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OF WAGGA WAGGA**

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BULLETIN NO: 44.

Thursday 19th May 2022.

MAY IS YOUTH 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. :-

	Thursday 26 th May	Thursday 2 nd June	Thursday 9 th June
PROGRAMME:	Student Public Speaking	Wayne Flood (Wagga PCYC)	Tobias Krebs
ATTENDANCE:	Vicky Donoghue Cat Daly	Philip Cross Vicky Donoghue	David Ken Vicky Donoghue
SHORT & SWEET:	John Heazlewood	Bruce Heydon	Neil Hilpern
FINES-MASTER:	Peter Olson	Bryan Short	Gordon Saggars
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Ellen Brasier	Graeme Callander	David Cannon
VOTE OF THANKS:	David Wynne	Elaine Almond	Bruce Barber
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Gerry Page	Vicky Donoghue	Ellen Brasier
MEETINGS:			

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.

COMING MEETINGS

Thursday 26th May: we will welcome students from Sturt Public School and their families for our annual Public Speaking evening. This is an event not to be missed!

Thursday 2nd June: we look forward to a long-anticipated update about PCYC in Wagga from Wayne Flood.

MEETING REPORT FOR 19th MAY

After a short delay due to technical difficulties with the IT on the Attendance Table, President Alan declared the meeting open and invited all to join in the usual invocation – plus, in view of this being National Volunteers Week, a toast to all volunteers. He specifically toasted those who assisted us with the Annual Book Fair, both over the recent weekend as well as during the months leading up to the event.

Attendance

Thirty-three members were welcomed to our meeting, along with Richard Meyer (guest of Peter Olson) and Peter North-Ash (guest of Elle Palmer).

President Alan congratulated those whose names appeared in the Bulletin with birthdays and/or anniversaries occurring around this time.

Club Business:-.

The following announcements were made: -

- The District Learning & Development Day (previously known as District Assembly) is scheduled for this Saturday (21st May) in Parkes. Further details available from Pres Alan.
- Attendance at the Wagga Rotaract Club Change-Over (ten-pin bowling) night on Saturday 18th June is encouraged. Details appear later in the bulletin.
- A letter has been received from Rotarian Alf Barzen, apologising for his inability to participate in recent Club activities. A donation of \$92-00 was enclosed in recognition of Alf's—and the Club's—age (92 years). The Wagga Rotary Club was actually chartered two months prior to Alf's date of birth. It was pleasing to note that Alf retains his offbeat sense of humour and keen wit – both evidenced in his letter.
- Secretary Ellen provided a report on the recent 'RYDA' event – and was quickly reminded of Pres Alan's disapproval of acronyms! The event is more correctly described as Rotary Youth Driver Awareness. Unfortunately, due to COVID and other matters, only around 600 of the 800 students who registered, were available to participate in this excellent program.
- Cat Daly was presented with her Rotary badge.
- Mike Murray reported on our representation at the Wagga Wagga Multicultural Council Men's Health Expo last Wednesday. He especially acknowledged the assistance received from Renas Khalef, who acted as an interpreter for many of



those who attended the expo, ensuring that important information was understood by many. It was noted that Renas also provided this service at the RYDA event!

- Ellen invited support for a 'Movie Night' on Thursday 26th May....(but most of us will be at Rotary!) This is a fund-raiser for the Bidgee Dragon Boat Club who propose to purchase equipment that will allow paddlers with disabilities to participate. Tickets are available from Deidre Tome – RC Wagga Sunrise (Mob: 0416 263 570).
- Roraract Club of Wagga Wagga and Rotary Club of Junee have invited members to their Changeover functions. See invitations at the end of this bulletin.
- Roster for Clontarf breakfast visits appears below:

Date	Name 1	Name 2
Fri 27 May @ 0800	Brad Bland	David Wynne
Fri 3 June @ 0800	David Kennedy	David Friedlieb
Fri 10 June @ 0800	David Cannon	Peter Olson
Fri 17 June @ 0800	David Payne	John Heazlewood
Fri 24 June @ 0800		
Fri 1 July.....Last day of Term 2. No Rotary Visit		

Short & Sweet:

David Friedlieb continued his series of word pictures, describing notable characters that he had encountered in his career as a CPA in Wagga Wagga. Obviously, the names have been omitted (to protect the innocent??).

This chapter described an older widow, with no dependents, who had very set ideas on how her estate should be distributed. Despite the financial and legal advice received she seemed reluctant to disclose her complete financial situation and to execute an up-dated will – which had been drafted, but never signed. Several appointments were made with her (Sydney based) solicitor but she never kept them. Unfortunately, she passed away before she signed the new will.

David was aware of her intention as stated in the unsigned will, as was her solicitor and executor (a cousin), but without a legally binding will there was considerable difficulty in obtaining probate and processing her intentions. There were similarities between the two documents in that they nominated the same beneficiaries – but the amounts and proportions differed. Eventually through extensive negotiation, agreement was reached between the beneficiaries and the matter settled. Her estate was valued at close to ten million dollars, a sizable donation even by today's values.

Possibly there is a message for all of us in this story – be prepared 'for you know not the hour....'

Another notable character encountered as a result of this particular exercise was Rev Bill Crews who has a high public profile, working with under-privileged persons in the inner western suburbs of Sydney – but that story might be for another session.

Fines-Master Session.

As the evening progressed, we were again entertained by the amusing Gerry Page who centred his fines-session on occurrences at the recent Book Fair. The session was accompanied by the regular tinkle of coins dropping into the fine boxes.

The usual suspects (raffle winner Terry Mecham, and those with birthdays and anniversaries) also 'contributed to the cause'.

Neil Hilpern issued a cross-fine against David Kennedy who apparently was enjoying his BBQ meal so much that he started eating the paper plate (umm! hopefully due to poor lighting??).

Book Fair Report:

President Alan invited Book Fair Guru Graham Russell to review the weekend event – which Alan described as 'The most successful Book Fair ever'.



Graham began by acknowledging the efforts of the dedicated group of individuals who collected, sorted and packed books for at least 45 Tuesday afternoons of the year since the

last Fair. Some of these people are Rotarians, and others are special friends of the Club who generously give of their time each week. Book sorts for next year's event will commence in early July. He also paid tribute to those (both Rotarians and volunteers) who contributed in a great variety of ways to make the weekend a massive success. The list was extensive, but of particular note were the boys from the Clontarf Academy and the Koorringal High School students. In addition, friends of our Club, Rotarians from other Wagga-based clubs, members of Inner Wheel and Apexians assisted. Members of the Club were also generous with their time. Particularly impressive was the 'pack-up' on Sunday afternoon, which was completed in record time!! A true illustration of many hands making light work.

Our Club Treasurer, Nepal presented a detailed report of the gross takings – and fully endorsed the sentiment that this one was 'the best yet'.

Graham announced that the event will run again in 2023 – in fact, the dates have been 'locked-in' for the weekend 20/21 May next year. Please note your diaries.

Graham is keen to develop a succession plan so that he can 'step back from the fire'. All members keen to become further involved in planning and execution of future Book Fairs should request that Graham add their names to his list.

President Alan, on behalf of all the members, thanked Graham and the army of volunteers who assisted in this, our major fund-raising event for the year.





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

- **Sun 5th June** **Casual Lunch 1pm Riverina Hotel - RSVP to Lyndal**
- **Sat 18th June** **Wagga Rotaract Club – Changeover**
- **Sun 26th June** **Rotary Club of Junee – Changeover (Lunchtime event)**
- **Thu 30th June** **Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga – Changeover**
- **Thu 1st December** **Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga SHINE AWARDS**
- **20/21 May '23** **Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga BOOK FAIR**



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(23rd May to 29th May)

Birthdays: Nil

Rotary Anniversaries: Nil

Wedding Anniversaries: Peter & Lee Chenoweth

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1. What kind of exercise do lazy people do? Diddly-squats.
2. Why did the M&M go to school? He wanted to be a Smartie.
3. What did one traffic light say to the other? Stop looking at me, I'm changing!
4. What do you call bears with no ears? B.
5. Why do French people eat snails? They don't like fast food!

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT:

The Country Club on Thursday 26th May

Please register apologies and guests by NOON on Tuesday 24th May.

Rotaract Club of Wagga Wagga Changeover.

When? Saturday 18 June 2022

What? Bowling from 5pm at
Wagga Bowl and
Entertainment Centre
(\$30 for games)



Dinner from 7.30pm at
Riverina Hotel (buy your own dinner from the bar)

RSVP: IMPORTANT: use the Eventbrite link below to register and pay for your bowling. Ticket sales for bowling will close on Friday 10 June so the correct number of lanes can be booked at the venue. It is possible to RSVP for dinner after this date, but WHY WAIT??

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wagga-rotaract-bowling-changeover-tickets-326639626917>

Details? Dress code is casual, but don't forget to bring some socks to wear for bowling.

Any questions? Contact Matthew Crouch, Club President.

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Rotary Club of Junee Inc.

District 9705

The Rotary Club of Junee
cordially invites

The President and other members of your club

To our annual changeover dinner
and the induction of Chris Paton as President.

Venue

Aurora Room

Ex-Services Memorial Club, Junee

Sunday 26th June 2022 12.00 for 12.30pm

Cost \$30.00 per head

RSVP: 20th June 2022

To: SECRETARY John Higginson **mob 0437 279 509** jandahigginson@gmail.com

EFT payments can be made to

Account Name: Junee Rotary Club

BSB: 062557

Account Number: 10134577

Please use your surname as reference.