



**ROTARY CLUB
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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?

Wagga Rotary Club Acknowledges The Wiradjuri People – The Traditional Owners of The Land Upon Which we Meet.

BULLETIN NO: 2.

Thursday 13th July, 2023.

JULY IS ROTARY RENEWAL AS NEW CLUB LEADERSHIP COMMENCES MONTH.

Club meets at the WAGGA WAGGA RSL 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 20 th July	Thursday 27 th July	Thursday 3 rd August
PROGRAMME:	Club Admin C/tees & Aged Care Speaker	Cnclr. Dallas Tout Mayor of Wagga Wagga	TBA
ATTENDANCE:	Geoff Treloar Ellen Brasier	Phillip Cross Margaret Keys	Vicky Donoghue Jenny Masters
SHORT & SWEET:	Alan Lean	Gary Roberts	Graham Russell
FINES-MASTER:	David Friedlieb	Gordon Sagers	Don Pembleton
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Bruce Barber	David Cannon	TBA
VOTE OF THANKS:	Elle Palmer	Geoff Treloar	Vida Smart
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Don Pembleton	David Payne	John Heazlewood
MEETINGS:	Board	Nil	Nil

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

RSVP For Meetings: Members are required to register their attendance (plus that of any guests) **BEFORE NOON ON THE MONDAY PRIOR TO THE MEETING** by using the link in an email that they receive each week. Failure to respond to the email by the deadline will mean no meal will be ordered for you.

- Members who have problems with registration should not hesitate to contact Graeme or Vicky.
- RSVP for Visitors: please contact Club Sergeant Graeme Callander (graeme.callander43@gmail.com), or phone Vicky on 0407 586186 as early as possible.

MEETING REPORT: -

President Peter welcomed members to the meeting, reminding us that the new Rotary Theme for the year is “**Create Hope in the World**”.

He noted the Australian Government’s further assistance to Ukraine, so that they can create hope to survive.

Attendance.

there were still a significant number of members away in warmer climes, but hopefully they start to trickle back as we pass midway for winter. Attendance this week was 26 a minor improvement on last week’s 23.

Administration Matters.

- Pres. Peter advised that he had attended the casserole night at **Lillier Lodge**, well organised and supervised by Terry Mecham. Thanks Terry!
- Peter also attended the tenpin bowling challenge against the **Rotaractors**, where unfortunately the Rotarians finished second.
- He reminded us that this weekend sees the **Wagga Wagga Swap Meet** taking place at Wagga Wagga Show-ground. Our Club is providing BBQ catering on Sunday preceded with the setting up at 12:00 Noon on Saturday. The rosters are sorted out so please arrive 10 minutes before you are due to start. Remember if you are working on Sunday, wear your wristband.
- Peter also read a letter from the **Zone 8 Regional Rotary Re-Organisational Committee**, which told us the wheels are still turning – but not very quickly.
- Other activities on the horizon include: -
 - BBQ at **Lillier Lodge** on 13th September,
 - **District 9705 Conference** in Queanbeyan 20th – 22nd October and,
 - **Shine Awards** 30th November.
- **Board Meetings** have been changed to after our meeting of third Thursday of each month.
- The **Clontarf Breakfast** roster was circulated. We have the next month or so covered but if anyone else would like to attend, they would be most welcome.

Short & Sweet.



David Payne presented this week’s Short and Sweet. David revealed that he is a keen follower of lots of sport. One of his favourites is football (the ‘round ball’ variety).

Next week it is the Women’s Football World Cup. David came complete in Matilda regalia and advised us that there are 32 teams competing and the Matildas are a good chance. The teams are initially divided into 8 groups of 4 who play a Round-Robin set of games to see who progresses through to the last 16. Australia’s squad of 23 was announced last week and we

will play a “friendly” game against France (World Ranking No. 5) this Friday night (14 July) at 7.30pm.

Australia’s group consists of Ireland, Nigeria and Canada. Australia’s first Cup game is against Ireland on Thursday 20 July at 8pm – so no time-wasting at next week’s meeting please!

David added that all of Australia’s squad except for two, play in overseas competitions and Australia is currently ranked 10th in the world. Go the Matildas!!

Fines-Master Session.

Fines Master was PDG Gary Roberts, who was caught on the hop as he had not read the Bulletin all that well. He promptly fined himself for starters.

He fined Gordon Saggars for not giving him the Swap Meeting gatekeeper's job just 50m from his front door. Also one of our members who forgot to pick up his money waiting in the bottom draw of the ATM.

John Heazlewood also had taken delivery of a new car and had trouble getting the communication protocols right.

He then fined Elaine Almond for not only receiving a PHF Sapphire Pin from our Club in March, but also another from Wagga Rotaract at their Changeover Dinner, for her support of Rotaract – giving her a total of three Sapphire Pins. Congratulations Elaine; you are now in much exulted company!



Personnel Notes.

Past President David Wynne gave us an update on member health: -

- Marg Everett is now taking weight on her foot – but only for short periods, with lots of rest in between.
- Alf Barzen is still going well intellectually and is in good spirits, but is troubled with limited motility.
- 'Wynnies' is having difficulty contacting the Duffus' - but has deputised someone to make further enquiry.

Clontarf Roster.

Elaine advises that the updated roster for the Clontarf weekly BBQ Breakfast is as follows: -

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| • 4 th August | David Wynne |
| • 11 th August | Graeme Callander |
| • 18 th August | David Cannon |
| • 25 th August | David Kennedy & Don Pembleton |
| • 1 st September | Peter Olson |
| • 8 th September | David Payne |

One additional member is most welcome to accompany any individual member nominated above.

Key-Note Speaker

There was no Guest Speaker as this meeting was set down to discuss our Service Committee planning for this year. This covers the activities of International Service, Community Service, Vocational Service, Youth Service and Environmental Service. Members present broke into the above groups as previously determined over the last couple of weeks, discussed possible projects/programs that might be undertaken in 2023 – 24, and then reported back to the meeting as a whole.

The **International Service Committee** under Chairperson Gordon Saggars indicated that they would explore projects with our near neighbours in the Pacific and Timor Leste and perhaps Bangladesh. These would include sponsoring surgery for children (cleft palates, burn injuries and the like). Also moral support for Ukraine by planting sunflower seeds (national Ukrainian symbol) in our front gardens, and seeing if there is any interest in an International Rotary Exchange.

The **Community Service Committee** under Chairperson Peter Smart who is on leave, but ably deputised by Terry Mecham in Peter's absence, proposed to investigate how Riding for the Disabled is going, to assist in the Read To Me program for disadvantaged children, helping to subsidise T-shirts and books, and to look at other community groups that may need assistance.

The **Vocational Service Committee** under Chairperson Lyndal Seymour advised that they would pursue previous programs instigated by our Club such as apprenticeship awards and CSU scholarships, and perhaps adding another to recognise the efforts of support staff in schools. They will continue with the SHINE awards program and would also like to organise further business visits to keep Club members abreast of new industries in town. High School student mentoring programs are another option.

The **Youth Service Committee** under Chairperson Vida Smart, also away, but well covered by previous Chair Ellen Brasier, set out their program which is predominantly based on a continuation of existing activities plus a few new ones. This includes Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA), Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) for 17-30 year olds, Rural Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) for 14-16 year olds, and Rotary Youth Exchange Australia (RYEA). It is suggested that we might concentrate more on RYPEN this year rather than RYLA as we have not sponsored a RYPEN attendee for some years. Other activities are to continue support of Clontarf and Rotaract, and possibly encouraging participation in the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) program, Interact Service Clubs – sponsored by Rotary Clubs in High Schools, and EarlyAct Service Clubs – sponsored by Rotary in Primary Schools. Plenty of options here.

The **Environmental Service Committee** under Chairperson Brad Bland, also away but ably deputised by Don Pembleton, set out their program. This included becoming involved in tree planting in bushfire damaged areas, possible habitat for koala preservation, support of Landcare groups and maintenance of civic garden areas set up as memorials to past members Peter Walsh and Colin Knott.

President Peter encouraged Chairpersons to keep working on these proposals and to come back to a future Club meeting with more details.

President Pete's thought for the week: "Life is change; growth is optional" The meeting concluded at 8.30 pm

NEXT MEETING: -

Next Week's meeting will continue the previous weekly theme "Club Admin Committees" as part of the meeting's program. If the 'best laid plans' of the Programs Committee come to fruition, we'll also have a Key-Note Speaker addressing the topical subject of 'Aged Care'.

The venue is the Wagga RSL Club – start time 6:00 PM for 6:30 PM (sharp) start.

SOME WAGGA WAGGA ROTARY CLUB HISTORY: -

1. **Henrik Søgaaard** – Some of our longer-serving members may recall Henrik who was with us as a Rotary Exchange student just a decade or two back. Henrik is now a Senior Manager in a Financial Consulting business. He lives in Copenhagen with his wife Rikke and they have a little girl called Martha who is about to turn one. Henrik has resumed sailing as skipper of a J70 racing yacht (6.93 M – four person crew). Our past member, **Sue Honey** 'caught up with' the Søgaaard clan whilst she was holidaying in Denmark last month. She also watched Henrik compete in an international sailing race in Poland – and they enjoyed reminiscing about Henrik's sailing race on Lake Albert with Don & Graeme.



The Søgaaard family send their greetings to all Wagga Rotarians.

2. Extract From TROVE - Our Club History – Meeting Report from 6th July 1948: -

This week's meeting of the Wagga Rotary Club was devoted to discussion of several aspects of Rotary International. Emphasis was on the need for international understanding.

THE president, Mr. W. P. Riordan, invited Mr. D. Cormack, chairman of the International Committee, to preside over the meeting.

Mr. Cormack said the discussion would be based on the Fourth Object of Rotary, which reads: '*The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the Ideal of service.*'

It was not imagined that Rotary, although a worldwide organisation, was capable of ironing out all the differences between men and nations, but with many others, if working with the same aim, it was not too much to hope that some progress could be made, said Mr. Cormack.

Mr. S. Halloran's contribution to the discussion was a review of the troubled international situation, with emphasis on affairs in Palestine. If, he said, better understanding and friendship were fostered, first between members and then throughout a community, it would be possible to create better understanding between different communities. This was what had been in the mind of our founder, Paul Harris, when he launched Rotary over 40 years ago.

Understanding Russia

Mr. E. Fenn-Lusher dealt with the Russian angle of international affairs and illustrated the difficulty other nations were up against in any effort to arrive at a better understanding of Russian ideology. He feared there was little liberty, truth or justice in the law under which the Russian masses lived.

Mr. Cormack declared people outside Russia must read and study in order to arrive at a fuller appreciation of the life of the Russian millions. He recommended a book by a Russian journalist, Victor Kravchenko, who was a revolutionist, and witnessed the horrors of slavery and murder. He was fortunate to escape from the purges in which many lost their lives. Whilst on a purchasing mission to USA, he denounced Communistic rule in Russia and wrote his book, '*Chose Freedom*'.

ANNUAL SUBS ARE NOW OVERDUE: -

Last call – annual subscription are now overdue. If you haven't yet paid (or made arrangements to pay by instalments) you should do so now. The total amount payable is \$300-00 (made up as Membership Subscription for the current year: \$ 250-00 plus Annual Contribution to Rotary Foundation \$ 50-00)

Payment options include: -

1. Cheque, cash or other remittance payable to the Club and directed to the Treasurer personally or via post (PO Box 246 Wagga Wagga NSW 2650).
2. Pay using club EFTPOS during meeting night. Note that this option will attract an additional charge of \$5-00 to cover the transaction fees,
3. Electronic transfer to Wagga Wagga Rotary (General Account): -

Beyond Bank Acc #: 03739311
BSB: 325 185

(Note: if option 3 is selected, please ensure that your name is shown alongside the entry on the Club's bank).

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

- **16th July** **Swap Meeting – Wagga Show Ground.**
- **20th July** **Board Meeting.**
- **13th Sept** **Lilier Lodge BBQ night.**
- **20-22nd Oct** **District D9705 Conference – Queanbeyan.**
- **30th Nov** **SHINE Awards.**



POSITIONS VACANT: -

1. Regionalisation District Representative

District 9705 is currently seeking expressions of interest for a Regionalisation District Representative. The role will lead engagement and communication regarding the Regionalisation Pilot project as the implementation phase is being rolled out and inform clubs, Rotarians, and Rotaractors across our Districts. Please send applications to: DGE Rob Uhl (Email: rob.uhl@outlook.com) prior to 31st July 2023

2. Civil Engineer (Canberra).

Rotary Club of Aurora Gungahlin ACT (RCAG) is seeking assistance from a retired or active civil engineer who may be available to help with one of their projects. The requirement is to design, and then oversee construction by RCAG members' of a BMX complex that they are working on. The the objective is getting problem youths off the streets. Further information is available from John Platten (President RCAG) – Mob: 0404 827 394

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(16th Jul to 22nd Jul)

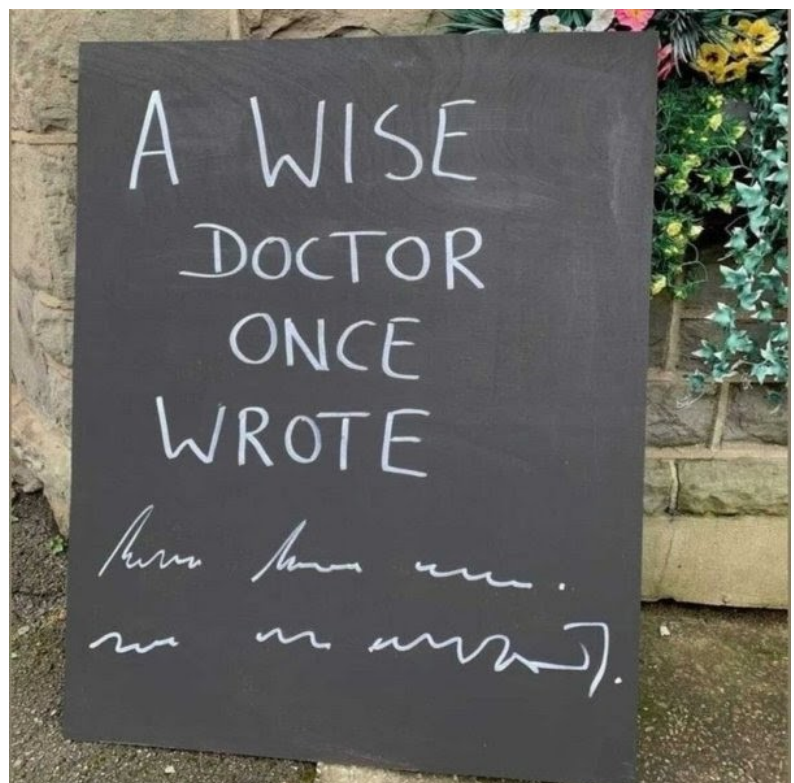
Birthdays: Nil.

Rotary Anniversaries: Nil.

Wedding Anniversaries: John & Carol Studdert (17/07) and Graham & Lyn Russell (19/07).



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It is not how long but how well we live – A man of words & not deeds, is like a garden full of weeds.