



ABN: 42 569 872 625

~ *CROW ABOUT* ~

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

Web: - www.waggarotary.org

Facebook: - <https://www.facebook.com/waggawaggarotary>

Postal Address: - PO Box 246, Wagga Wagga, 2650

<p>RI President: Shekhar Mehta</p> <p>Dist. Gov 9705: Leo Farrelly</p> <p>Area Three Gov: Elaine Almond</p> <p>Club President: Alan Lean</p> <p>Club Secretary: Ellen Brasier</p>		<p>THE FOUR WAY TEST: Of the things we think, say or do: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: 7.

Thursday 12th August, 2021.

AUGUST IS ROTARY MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION MONTH.

Club meets at the WAGGA WAGGA COUNTRY CLUB, **6:00 PM for 6.30 PM** (unless stated below).

Duty Roster Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot fulfil your rostered duty & inform our Bulletin Reporter.:-

Date:	Thursday 19 th Aug.	Thursday 26 th Aug.	Thursday 2 nd Sept.
PROGRAMME:	CLUB SOCIAL NIGHT.	District Governor Leo Farrelly	TBA
ATTENDANCE:		Karel Bijker Nepal Ghosh	Karel Bijker John Heazlewood
SHORT & SWEET:		Tony Hutchinson	David Kennedy
FINES-MASTER:		Graham Russell	David Wynne
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:		David Payne	Paul Galloway
VOTE OF THANKS:		Ellen Brasier	Graeme Callander
BULLETIN REPORTER:		Peter Veerhuis	Ellen Brasier
MEETINGS:	Board meeting	-	

Cancelled due to COVID LOCKDOWN

Invocation: For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary, we give thanks.

Unable to attend a meeting? **Please lodge an apology with THE COUNTRY CLUB OFFICE ☐ 6922 6444** by 2.30 pm Wednesday (or pre-record same in the book provided at the meeting attendance table – IN BLOCK LETTERS).
Also, for catering purposes, please advise if bringing a guest to a meeting.

MEETING REPORT: -

Attendance.

Thirty-two members, two guests (Sally Short and Marilyn Roberts), and visiting member Andrew Stow were welcomed by President Alan this week. Alan especially welcomed his daughter Sally, who was wearing her 'guest speaker' hat this week. All were invited to stand for the invocation, but were seated for the toast, as COVID regulations dictate that 'vertical consumption' is prohibited!



Administration Matters.

• Book Fair Matters:

- Graham Russell updated members about the search for a new receivals depot. Elders has assured him that the reason they can no longer offer this service to our Club is because they are moving to new premises in the future, and there isn't an appropriate space. Graham then asked the Club to show their appreciation for our very own member Bruce Heydon who has offered a location as well as organising the transfer of the donations to our sorting shed in Copland Street. Three cheers Bruce!! The Club is very grateful for your generous offer.



• From the Secretary:

- Ellen has received correspondence from Anna O'Brien (Tumbarumba) regarding some vouchers were received from 'Rotary' as part of bushfire relief. Ellen asked if any members knew anything about said vouchers, as Anna required further information. Blank looks from members seemed to indicate that perhaps it wasn't our Club, but another Rotary Club which was involved.

• New Member Information Sessions:

- President Alan is in the process of putting together a series of information sessions aimed at educating members about the workings of Rotary. Mostly aimed at newer members, they will be open to anyone who wants to improve their knowledge of the mechanics of Rotary. It is envisaged that they will be run in half hour sessions following meetings, commencing 'some time soon'.

• Miss Wagga Quest Winter Wonderland Ball 20 August 2021.

- President Alan commended this event to members:
 - Prepare for a night of extravagance with our magical Winter Wonderland Ball! Enjoy a three course meal with live music and an auction later in the evening. Dress up in your most wonderful formal attire, and don't forget to invite your friends! Covid restriction will apply so please remember to check-in upon arrival and ensure you remember to wear your mask! Tickets can be purchased online at www.misswaggaquest.com.
Editor's note: With Wagga now in lockdown, this event is likely cancelled.

Special Presentation:

President Alan took great delight in presenting Past President David Payne with his 'Past President' badge. PP David was unable to attend our changeover, but it is great to see him 'rested and recovered' and back in attendance at meetings.



Member updates:

- David Cannon updated the Club on the progress of our dear member Rob Sharkie. With his wife Rhonda's permission, he informed us that Rob has now moved to RSL Remembrance Village (Room 11) where he is being well cared for. He moves between periods of confusion and lucidity, and this swing can occur quite abruptly. David has visited Rob again, and Rob indicated that he would happily receive visits from his friends. Any potential visitors should be prepared for the possibility that Rob may or may not recognise them. David then provided information for those who may wish to visit:
 - Visiting hours are Mon-Fri 8am til 4pm, Sat 10am til 2pm, Closed Sunday. No more than 2 visitors for 2 hours total per day. All visitors must be able to provide proof of FLU vaccination before they will be admitted.*Editor's note: With 'lockdown' now upon us, visiting is not possible.*

Short & Sweet.

MaryAnn Kelly stepped up and surprised many present when she told of her family's historic link with 'The Shanty' Hotel, just outside Wagga. In 1948 it was known as the Royal Prince Alfred Hotel and was leased by her maternal grandparents Lionel ('Snowy') and Amy Nelson. After completely restoring the run down building, Snowy, Amy and their children Joy, Fay and Jimmy all worked in the pub and snack bar whilst living on site.



It was a 'ten mile pub', which meant that whilst the pubs in Wagga were all closed on Sundays, The Shanty was able to do a roaring trade with RAAF and Kapooka personnel as well as the 'townies'.

Both daughters met their husbands at the pub..... Joy married Maurice Kelly (a Borambola farmer), and Fay met Neville Dowling (a RAAF trainee). Fay and Neville were responsible for running the petrol station associated with the pub.

MaryAnn's grandfather sold the licence in 1971. There were many licensees in the following years. The golden years of trading faded when all hotels were able to legally trade on Sundays, making the trek out to the Shanty less attractive.

On Sunday 26th April 2009 the Shanty traded for the last day. The Daily Advertiser of 18th April had reported that the hotel's licence and gaming machine entitlements were to be moved to a new tavern planned for Forest Hill. Plans had been lodged with Wagga City Council, however it never eventuated. The receivers sold off the property without the publican's licence. It is now a private residence.

Postscript: MaryAnn was asked if she knew what happened to the Pin-Ball machine that used to be in the pub. On answering 'no', she was told that it is on Gordon Saggars' back veranda !!

Fines-Master Session.



Bryan Short came armed and ready to fine anyone and everyone for anything and everything this week! The usual suspects were first: wine winner Gary Roberts, and Birthday Boy Peter Veerhuis (80!).

Paul Galloway was held financially responsible for his wife's success at golf, and Lyndal Seymour was fined for having to wait past the due date for the arrival of her first grandchild.

With Lake Albert finally looking full, any boat owners, fishermen, or walkers-around-the-lake were asked to contribute.

Census day has been and gone, and there was the option to complete it early. Bryan fined anyone who left it til Tuesday evening to complete the census, and then asked anyone who had forgotten to complete it to pay DOUBLE!. He also hit anyone who had already completed their tax return.

The Olympic Games proved quite a distraction from all the COVID news. On the hit list for fines were any regular swimmers, any horse owners (including racehorse interests!), joggers, ex-Little Athletics Stars, and anyone who has ever played a team sport.

Bryan had everyone covered. More than once. Gold medal performance!

Key-Note Speaker

Welcomed to the microphone by David Friedlieb but already a familiar face, Sally Lean stepped forward to share some of her life experiences with us.

Sally had the opportunity to learn Chinese from a young age and this was the catalyst that led her to spend 22 years in Asia. As part of her university studies, Sally spent a year in China in 1993. She studied in Hangzhou and Beijing, and experienced Xinjiang, the 3 gorges area, and Xian (the home of the Terracotta Warriors). And so the love affair with Asia began.

Sally noted that the Beijing of 1993, with its 'little yellow van' taxis and bicycles is a far cry from the modern city of today.

Sally returned to Australia to complete her degree in 1994 and added a Grad Dip. Ed in 1995.

She was now equipped to share her love of the Chinese language with the youth of Australia and set out to do so at Murray High School in Albury.



The call of Asia was strong, and Sally returned to China in 2000, spending 2 years in Guangzhou, followed by several years in Beijing, teaching at Beijing International School.

In 2004 Sally moved to Hong Kong as a teacher of Chinese to international students. A highlight that year was a trip to Tibet. Sally recalled with pride that she had 'made it' to Base Camp. This involved a long trek at altitude.

A return to Beijing in 2006 meant that when the Olympic Games came to that city in 2008, Sally was right there. She worked in the International Broadcast Centre as part of the 300 strong Channel 7 team.

Sally was working in Bangkok when COVID hit the world. She finally managed to return to Australia a few weeks ago. Her dad is over the moon,

An extremely accomplished speaker, Sally managed to convey her passion and sense of adventure to all of us. She left us anticipating her return to the guest speaker role in the future.

"President Dad" moved a vote of thanks to Sally and presented her with the customary certificate and a pledge to vaccinate 10 children against Polio on her behalf.



Registrations for the Zone 8 Virtual Conference are now open. Find details of the program and an online registration form on rotaryzone8.org

Symphonic Sounds Concert

Some of our members may be interested in this concert. It is on Friday 17th September (COVID permitting). It is quite popular, but the Civic Theatre is running at reduced capacity, so tickets could be scarce and it may be wise to book early. Here is the link: <https://civictheatre.com.au/whatson/symphonic-sounds-3> or you can contact the Civic Theatre Booking Office on 69269688.

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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| 11/12 th September 2021 | Rotary Zone 8 Virtual Conference |
| 22 nd September 2021 | Lilier Lodge Barbecue |
| 25 th November 2021 | Wagga Rotary Shine Recognition Function |

SOME 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



David K tries to deputise for Graeme C



The art of the mask



Winners are grinners



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(15th Aug – 21st Aug)

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Birthdays: | Vicky Donoghue (18/8) |
| Rotary Anniversaries: | Nil |
| Wedding Anniversaries: | Nil |



≈ KOOKABURRA ≈

This is a story about four people: **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody**.

There was an important job to be done and **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but **Nobody** did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was **Everybody's** job.

Everybody thought **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realised that **Everybody** wouldn't do it.

It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done.

And one for those who remember High School Maths.....

Once upon a time there were three kingdoms, all bordering on the same lake. For centuries, these kingdoms had fought over an island in the middle of that lake. One day, they decided to have it out, once and for all. The first kingdom was quite rich, and sent an army of 25 knights, each with three squires. The night before the battle, the knights jousted and cavorted as their squires polished armour, cooked food, and sharpened weapons.

The second kingdom was not so wealthy and sent only 10 knights, each with 2 squires. The night before the battle, the knights cavorted and sharpened their weapons as the squires polished armour and prepared dinner. The third kingdom was very poor, and only sent one elderly knight with his sole squire. The night before the battle, the knight sharpened his weapon while the squire, using a looped rope, slung a pot high over the fire to cook while he prepared the knight's armour.

The next day, the battle began. All the knights of the first two kingdoms had cavorted a bit too much (one should never cavort whilst sharpening weapons and jousting) and could not fight. The squire of the third kingdom could not rouse the elderly knight in time for combat. So in the absence of the knights, the squires fought.

The battle raged well into the late hours, but when the dust finally settled, a solitary figure limped from the carnage. The lone squire from the third kingdom dragged himself away, beaten, bloodied, but victorious.

And it just goes to prove, the squire of the high pot and noose is equal to the sum of the squires of the other two sides.

Boom Boom !!

Have a good week (in lockdown) 😊

No meeting on 19th, but I hope to publish a bulletin.

Please contact me (Vicky) with any items that needs to be included.