



**ROTARY CLUB  
OF WAGGA WAGGA**

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**BULLETIN NO: 22.**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.**

**NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec.	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec.
<b>PROGRAMME:</b>	<b>Viterra Agricultural Network.</b>	<b>Can-Assist.</b>	<b>Club Christmas Party.</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Karel Bijker John Heazlewood	Karel Bijker Brad Bland	Not Required (see below)
<b>GREETER:</b>	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	Shishir Bhengra	Graeme Callander	Kris Kringal (see below)
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>	Peter Smart	Don Pembleton	David Wynne
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b>	Vida Smart	Mike Murray	Not Required
<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>	Tony Hutchinson	Mary Ann Kelly	Not Required
<b>BULLETIN REPORTER:</b>	Ellen Brazier	Bryan Short	Peter Veerhuis
<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** 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.**

President Alan welcomed thirty-one members plus our three guests with the normal invocation followed by toasts to Rotary International and 'La Niña'. He then proceeded to congratulate those with imminent birthdays, anniversaries and the like.

Our visitors included ex-member, Elle Palmer, Cat Daley (guest of Elaine Almond) and visiting Rotarian Andrew Stowe (Rotary Club of Corrimal)

### **Administration Matters.**

- It was with sadness that President Alan informed the meeting that **Merryl Cross** passed away a few days ago. Funeral arrangements are not yet finalised and should be published in the local newspaper (probably Saturday's edition). President Alan requested that members attend the funeral and form a guard of honor at the conclusion.
- Elaine reported, with a degree of sadness, that the **Rotary Club of Murrumbidgee** will be handing in their charter and the remaining members transferring to the Brindabella 'E' Club.
- DG **Leo Farrelly** has been awarded an OAM.
- Vida reminded all that acceptances for the **Clontarf Academy** presentation night (1<sup>st</sup> December) need to be advised to her (Mob: 0412 805 463) by Tuesday at the latest.
- Tony recapped up-coming **BBQ** duties: -
  - December 1<sup>st</sup> (5.30 PM to 7.30 PM) – Clontarf Presentation Night at the Music Bowl (Tony Hutchinson, Gordon Saggars, Alan Lean, David Kennedy, Don Pembleton & Vida Smart)
  - December 3<sup>rd</sup> (11.00 AM to 2.00 PM) – Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Group at the Music Bowl (Tony Hutchinson, Elaine Almond, John Heazlewood, Margaret Everett & Alan Lean).

In addition, we have been requested to cater for the Wagga Rugby Choir Christmas function on the evening of 15<sup>th</sup> December and the Multi-Cultural Council function on 18<sup>th</sup> December. These will be discussed further closer to the events.

- President Alan briefly discussed the recently released **Rotary Council of Resolutions**. The report was tabled for those interested to review in detail.
- **Andrew Stowe** who has been a regular visiting Rotarian over the past months announced that his role in Wagga Wagga in coming to an end and he will be returning to his home Club (Corrimal). We all wished him well.

### **Short & Sweet.**

Bryan Short provided an update on the global acceptance of Electric Vehicles (EVs) which are predicted to eventually become 'the norm' in Australia.

Currently the main deterrent is the purchase price; an EV costs around 30% more than comparative conventional vehicles. The running costs are substantially less however this is believed to be unsustainable unless the owner has access to solar recharging. On current costings, the power cost to run an EV is estimated to be around half that of a comparable petrol/diesel powered vehicle.

The global leaders in converting to EVs appear to be the Scandinavian



countries, led by Norway where substantial Government incentives are provided. It is estimated that by 2025 the only new vehicles available for purchase in that country will be EVs. There are very limited (if any) incentives from Australian governments.

Bryan explored possible future scenarios stretching out to 2050 and beyond. He provided much food-for-thought but concluded that the internal combustion engine, in Australia, will probably out live all present.

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

Gordon Sagers opened his Fines Session by levying a fine against President Alan who seemed to influence Cat Daley (Elaine's guest) to draw his name from the barrel.



Other notable fines included: -

- David Wynne who reportedly named his toilet 'Jim' so that he could impress his colleagues by telling them that he '*went to the Jim (gym) every morning*'.
- Mike Murray's granddaughter who doesn't need to pray before meals when visiting '*because grandma can cook*'

All in all, a successful and entertaining session.

### **Club Christmas Function.**



As stated above, the Club Christmas function this year will occur on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December. This will be the final meeting for 2021.

The venue is Paul & Judy Galloway's home at 41 Plumpton Rd (next door to Burringa Motel) and the function is fully catered by our old friends Doris & Daryl Lamont.

Acceptances have been recorded – so members not in attendance at the meeting, and intending to be at the party need to let Pres. Alan know.

The attendance committee have requested pre-payment (preferably by debit/credit card) so that they might also enjoy the evening. The cost is \$45-00 per person – this can be paid at the attendance table at either of the next two meetings.

In addition, members are requested to bring a gift (of maximum value \$5-00) that can be randomly distributed as Secret Santa/Kris Kringal.

### **Annual General Meeting**

Outgoing president Alan declared the meeting open and invited Secretary Ellen to read the minutes of the previous AGM.

Treasurer provided a detailed financial statement which included reading a letter from Hayden Callander, who reviews our records and processes (a legal requirement for an incorporated organisation that doesn't employ an auditor). The bottom line is that "we're doin' OK."



The incoming Board consists of David Wynne (President), Ellen Brazier (Secretary) Elaine Almond (Public Image), Philip Cross (Foundation), Vida Smart (Youth), David Friedlieb (Membership), Vicky Donoghue (Administration) and Nepal Ghosh (Treasurer) – along with Alan Lean (Immediate Past President) and John Hazelwood (President Elect 23/24). The Committees remain substantially unchanged from the status-quo.

## **THE JESSE BOARDMAN PROJECT (A Service Account Fund-Raiser): -**

Jess is a young health professional with responsibilities in Cootamundra.

Unfortunately, he is also a bit of a 'lead-foot' and consequently finds himself without a drivers' licence for a period of time, yet to be determined.



He has offered a donation to Wagga Rotary Club if they can arrange to transport him and his 'bag of tricks' to Cootamundra every Wednesday. The donation is \$100 per return trip. For the past four weeks, Peter Veerhuis has coordinated this project and has been supported by several members.

Drivers are now required for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> December. If you can help out, please contact Peter V (Mob) 0447 694 401 or (02) 6926 6609.

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

- ◆ **1<sup>st</sup> December. Clontarf Academy annual Awards Night – also a BBQ Team activity.**
- ◆ **3<sup>rd</sup> December. BBQ Team – lunchtime BBQ for Disability/Mental Health Services**
- ◆ **15<sup>th</sup> December. Rugby Choir Christmas function (BBQ Team)**
- ◆ **16<sup>th</sup> December. Wagga Rotary Club Christmas Party**
- ◆ **18<sup>th</sup> December. Multi-Cultural Council Christmas function (BBQ Team).**
- ◆ **24<sup>th</sup> March 2022 Wagga Rotary Shine Recognition Function**
- ◆ **21/22 May 2022 Wagga Rotary BOOK FAIR**

## **NEXT MEETING: -**

Next Thursday (2<sup>nd</sup> December) we meet at the **Wagga Wagga Country Club** – commencing at the usual time.



The Key-Note speakers will be John Marshall and Kate Green from Viterra Agricultural Network, a world-leading, fully integrated agriculture network that connects Australian primary producers with domestic and international markets. Here we have a couple of high-profile presenters who will explore the current international situation that has a marked effect on the financial future of Australia and specifically our region.

This might be an ideal opportunity for you to invite a friend or colleague to savour our hospitality and become informed on this important topic. Your guests might even evolve into a prospective new Rotarians. (Don't forget to notify numbers for catering).

**PLEASE DO NOT FORGET THAT CATERING NUMBERS ARE NOW REQUIRED BY  
NOON ON THE TUESDAY PRIOR TO THE MEETING.**



## **NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH: -**



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a Rotary Foundation project where young adults develop leadership skills while having fun and making connections. It is an intensive leadership experience supported by our Rotary District.

RYLA connects potential leaders in our community and around the world to: -

- Build communication and problem-solving skills
- Discover strategies for becoming a dynamic leader in a school or community
- Learn from community leaders, inspirational speakers & peer mentors
- Unlock potential to turn motivation into action
- Have fun and form lasting friendships

RYLA events are organised locally by Rotary Clubs and Districts for participants ages 14-30 years. Depending on community needs, RYLA may take the form of a one-day seminar, a three-day retreat, or a week-long camp. Typically, events last 3-10 days and include presentations, activities, and workshops covering a variety of topics.

Our District hosts RYLA events for secondary school students to hone their leadership potential, for university students to develop creative problem-solving strategies, or for young professionals to learn ethical business practices.



## **SOME 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -**



***Guest Cat Daley draws the Lucky Door Prize.***

***Look Who Won!!!***



***The Changing of The Guard.***



**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -**

(29<sup>th</sup> Nov – 4<sup>th</sup> Dec)

**Birthdays:** Ruth Kennedy (4/12).

**Rotary Anniversaries:** Nil.

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Terry & Fran Mecham (3/12) & Don & Yvonne Pembleton (4/12).



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The three hardest things to say are:  
1. I was wrong  
2. I need help  
3. Worcestershire Sauce

*The astronomers got tired of watching the moon go round the earth for twenty-four hours. So they called it a day.*

