going nuts not knowing the answer. He wakes her up and asks, "Well, so what goes up a hill with three legs and comes down with four?"

The blonde reaches into her purse, hands the lawyer \$5 and goes back to sleep.

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A gentleman entered a busy florist shop displaying a large sign that read:

*"Say It With Flowers."*

"Wrap up one rose," he told the florist.

"Only one?" the florist asked.

"Just one," the customer replied. "I'm a man of few words."

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