



**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: 50.**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</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 7 <sup>th</sup> Jul.   | Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Jul.             | Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Jul.                               |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>PROGRAMME:</b>         | Club Social - Our New President | Katrina Dorward History & Benefits of Yoga | Dr. Justin Roby – CSU Virology Research (Zoonotic Diseases). |
| <b>ATTENDANCE:</b>        | David Kennedy<br>Geoff Treloar  | Elle Palmer<br>David Kennedy               | Ellen Brasier<br>Elle Palmer                                 |
| <b>GREETER:</b>           | Margaret Keys                   | Renas Khalaf                               | Alan Lean  |
| <b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b> | Mike Murray                     | Peter Olson                                | Gerry Page   |
| <b>FINES-MASTER:</b>      | Graham Russell                  | Gordon Saggars                             | Peter Smart  |
| <b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b> | Not Required                    | David Cannon                               | Don Pembleton  |
| <b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>    | Not Required                    | Geoff Treloar                              | Vida Smart   |
| <b>BULLETIN REPORTER:</b> | Don Pembleton                   | Ellen Brasier                              | David Kennedy  |
| <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**

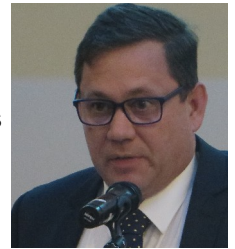
☎ 6922 6444 (Ext. 1) by **NOON on TUESDAY** (or pre-record same in the book provided at the meeting attendance table).

Also, for catering purposes, please advise if bringing a guest to a meeting.

## **MEETING REPORT: -**

This meeting marks the end of the Rotary Year under the capable leadership of Alan Lean and welcomes our incoming President for the 2022-23 year, David Wynne.

The meeting was called to order by Master of Ceremonies Brad Bland, who welcomed us all, and also acknowledged the Wiradjuri people as the traditional custodians of this land, paying particular respect to the elders of the Wiradjuri Nation, both past and present.



### **Attendance.**

We enjoyed an impressive attendance for this, our Club's ninety-second annual Changeover meeting, with seventy-six people in attendance.

Visiting Rotarians were numerous and included the President of the Wollundry Rotary Club, Phil Burgess and wife Anita, Deirdre and Phillip Tome, Past President from Junee, Linda, and many others too numerous to list here.

Many apologies had been recorded notable amongst them being Mayor Dallas Tout, Jason Frost (Pro Patria) & Nick Skinner (Clontarf).

A special feature of this changeover meeting was that thanks to Sally Lean's IT skills, it was streamed live on the internet. We believe that Vicki Donoghue, who is currently visiting family in Darwin, and a close friend of Alan's from North Carolina (USA), Rotarian David Pope, were included in the live audience.

### **Presidential Welcome.**

President Alan reiterated Brad's welcome to all and added a special welcome for Councillor Dan Hayes (representing Mayor Dallas Tout) and all guests, with a special welcome for official guests (DG) Leo Farrelly, (DG Elect) Geraldine Rurenga, and (PDG) John Egan and his wife Maria.

### **Response To Welcome Of Guests.**



Councillor Dan Hayes responded on behalf of the guests. He recounted a story he had heard from Sister Maria, a Carmelite Nun. He had recently attended the official handover of the old Carmelite Monastery to Pro Patria, and Sr Maria had spoken for a few minutes. Dan went on to say that his experience with nuns prior to this event had been more along the lines of having his hands hit by a ruler for being naughty, so he wasn't quite sure what to expect. But he was informed by Sr Maria that the Carmelite Nuns are the rebels of the convent world. She spoke about 'Intangible Connections', and Cr Dan really felt engaged by her comments as she talked about 'Engaging in the thrust of life'.

He went on to thank us as Rotarians for all the hard work that we, and other Rotarians like us, continue to do.

### **Toast to Rotary International.**

Past President Elaine Almond commenced by telling us how proud she was to be a member of this club, and then led us in the Toast to Rotary International.

### **Response to Rotary International Toast.**

DG Leo Farrelly OAM initiated his response by sharing that he had really enjoyed his year as District Governor and whole-heartedly recommends the experience to all Rotarians.

He then went on to state that Rotary has now been in existence for 117 years, and our particular club was chartered 92 years ago. He thinks that is a remarkable achievement to have survived so many global events such as Multiple World Wars, on-going worldwide conflicts, famines,



dictators, pandemics etc. Rotary's global network now has 1.4 million members with 46,000 clubs worldwide. His belief is that this is due to local clubs coming together to solve local community problems as well as addressing global concerns as are expressed in our stated 'avenues of service'. DG Leo reminds us that solving real problems takes commitment and vision, and this is where the value of having an organisation like Rotary in a community is key to creating lasting change. Rotarians believe they have a shared responsibility to take action.

Rotary International supports all the clubs with global co-ordination in taking action with global initiatives. He indicated the fight against Polio, Malaria, Youth Exchange, and the like as examples.

In asking the question "What is the fertiliser to make our clubs grow quickly?", Leo thinks the answer is 'Vibrancy'. A vibrant club attracts new people with new ideas. District 9075 is an ageing organisation, and doesn't represent the area it serves. We therefore have to find ways to appeal to the younger generation, and by this he means 45-50yr olds.

He shared with us that there is a Rotary Club on the Gold Coast that exists to 'Save the Koala's' and has a global membership. Likewise there is a club in South Australia for Nurses and Midwives. These clubs were formed with one common purpose, and they have a lot of members, with a 'vibrancy' to their clubs.

The message going forward is for us to find our 'Vibrancy' to increase our membership which in turn will help us to help our community. We should consider all options that are open to us to 'Imagine Rotary'.

### **Special Presentations.**

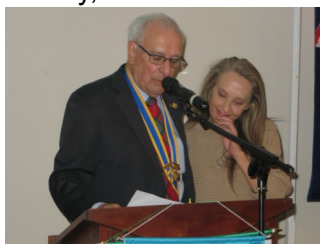


David Payne has been a member of this club since 2009 when he was proposed by his accountant Peter Veerhuis – and he has been a valued Rotarian since that time. He served as club President last year, and was unable to attend the Changeover dinner due to ill health. He and his wife Fran have retired this year, after owning and running the Gateway Book store since 1987. For services above and beyond the call of duty, David is awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship.

The Peter & Helen Walsh Memorial Award for Rotarian of the Year is presented annually to the Wagga Rotarian judged to have displayed exemplary service over the previous twelve months. The recipient this year was a very surprised Vicky Donoghue who was watching the evening proceedings via Zoom from Darwin. Vicky is very active in many areas of our club, not least as an editor of our weekly Bulletin, which Alan mentioned had been used as an example for Rotary Bulletins at clubs in North Carolina. Vicky received a Paul Harris Fellowship this time last year. The Memorial award was presented to Vicky's daughter Megan and son Cameron on her behalf. Vicky then spoke to us all from Darwin saying that she was 'Blown Away' to receive this award. She loves being a member of our club, and is very happy that she has a skill set that can help Rotary in our objectives.



Finally, a Paul Harris Fellowship was also awarded to Kym Errington, who for the past 30 years has devoted herself first to caring for her brother who has cerebral palsy, and then some years later looking after her three children, one of whom was born with Downs Syndrome and leukaemia. Around this time, Kym herself required life-saving surgery and was in hospital for months in Sydney. At this time, Alan's wife Kaye was involved with Kym's family, and our Rotary club offered some desperately needed financial assistance, through our Goodwin Estate.



Once Kym recovered and was able, she developed a business she could run from home, and also donated her business skills to those in need. On accepting the award, Kym was very surprised to see that her family were watching the presentation through Zoom. She thanked Rotary, noting that Kaye came into her life at a time when her family were desperately in need of help, and that Alan and Kaye became very good friends. Kym finished by saying that she now wants to give back to those less fortunate than she is. A very worthy recipient.

President Alan reminisced that he had been a member of Rotary since 1973, having being nominated for membership of a regional Victorian Club by one Peter Hawthorne, who fortuitously had phoned him earlier that day.

Alan then proceeded to thank the Rotary members who had worked behind the scenes to help prepare the Trust Deed creating the community ownership of the Pro Patria site. He expressed the wish that our club become more involved with Pro Patria – possibly as one of our Community Service projects.

On behalf of Wagga Rotary Club, Alan proceeded to make a donation of \$2,000 to Australian Rotary Health, and a further \$2500.00 towards an Australian Rotary Health Scholarship – both of which were gratefully accepted by PDG John Egan.

### ***AFTER DINNER ENTERTAINMENT: -***



Graham Russell then entertained us with some reflections over the past year. He focused on how so many of us had ‘found’ COVID or severe colds, or had legs that didn’t work and needed repairing or replacing. Others fell over because they went a bit giddy, or others that had time in hospital for tests. Even those with broken hearts, that needed fixing in Sydney over many weeks.

Whilst contemplating all these things, Graham's mind went right back to a school lesson he had in Bribbaree Public Primary School. He found notes he had taken from a lesson he had, on the workings of the human being, which he then proceeded to share with us. (See Kookaburra below). Highly amusing and entertaining, and judging by the spelling, written by a young Graham!

### ***PRESIDENTS REPORT:-***

Outgoing president Alan referred us to the succinct reports in the Changeover program and asked the present Board Members to join him at the front of the room, where he presented each member with a bottle of wine as a gift of thanks and appreciation for their support throughout the year. Alan then also asked the Committee Chairs to join him at the front of the room, where he then presented each of them with a bottle of wine, in thanks and appreciation for their service.

### ***INDUCTION OF THE 2022/23 PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS:-***

Alan’s final duty was to induct David Wynne as our President for the coming year, and hand over to him the Collar of Office and the Club Charter. (Alan reminded the club that the Charter was presented to the club by Paul Harris in 1935).

David then proceeded to introduce the members of his incoming Board and presented each with the respective Pin of Office. He also introduced the Service Committee Chairs.



### ***MEETING CONCLUSION:-***

Our new President, David then concluded the meeting with the following information: -

- David Payne will represent our club on the Wagga Peace Committee
- Graham Russell will be stepping back a little in his role of running the Annual Book Fair, and Vicki Donoghue and Peter Olsen have agreed to assume those duties.
- Special thanks were given to the Book Fair team, who are responsible each year for organising our major fund-raising event.

To close the evening, President David thanked his wife Debbie who gave her blessing for David to take on the role of President, and his daughter Kirra, who is endeavouring to teach 'an old dog new tricks' on the technology front.

### **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE: -**

Members should, by now, have received a message from Club Treasurer, Nepal regarding this. Annual subscriptions are now due.

Our board has decided to keep costs unchanged from last year.

The preferred method of payment is via electronic transfer to the Club's General Account: -

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|-----------------|--|
| Acc Name:       | Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Inc (General Acc) |
| Bank:           | Beyond Bank - BSB: 325 185                   |
| Account Number: | 03739311                                     |

Facilities exist for paying six-monthly if required. Please talk to Nepal if you wish to avail yourself of this option.

### **NEXT MEETING: -**

Our meeting this week is again hosted by the Wagga Country Club (same time; same place). It will be a casual, social night to allow us to all 'wind down' after the Change-Over celebrations – and also to allow our new president, David - to 'find his feet'.

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

- ◆ **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> Dec**                      **Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga SHINE AWARDS**
- ◆ **20/21 May 2023**                      **Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga BOOK FAIR**



### **A SAMPLE OF THE 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -**



***Our New Board.***



***(DGE) Geraldine & (DG) Leo chat with two of our Davids (Friedlieb & Wynne)***



***Sally Lean demonstrating her IT prowess.***

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -**

(5<sup>th</sup> Jul – 9<sup>th</sup> Jul)

**Birthdays:** Peter Smart (06/07)

**Rotary Anniversaries:** Nil

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Nil.



≈ *KOOKABURRA* ≈



“Those who don’t study history are doomed to repeat it. Yet those who *do* study history are doomed to stand by helplessly while everyone else repeats it.”

Without coffee, I'm always walking into rooms and forgetting why I went in there. With coffee, I still don't remember, but at least I have something to sip while I try to figure it out.



-Nanea Hoffman-

***Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?***

MAN IS A MARVLESS FING

(RAY JAENSCH)

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MAN IS SUCH A MARVLESS FING, MIRACULUS YOU KNOW.

I NEVER CEASE TO BE AMAZED AT THE PARTS WHAT MAKES 'EM GO.

ALL SORTS O' FINGS FROM HEAD TO TOE EACH ONE OF EM 'AS GOT.

'CAUSE WHEN IT COMES TO MENFOLK, WELL THEY'VE REALLY GOT THE LOT!

NOW EACH ONE HAS A SET O' BRAINS TO KEEP 'IS EARS APART,

AN' RIBS TO STOP FINGS POKIN' FROUGH 'IS SKIN AND BUSTIN' UP 'IS 'EART.

SO WHILE 'IS 'EART IS PUT THERE TO PUMP THE BLUD AROUND

HIS LEGS ARE THERE TO, STOP 'IS BUM FROM DRAGGIN' ON THE GROUND.

THE LEGS ARE BUILT IN SECTIONS, SEE, AND JOINED-UP AT THE KNEE

SO'S HE CAN FOLD 'EM UP AT NIGHT WHEREVER HE MIGHT BE.

AN IF HE COPS A HARD BLOW TO THE THIGH OR IN THE CALF

HE DOESN'T BREAK THE WHOLE LEG —JUST THE TOP OR BOTTOM HALF.

HIS FEET SIT ON THE END O' THESE LIKE LITTLE FLATTENED BLOCKS

AND ALWAYS LIE, AT RIGHT—ANGLES TO FIT INSIDE HIS SOCKS.

THEY STOP 'IM FALLEN OVER AN' FROM SINKIN' DOWN IN MUD

AND THEY KINDA SEAL 'IS LEGS OFF SO HE DON'T LOSE ALL 'IS BLUD.

NOW HANGIN' FROM HIS STOMACH THERE'S SOME MOST AMAZIN' PARTS

DESIGNED BY SOME SMART PLUMBER WHO'S CONNECTED WIFF THE ARTS.

THERE'S A SPECIAL LITTLE POINTER THERE WHAT SWINGS AN' MOVES AROUND

AN' POINTS TO WHERE THE SKY IS OR JUST DOWN TO THE GROUND.

HE'S GOT TWO ARMS, SO'S HE CAN TELL IF FINGS ARE LEFT OR RIGHT,  
AN' A BIG FAT HEAD TO HOLD 'IS PILLOW DOWN AT NIGHT.

AN EAR STICKS OUT EACH SIDE 'IS HEAD TO FRIGHTEN OFF THE FLIES  
AN STOPS 'IS HAT FROM SLIPPIN' DOWN AN' BLOCKIN'- OFF 'IS EYES.

INSIDE 'IS LITTLE BRAIN-BOX THERE'S SOME MIRRORS—TWO OR FREE  
CONNECTED TO 'IS EYEBALLS FROUGH A TUBE SO'S HE CAN SEE.

AN' IN BETWEEN 'IS EYEBALLS A POINTED SNOUT HE'S GOT  
WIFF TWO SMALL HOLES FOR BREAVIN' FROUGH, AN BLOWIN' OUT HIS SNOT

HE'S GOT SIVS TO STRAIN 'S BLUD FROUGH, AN' LUNGS FOR CLEANIN' AIR,  
AN' PARTS INSIDE 'IS BIG FAT HEAD FOR PUSHIN' OUT 'IS HAIR.

HE'S GOT SPECIAL PARTS FOR SMELLIN' FINGS, AN PARTS WHAT MAKES HIM TALK  
AN' MILES O' PIPES WHAT DON'T LEAK, WIFF OUT NO TAPS OR CORK.

YEP, LIKE I SAID, IT'S MARVLESS ALL THE FINGS WHAT MAKES 'EM TICK,  
NO WONDER THEN WHEN FINGS GO WRONG, A MAN GETS ORFLY SICK.  
SO NEXT TIME WHEN YOU LOOK AT ONE—YEP, BEGGAR, PRESIDENT OR KING—  
REMEMBER, THERE INSIDE 'IS SKIN'S A TRULY MARVLESS FING!

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AND JUST TO FINISH OFF FROM MY CHINESE PHILOSOPHER FRIEND  
AH TOO HE SAY

WHATEVER YOU DO, ALWAYS GIVE 100%, UNLESS YOU'RE DONATING BLOOD