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BULLETIN NO: 31.

Thursday 17th 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 24 th Feb.	Thursday 3 rd Mar.	Thursday 10 th March
PROGRAMME:	Graham Russell "An Incredible Man"	Wayne Flood PCYC	Peter Olson Topic TBA
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker Vida Smart	Vicky Donoghue Graham Russell	Karel Bijker Bryan Short
SHORT & SWEET:	MaryAnn Kelly	Ellen Brasier	Gerry Page
FINES-MASTER:	Bill Prest	David Wynne	Gordon Saggars
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Bryan Short	David Cannon	David Payne
VOTE OF THANKS:	Lyndal Seymour	Don Pembleton	Graham Russell
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Vicky Donoghue	Bryan Short	Gerry Page
MEETINGS:	'Social media' people		Rotary Info Session

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.

This week's meeting was held in the relaxed atmosphere of the club's Sorting/Storage shed. In the absence of both Terry and Tony, Graham Russell and John Heazelwood did a grand job of supplying the catering.

There were 27 members in attendance, with Honorary member Bill Prest also joining us this evening plus the following guests:

- Geoff Treloar (Prospective member and guest of Vida)
- Tim Cross and son Ollie Cross (Son and Grandson of Phil, visiting from Finland)
- Renas Khalef – Rotoract member (guest of David Wynne)
- Midya Bari (guest of David Wynne)

Club Business:-.

- President Alan welcomed back the two Margarets (Everett and Keys) who have been absent for a few meetings. Also, Graham Callander and David Kennedy.
- Ellen Brasier then reminded members that the 'Gears and Beers' event run by the Rotary Club of Wollundry will be held on the weekend of 26th & 27th March. All Wagga Rotary Clubs are asked to volunteer any assistance they can for this event. Given the expected 10,000 visitors to the region, and approx. 3,000 cyclists it is a massive undertaking and requires as much involvement as possible from all Wagga Rotary clubs. They are particularly in need of ride monitors (checkpoint marshalls). Anyone who is free to be of assistance, was asked to let Ellen know at the end of the meeting, or ASAP.
Peter Smart mentioned that he is entering one of the shorter rides (30 kms) if any club members would like to join him.
- Elaine informed members that anyone who wishes to order one of the new club shirts, they can now go to Hunters. (Advise to go up a size as the shirts are not generous). She recommended this be done ASAP, so the shirts can be done in batches. New members will be getting shirts as part of their new membership, so when ordering their shirts, please ask Hunters to invoice the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga directly, via Ellen Brasier.
- President Alan told members that on 10 and 17th March, after each meeting, there will be a short 'Rotary Information' meeting. This is for the newer members, so they can learn what Rotary does in the community etc. Any member who would like to 'update their knowledge' of Rotary is welcome to attend.
- During Directors' reports, Ellen advised members that RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) will be going ahead the week of 9th May 2022 at the Showgrounds. Our club will be monitors on Thursday 12th May, and volunteers will be needed.
- President Alan will be attending the D9705 District Conference in Temora for only the Saturday and is happy to take along any member who wishes to attend for the day.
- The District AGM is on this coming Sunday 20th Feb. Alan asked if anyone was free to attend in his stead to let him know.
- President Alan updated members on the 'Burnout Bash for Brad'. The joint fundraiser with Pro Patria to raise money for a Hyperbaric Chamber for Brad Fewson, (a local veteran) was a great success raising \$16,000.00

- Graham Russell requested (and received) volunteers for Monday morning at 9.30am to collect books from the Library. They are having their annual clean out and donation to our Book Fair.

Events we can support:-

- **The Melanoma Institute** will host their charity golf day on Friday the 4th March, 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.
- **Combined Rotary Clubs of Wagga Wagga** invite you to the International Women's Day breakfast at The Gardens Function Centre, Wagga Wagga at 7am Tuesday 8th March. See information at the end of this bulletin.
- **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
- **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 ASAP – and she will advise Wollundry.**
- **District 9705 Conference** March 18th-20th 2022 at Temora. Go to rotary9705.org.au for details and registration.
- **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. President Alan encourages all to support this event. Phone 0269255240 for bookings. (See info at end of this bulletin).

Fines-Master:-

Lyndal Seymour extracted funds from everyone for the privilege of participating in a quick session of 'Heads and Tails'. The last person standing was Margaret Keys. Lyndal generously offered a prize of a package of free gymnastics for one child.

Key-Note Speaker

Peter Smart introduced fellow Rotarian Peter Veerhuis with a brief synopsis. Peter arrived in Australia from Holland with his family in 1951. He left school at 15yrs, and eventually became an Accountant and retired in 2010. He joined Rotary in 1970 and has served as President twice.

Peter V then opened his talk by saying that he would like to tell members about his family, and their life BEFORE they came to Australia.



He was born in 1941 in Holland. His ancestors all were involved in activities on the water, and worked with turf. Peter showed us a photograph taken in 1924 which showed a Veerhuis Family photo including his Grandfather and Great Grandfather. An interesting point was that everyone in the photo wore clogs, which Peter stated was due to the incessant wet ground.

Peter's Grandfather died young of blood poisoning at Christmas time, which Peter said affected his Father throughout his life. If Peter or any of his siblings were ever injured, Peter's Father always cleaned the wounds immediately and thoroughly saying 'Poor Doctors make Stupid Wounds'.

Peter was the oldest of 8 siblings, the last 3 of whom were born in Australia.



His parents ran a café in Holland, though during the second world war, his Father was a member of the Horse Cavalry, later becoming a POW for 2 years.

It was his mother who was keen to move overseas. When his parents told Peter, he was not too enthused by the idea of moving to a new country and learning a new language called 'English'. He



was doubtful he could learn this new language. Also, being slightly concerned about the new currency, he decided to give away his savings at school much to his fellow students' glee. (Dutch currency not being much good Down Under). Thankfully a teacher stepped in and retrieved all his precious savings for him.

In 1951, with a pregnant Mrs Veerhuis, the family (in their Sunday Best) left Amsterdam and began their 6-day plane trip, via Damascus, Karachi, Bangkok, Singapore, Darwin and finally arriving in Sydney. (They visited Karachi twice having to return shortly after take-off due to smoke/engine problems).

The plane they flew in was a Lockheed Super Constellation, and in 1958 it was retired to Manchester Airport where it still resides.

The Veerhuis family spent several unhappy months in the Uranquinty Migrant Camp. Peter himself had a particularly unhappy time after an incident where he was being the protective elder brother, which led to him being expelled from the school he attended. (He took great exception to a dart being thrown at him and his siblings, especially when his sister was hit in the head!)

After this inauspicious start to his life in Australia, Peter was not hopeful when the family eventually moved to North Wagga, however he was pleasantly surprised that the family were welcomed by the community. Peter did particularly well in school (First in his class his first year at school in Wagga) and his concerns about settling into life in Australia were put to rest as he learnt the language (and the currency) easily.

The Veerhuis Family is now spread all over Australia and they have a family reunion every 10 years.

Peter and Joan have been back to Holland many times and have visited the café owned by his parents.



Members' health reports.

- President Alan updated members on Terry's ongoing recovery at Calvary Hospital. Apparently, Terry has stated that all he requires is a new leg, a higher blood pressure, and more energy. His goal is to walk into the Country Club and join us at a meeting.
- Marion Moran is in hospital having had a knee replacement earlier in the week. She is recovering well, and we all send our best wishes for a speedy recovery to her.

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



- 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**
- **9-12 May 2022** **RYDA (Youth Driver Awareness) at Wagga Showground**
- 21/22 May 2022** **Wagga Rotary Club BOOK FAIR**

NEXT MEETING WILL SEE US RETURN TO THE COUNTRY CLUB WITH UPDATED/RELAXED COVID RESTRICTIONS.

Please remember to register your apology or guest by contacting the Club before noon on Tuesday.

'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -





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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 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>



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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(20th Feb –26th Feb)



Birthdays: Dipa Ghosh (20/2), Mike Murray (26/2),

Rotary Anniversaries: David Cannon (21/02/1991)
Peter Murray (21/2/2019) + Gundagai 1972-1993

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

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Several men are in the locker room of a golf club.

A mobile phone on a bench rings, and a man engages the speaker function and begins to talk. Everyone else in the room stops to listen.

MAN: 'Hello'

WOMAN: 'Honey? it's me... Are you at the club?'

MAN: 'Yes'????

WOMAN: 'I'm at the City Centre mall now and found this beautiful leather coat. It's only \$1,000 Is it OK if I buy it?'

MAN: 'Sure, go ahead if you really like it.'

WOMAN: 'I also stopped by the Mercedes dealership and saw the new models. I saw one I really liked.'

MAN: 'How much?'

WOMAN: '\$98,000'

MAN: 'OK, but for that price make sure it comes with all the options.'

WOMAN: 'Great! Oh, and one more thing, the house I wanted last year is back on the market. They're asking for \$980,000.'

MAN: 'Well, then go ahead and make an offer of \$900,000. They will probably take it. If not, go the extra 50 thousand if you think it's really a pretty good price.'

WOMAN: 'OK. I'll see you later! I love you so much! You're so generous!'

MAN: 'You're worth it. 'Bye!'

The man hangs up.

The other men in the locker room are staring at him in astonishment, with mouths wide open.

The man turns and asks "Anybody knows whose phone this is?"

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