



**ROTARY CLUB  
OF WAGGA WAGGA**

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

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

### THE FOUR WAY TEST:

Of the things we think, say or do: -

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill & better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

**BULLETIN NO: 49.**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2022.**

### JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP 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 30 <sup>th</sup> Jun.	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Jul.	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Jul.
<b>PROGRAMME:</b>	Annual Change-Over Dinner	Club Social - Our New President	Rhonda Sharkie 0408 317 091
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	TBA	David Kennedy Geoff Treloar	Elle Palmer David Kennedy
<b>GREETER:</b>	Not Required	Margaret Keys	Renas Khalaf
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	TBA	Mike Murray	Peter Olson
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>	TBA	Graham Russell	Gordon Saggars
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b>	TBA	Not Required	David Cannon
<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>	TBA	Not Required	Geoff Treloar
<b>BULLETIN REPORTER:</b>	Vida Smart	Ellen Brasier	Don Pembleton
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	Nil	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.**

Our meeting for this week was held at the Wagga Wagga Country Club.

In the absence of our President, Alan Lean – who was resting after his hospital escapade, the meeting was opened by Immediate Past President David Payne who led the Invocation, followed by toasts to Rotary International and to our Club. He then proceeded to welcomed welcome all, including thirty-one members and our Key-Note Speaker for the evening, Past District Governor John Glassford.

### **Administration Matters.**

Terry Mecham brought members up to date regarding arrangements for upcoming Barbecues, including: -

- the Multi-Cultural BBQ at Henschke Primary School (this coming Saturday - 25<sup>th</sup> June).
- **The big BBQ is on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July.** Terry will provide more information about arrangements at our meeting on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July.**



### **Short & Sweet.**



Karel Bijker used this opportunity to announce that he and Wendy will be leaving Wagga in the near future to relocate to Northern NSW.

According to records kept by Philip Cross, Karel joined our Club on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2008. Philip would know – because he himself sponsored Karel to become a Rotarian! Thank you very much Karel for all the work done by you for over 14 years!

### **Fines-Master Session.**

President-Elect David Wynne, took to the microphone – insisting that all male members, on their retirement, prefer to **avoid** going shopping “because going shopping is boring”. In his 4 month scenario, David does his level-best to cause deliberate mayhem in the local K-Mart. Included were examples of strange behaviour caught on video surveillance cameras, which resulted in expulsion from K-Mart:-



- on 19<sup>th</sup> June he set most alarm clocks to go off at 5 minute intervals;
- on 3<sup>rd</sup> August he tried to put a bag of peanuts on lay-by;
- on 10<sup>th</sup> September, while handling guns in the Hunting Department, he asked the sales assistant where they kept the anti-depressants;
- on 17<sup>th</sup> September he darted around the store suspiciously while loudly humming the “Mission Impossible” theme;
- on 29<sup>th</sup> September, the Mental Health Ambulance was called when he called out “Oh no, it’s those voices again”.
- on 1<sup>st</sup> October, he went to a fitting room, waited a while – then yelled very loudly. “Hey, there’s no toilet paper in here!”

On 2<sup>nd</sup> October both David and Debbie Wynne were banned from all branches of K-Mart, for ever!

This was an amusing and successful Fines Session. Everyone paid - (or should have!).

## Key-Note Speaker.

Key-Note Speaker was John Glassford who took the opportunity to detail his program “**Sunflower Seeds - Show Love & Support for Ukraine.**” Whilst John requires no introduction to Wagga Rotary Club, Allan Duffus said a few kind words and made John feel welcome.

John’s presentation was centred on the sorry plight in which the people of the Ukraine find themselves due to the 2022 invasion by ‘The Russian Bear’ There are now an estimated 13 million displaced persons in Ukraine.

He informed us that there are (or at least once were – the current situation is uncertain) sixty Rotary Clubs in the Ukraine.

John made available a certified copy of a Hansard Report that was presented to him by the Hon. Steph Cooke MP, member for Cootamundra. A copy is reproduced here – but possibly the small print makes it difficult to read, so the text is reproduced below:-



*‘Ms Steph Cooke (Cootamundra – Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience). Mr Speaker, I wish to commend the incredible efforts of the Coolamon Rotary Club on their fantastic initiative, Sunflowers for Ukraine. The Coolamon Club launched their initiative as a result of the devastating events occurring within Ukraine and the Sunflower being their National flower. Collingullie farmer Mr. Doug Bruckner, owner of Gnadbro Pastoral Company, heard of the fantastic initiative and at the time currently having a field of sunflowers growing in his front paddock, Doug donated 500 kilograms of sunflower seeds to the initiative which is currently being distributed to Rotary Clubs right across Australia for them to further distribute to local residents. The Rotary Clubs are only asking for a donation for the sunflower seeds with all proceeds raised going to the Rotary Australia World Community Service Project. The Coolamon Rotary Club is working closely with the Australian Federation of Ukrainian organisations whom are extremely supportive of the project and would like to take it worldwide. Congratulations once again to the Coolamon Rotary Club and I will definitely be “sowing a seed for the people of Ukraine”’.*

Brad Bland moved a Vote of Thanks on behalf of us all.

## JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH: -

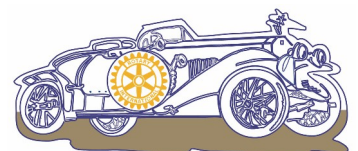
As explained here last week, Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common interest. There are Fellowships in existence for wide-ranging interests including Book Collectors, Caravanning, Classic Cars, Motorcyclists, Cricket, Fishing, Stamp Collectors, Music, Yoga & Educators (just to mention a few). Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience.

Membership of a Fellowship is open to all interested Rotarians, Rotarian spouses and Rotaractors.

A comprehensive list of available Fellowships and the respective contact details is included in the following link – click onto: -

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships>

Did you know that the Australian chapter of The Antique, Classic and Historic Automobile world Fellowship of Rotarians (ACHAFR) was initiated by members of this Club – the Wagga Wagga Rotary Club.



## **NEXT MEETING: -**

The next weekly meeting is our Changeover Meeting. Acceptances and payments have been previously processed.

This is a semi-formal event and members are requested to dress appropriate for the occasion. Medals and decorations (Civil/Military/Rotary) should be worn.

## **WAGGA'S BEST KEPT SECRET (by Don Pembleton): -**

Recently I was invited to join a group of nature-loving individuals on a 'bush walk' around Rocky Hill.

Many of us pass Rocky Hill every day without giving it a second glance. We have no knowledge of its wonders; yet it exist right 'in our own backyard'. It is that 'rough' scrubby looking hill that runs parallel to, and to the west of, Kooringal Road – up behind the Monumental Cemetery.

The tour was conducted by South Wagga Rotarians, who with sponsorship from Wagga Wagga City Council, CSU, Transgrid, Riverina Water and Murrumbidgee Landcare, have ben coordinating a small but very energetic team of volunteers, putting in many hours weeding, planting, mulching and the like – attempting to restore the landscape to its native format. And what a wonderful job they are doing!

Many weeds have been removed and replaced by natives – this, in turn, has encouraged the native fauna to reappear in the area, and many creatures, including kangaroos and a wide assortment of birds wander through the area freely, and now call it home.

Enclosed with this edition is the South Wagga Rotary brochure providing information of this, Wagga's secret garden. It shows the six recommended entry points. Next time you are looking for some exercise why not have a walk around this feature and admire the effort of these volunteers. Better still – if you have a few hours to spare why not join the team of volunteers – you would have to look hard to find a more deserving project.



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

- ◆ **Tue 28<sup>th</sup> June**      **Rotary Clubs of Wollundry & Sunrise – Changeover**
- ◆ **Wed 29<sup>th</sup> June**      **Rotary Club of Kooringal – Changeover**
- ◆ **Thu 30<sup>th</sup> June**      **Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga – Changeover**
- ◆ **Sat 2 July**            **District 9705 Changeover (at Mittagong)**
- ◆ **Mon 4<sup>th</sup> July**        **Rotary Club of Coolamon – Changeover**
- ◆ **Wed 6<sup>th</sup> July**        **Casseroles for Lilier Lodge**
- ◆ **Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Sept**      **BBQ for Lilier Lodge**
- ◆ **Thu 1<sup>st</sup> December**   **Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga SHINE AWARDS**
- ◆ **20/21 May '23**        **Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga BOOK FAIR**



**THE 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -**



**Old friends – catching-up prior to the meeting.**



**Thanks Karel – good luck with your relocation.**



**Gordon – secures the Lucky Door Prize – again.**



**Brad's Vote of Thanks.**



**Alan welcome PDG John Glassford.**



**The BBQ Team at the Multi-Cultural event – with a bit of encouragement from our Federal Member.**

**Birthdays:** Nil.  
**Rotary Anniversaries:** David Wynne (28/06/18).  
**Wedding Anniversaries:** Tony & Lyn Hutchinson (03/07).

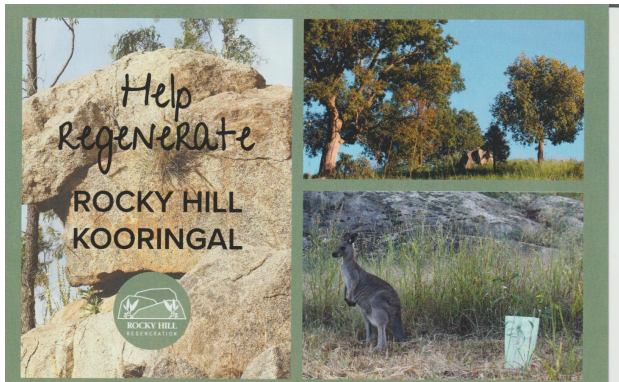
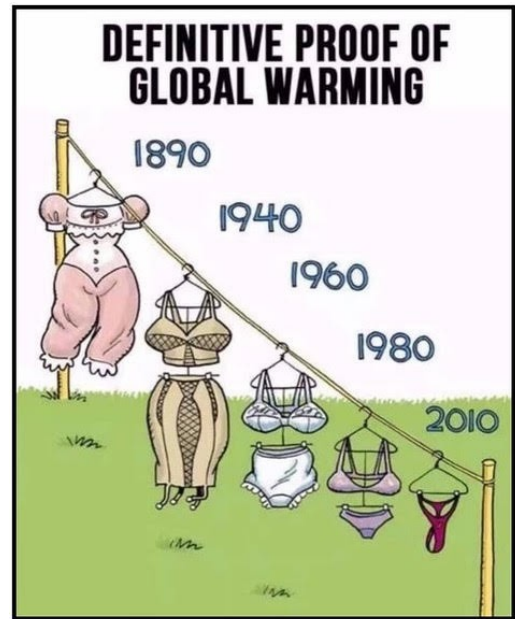


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**Did you know that if you have What, When and Where and then replace the "W's" with T's the questions are answered?**

**Why is it called 'Rush Hour' when traffic moves at its slowest then?**

**How come Noses run and Feet smell?**



Join us to help make Rocky Hill Kooringal a better environment. All ages, cultures and abilities welcome! Why not visit and see for yourself!

Rocky Hill is a 50 hectare white box gum community located in Kooringal, close to central Wagga.

Our South Wagga Rotary Rocky Hill Regeneration volunteers are working to make it a better environment for:

- Native plants
- Animals
- People who use it for recreation

**2022 NSW Environmental Citizen of the Year Runner Up**

**What do volunteers do on/for Rocky Hill?**  
 There are many options for volunteering! Some of these include:

- Planting, mulching, watering, mapping, propagating and maintaining native plants
- Removing weeds - this can be by whipper-snipping, hand weeding, sawing or selective spraying
- Maintaining our Facebook Page
- Documenting progress and biodiversity visually
- Creating and maintaining our website and database and social media

**Rotary Club of South Wagga Wagga** and **IMAGINE ROTARY**

**Where is Rocky Hill Kooringal?**  
 Rocky Hill Reserve is in Kooringal, with entry points located:

- 1 Between 73 & 75 Simkin Cres
- 2 Between 99 & 101 Simkin Cres
- 3 Between 38 & 42 Churchill Ave
- 4 At the end of Mount St
- 5 At rear of Monumental Cemetery
- 6 Between 20 & 21 Stellway Close

**How can I find out more?**  
 Email - rockyhillreserve@gmail.com

South Wagga Rotary Rocky Hill Regeneration has received support from Wagga Wagga City Council, Charles Sturt University, Transgrid, Riverina Water and Murrumbidgee Landcare.

Thanks to our sponsors: