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BULLETIN NO: 8.

Thursday 19th 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 26 th Aug. | Thursday 2 nd Sept. | Thursday 9 th Sept. |
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| PROGRAMME: | <u>Possible Zoom Meeting</u> | TBA | TBA |
| ATTENDANCE: | | Karel Bijker Nepal Ghosh | Karel Bijker John Heazlewood |
| SHORT & SWEET: | Tony Hutchinson | David Kennedy | David Kennedy |
| FINES-MASTER: | Graham Russell | David Wynne | David Wynne |
| INTRODUCE SPEAKER: | | David Payne | Paul Galloway |
| VOTE OF THANKS: | | Ellen Brasier | Graeme Callander |
| BULLETIN REPORTER: | | Peter Veerhuis | Ellen Brasier |
| MEETINGS: | - | | |

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.

NO-MEETING REPORT: -

President's message.

A special hi to everyone... hope you are all maintaining good health and able to stay that way.

We did not hold a zoom meeting on Thursday, however in view of the extension of restrictions, I would like to hear from everyone as whether you would us to resume zoom meetings.

Whilst I am an apology next week, due to the timing of a conflicting board meeting, I am sure one of the PP's would be able to chair a zoom meeting.

So many things that we have been planning for a while are now in suspense or suspended. Should you have any questions with regards to these plans over the next few weeks please contact me.

When asked if we would prefer a zoom meeting or a postponed personal visit from our DG Leo Farrelly, I made an executive decision & advised we would prefer a personal visit in early 2022.

Please take the time to keep in touch with others, especially those who may have limited ability to shop or have minimal local family support.

It is very important we all observe the rules & hopefully we can all stay free of the bug.

My special thanks to Vicky for creating our weekly bulletin & please provide her with any relevant information to help her in putting together our bulletin over the next few weeks.

Please stay well & hopefully we can get back to "serving to change lives" as soon as possible.

Administration Matters......sort of!!

- If you would like to meet on Zoom, please let President Alan know ASAP via email or text message. If a Zoom meeting is being organised, you will receive an email from the convener which will contain a link for access to the meeting. There is no need to download the Zoom ap.
- Members might like to consider donating their 'dinner fee' to Foundation for the week/s we are unable to meet. This could amount to a considerable 'extra' contribution by our Club to a worthy cause.
- It was sad to hear that Gears & Beers has been postponed. Wollundry Club must be very disappointed and frustrated. How lucky were we to squeeze in our Book Fair in May!!!
- We are so very happy for Stina Constantine!! The Minister has finally seen some sense and 'used his power' to grant her a 2-year graduate temporary visa. This is not permanency, but gives Stina time to start on what will still be a lengthy path towards citizenship. She posted her gratitude to everyone who has contributed in any way to the #SaveOurStina campaign. Here are some of her words:

"If we could, I'd invite you to join me at the Botanic Gardens for a BBQ to celebrate a small reprieve ahead of a long journey. In its place, have a sausage sanga, pop open a champagne, open a beer or pour a hot drink from the safety of your home, and share a picture with me with the hashtag #SaveOurStina or send it to me so that I can see the faces of all you beautiful people who've supported me this entire time.

Know of my deepest gratitude, love and prayers for you and yours during this time."



Key-Note Speaker

Gordon Sagers has contributed some information about a charity which he chooses to support.



Operation Cleft is a

unique Rotary project that provides free cleft repair surgery for underprivileged children in Bangladesh.

Because cleft repair surgery is not covered under Bangladesh's overburdened health care system, thousands of children grow to adulthood with this condition untreated. Because of the way they look, these children are ostracised by society. Many suffer from ear nose and throat infections as well as depression and malnutrition.

By surgically repairing their cleft lip and/or palate, the project provides them with an opportunity to lead a normal life, to get an education, to build a social network and to reach their full potential as contributing members of their community. And the cost of each operation—just \$AUD350.

Operation Cleft also supports the development of speech and language therapy. The service is relatively new to Bangladesh and is limited mainly to Dhaka. The focus is on making speech therapy more accessible and promoting it as a post-operative program to achieve best outcomes, particularly in young children after a cleft palate repair.

Operation Cleft is an international project of the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central, District 9810, Australia. It is a RAWCS partner. More than 65 Rotary Clubs support the project, and Gordon believes that in the past our Club has been one of them. Through the generous support of Rotary Clubs, other clubs, organisations, businesses and individuals, over 14,500 cleft repair surgeries have been conducted since inception in 2005.

While Bangladesh faced and continues to face every challenge imaginable from this pandemic, Operation Cleft Australia together with their partner Deutsche Cleft Kindehilfe has completed over 1,600 life changing surgeries in the last 12-month period.

YouTube link below was filmed at a surgical camp conducted at the Dhaka City Hospital in February 2017.

https://youtu.be/KZghxVuy_QU

If you would like to find out more about this project, you can do so at operationcleft.org.au.

Short & Sweet.

Medical experts in Sydney today were asked if it is time to ease the COVID lockdowns.

Allergists were in favour of scratching it, but **Dermatologists** advised not to make any rash moves. **Gastroenterologists** had a sort of a gut feeling about it, but

Neurologists thought the government had a lot of nerve. **Obstetricians** felt certain everyone was laboring under a misconception, while **Ophthalmologists** considered the idea short-sighted. Many **Pathologists** yelled, "Over my dead body!" while

Paediatricians said, "Oh, grow up!" **Psychiatrists** thought the whole idea was madness, while **Radiologists** could see right through it. **Surgeons** decided to wash their hands of the whole thing and **Pharmacists** claimed it would be a bitter pill to swallow. **Plastic Surgeons** opined that this proposal would "put a whole new face on the matter." **Podiatrists** thought it was a step forward, but **Urologists** were pi##ed off by the whole idea. **Anaesthetists** thought the whole idea was a gas, and

Cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no.

In the end, the **Proctologists** won out, leaving the entire decision up to the a##holes in politics.

From Mike Murray.

Hi folks

This time of year, I always commit to a fundraiser. In previous years I have raised funds, with your support, for the “*Steptember*” campaign. This year I have committed to raise money for the Prostate Cancer Foundation Australia (PCFA) by participating in “*The Long Run*.”

“The Long Run” is a fundraiser requiring an individual the run, cycle or walk 72kl within a month. September is dedicated to Prostate Cancer (PC) research and, indeed I am seeking your support by way of a donation for this very important cause.

The Prostate Cancer Foundation Australia (PCFA) raises funds for lifesaving research, awareness campaigns and support for men and their lifesaving families impacted by prostate cancer.

Some facts:

- 1) Every 25 minutes one of our fathers, sons and brothers will hear the news he has prostate cancer.
- 2) 19,500 men are newly diagnosed with prostate cancer each year.
- 3) If caught early and treated, prostate cancer has one of the highest survival rates of all cancers with 95% of men expected to survive 5 years or more.
- 4) If prostate cancer is not detected early, it could spread. The main sites for metastasis (cancer spreading) are adrenal gland, bone, liver and lung. Research is vital to produce drugs and other treatments stop this happening.

If you have a bob or two lying around you can Google “*The Long Run/Mike Murray*” and make a small donation.

Alternatively, you can pledge by sending me an email (michaelmurray3081@bigpond.com) or giving me a shout on 0476 613 536. As usual you will receive a tax deduction letter.

I look forward to seeing you all on Zoom.



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



Maybe this is the secret of their success in Qld???

Anyone else see the resemblance??

