



**ROTARY CLUB
OF WAGGA WAGGA**

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BULLETIN NO: 30.

Thursday 10th 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 17th Feb. AT THE BOOK SHED	Thursday 24th Feb.	Thursday 3rd Mar.
PROGRAMME:	Peter Veerhuis "Thank you Mr Fokker"	Graham Russell "An Incredible Man"	Wayne Flood PCYC
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker Don Pembleton	Karel Bijker Vida Smart	Vicky Donoghue Graham Russell
SHORT & SWEET:	Brad Bland	MaryAnn Kelly	Ellen Brasier
FINES-MASTER:	Lyndal Seymour	Paul Galloway	David Wynne
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Peter Smart	Bryan Short	David Cannon
VOTE OF THANKS:	Alok Sharma	Lyndal Seymour	Don Pembleton
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Vida Smart	Vicky Donoghue	Bryan Short
MEETINGS:	'Social Media People'		

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.

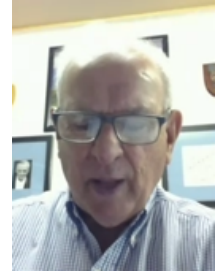
MEETING REPORT: -

Attendance.

Due to a case of Covid being identified within the kitchen staff on Thursday morning, our venue suddenly became unavailable for our evening meeting. At extremely short notice, members were notified and invited to participate via Zoom instead. Twenty-five members were able to participate. Special thanks go to Sally Lean for facilitating the meeting. Dr Abed (RC Mukto Swadesh – Dhaka Bangladesh) was also able to join us.

President's Report.

- President Alan invited Secretary Ellen Brasier to report on items discussed at last week's Board meeting:
 - The Board again supports the Australian Rotary Health Scholarship - \$2,500.00
 - The annual Peace Ceremony: No date has been announced for 2022.
 - District Board 2022-2023 wishes to add a Rotaract rep and a District Risk Officer to the Board. President Alan will be attending.
 - A Club visit to Batlow – There is a possibility of a visit to Batlow Rotary Club. Suggestions (a) to hold a joint meeting or (b) to meet in an Orchard. Batlow Club leans to meeting in an orchard.
- President Alan also suggested these matters for consideration in future:
 - * Support a Miss Wagga Nominee.
 - * An Australia Day Function, and how we can contribute to the success of the City's celebration.



Events we can support:-

- **Gears & Beers** – Saturday 26 March (9.30 am to 1.00 pm) & Sunday 27 March (7.30 am to 2.30 pm). Traditionally, our club has strongly supported this event with “People Power”. Our ‘bikies’ have already been drafted into service, but Wollundry require our assistance with at checkpoints around the various courses. It is not onerous.... but they need a LOT of people. If you can assist, **please let Ellen know your mobile number and your day/time of availability – and she will advise Wollundry.** She will be taking names at the next club meeting.
- RC South Wagga are conducting their Annual Charity Golf Day on Friday 18th 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
- After three postponements due to COVID, Lilier Lodge, in conjunction with Can-Assist, will be hosting a High Tea at Borambola Winery on Sunday 20th March (2:00 PM to 5:00 PM). Sounds like fun. Pres Alan encourages all to support this event. Phone 0269255240 for bookings.
- Another event for the golfers: on Friday the 4th March, the Melanoma Institute will host their charity golf day. It is a 2-person Ambrose event. Allocated tee-off times commencing at 11:00 AM. Phone Moo on 0423 407 001 to book in.
- **District 9705 Conference** March 18th-20th 2022 at Temora. Go to rotary9705.org.au for details and registration.

Short & Sweet



Karel Bijker presented an overview of the Sturt Highway corridor through Wagga, outlining projects, planning and developments. Karel reviewed a number of key intersections, taking from east to west: -

- Forest Hill, improvements to the layout of Newton and Fife Street;
 - Intersection with Elizabeth/Braehour Road (with options of channelised turn lanes, staggered intersection and roundabout);
 - Gumly Gumly area – possible roundabout at Bakers Lane (Developer driven);
 - Tasman Roundabout to Stuart Street, extension of median turn lane concept with channelised right turn lanes – Lawson’s and Blaxland Road;
- Marshalls Creek Bridge;
 - Lake Albert Road/Edward Street intersection, increasing capacity of Right turn lanes from Edward Street into Lake Albert Road;
 - Extension of work from Bolton Park to Lake Albert Road;
 - Traffic lights at AMart access and closing of the Mill slip lane;
 - Fox Street, inclusion of Right Hand turn lane;
 - Murray Street intersection traffic lights;
 - Inclusion of RH turn lanes in Docker Street;
 - Dobney Avenue intersection; various options;
 - Moorong Street/Edward roundabout; upgrades from minor tweaks, larger roundabout, high capacity roundabout to offset roundabout.

Also, a number of works planned in the next Financial Year – Blaxland Road, Lake Albert/Edward Street intersection resurfacing; Murray Street intersection and traffic lights, Docker Street right hand turn lanes. Also planned Marshalls Creek bridge.

Bubbling under, Inland Rail Edmondson Street Bridge.

Centurion Club.

Philip Cross reminded members that contributions are still possible. Any member wishing to contribute should do so in the next week, as Philip wishes to finalise ‘the books’. It is possible to contribute using EFTPOS at our regular meetings.



Key-Note Speaker



David Friedlieb put his hand up to present to our Zoom audience at very short notice this week. His talk was entitled ‘**Famous People I have known**’. To protect reputations etc, David prefaced his presentation with the following:

- * These recollections stem from his time in Darwin from 1983 to 1989;
- * The famous were sometimes infamous;
- * Those being discussed were all “Characters”.

Case 1

Charles English Henderson III and Sara Henderson (writer of “From Strength to Strength) lived at Bullo River, in the far Northwest corner of NT, which was as big as Sydney. Her husband Charlie was a WWII US Navy pilot.

Charlie settled in the Northern Territory, was a wild adventurer who had dealings with his cousin Gus Trippe. He was a philanderer as regards the Station staff and his sailing crew. Sara, on the other hand, was inspirational; long-suffering; became the face of Breast Screen Australia and Businesswoman of the Year. They had 3 daughters She inherited massive debt after Charlie died.

David recalled that he received a bounced cheque of \$50,000 in favour of an estranged daughter after Charlie died. A massive legal dispute ensued. David delivered it to the family solicitor within minutes!

Case 2

Another memorable personality was **Noel Buntine**, who was a pioneer of road trains in Australia. He would travel from Alice Springs to Brisbane and back to Katherine. He had sold Buntine Roadways but he'd left his money in. The new owners failed! Undaunted he formed Road Trains of Australia; he negotiated for a fleet of trucks – and kicked off again! That business was sold to a Frank Packer off-shoot. Noel was a consummate negotiator.

He was also involved in horseracing and became the President of the Darwin Turf Club.

Noel and David bought two horses in Canberra and floated up north. One of those horses was no good at all; the other horse "Swift Commission", won the Adelaide River Cup and the Darwin Invitation Stakes in 1988. The next week it bled! But Noel was on the spot and wiped the blood off.

Case 3

Memorable character **John Grice**, of **Barge Express**, was virtually illiterate – but knew the numbers! David related that he had an ethical dilemma to recruit John as a client. Gricey's ute and his hat gave the impression of simplicity but, in fact, he was busy reclaiming land from Darwin Harbour. The scale of Gricey's business could be measured from East Timor to Papua New Guinea; all around the Northern Territory Coast delivering all sorts of supplies. He operated in uncharted waters and in wild weather!

Gricey built 4 barges at Ballina NSW and operated a farm at Millmeran in Queensland.

There were ongoing tax issues, of course, and the writing of cheques.

Gricey was very trusting and very generous and a good friend!

Members' health reports.

Terry is back in Wagga!! He is being well looked after at Calvary, and his recovery is progressing.

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

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| 8th March 2022 | International Women's' Day Rotary Breakfast in Wagga linking to D9705 Function in Canberra |
| 18 March 2022 | RC South Wagga Charity Golf Day |
| 18/20 March 2022 | D9705 Conference (Temora NSW) |
| 26/27 March 2022 | RC Wollundry Gears & Beers – volunteers needed |
| 21/22 May 2022 | Wagga Rotary BOOK FAIR |



PLEASE NOTE: OUR NEXT MEETING (17 FEBRUARY) WILL BE HELD AT OUR COPLAND STREET HEADQUARTERS. PLEASE REGISTER APOLOGIES/GUESTS IN THE USUAL WAY BY CONTACTING THE COUNTRY CLUB. THIS IS ESSENTIAL FOR CATERING PURPOSES.

'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(13th Feb – 19th Feb)



Birthdays: Sally Short (19/2), Joan Veerhuis (19/2)
Rotary Anniversaries: Peter Chenoweth 15/2/18
Wedding Anniversaries: Nil



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"If you step on a purple mushroom, you'll be forced to marry the ugliest person in the world," warned the old gnome, so the man continued carefully through the woods. He didn't step on any purple mushrooms. Suddenly a beautiful woman walked up and said: "We have to marry."
"Why?" asked the man, smiling.
"I just stepped on one of those pesky purple mushrooms!" she replied.

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love, and got married. Their wedding ceremony wasn't fancy. The reception, however, was excellent.



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 8th 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>