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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: 3.

Thursday 20th 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 27 th July	Thursday 3 rd August	Thursday 10 th August
PROGRAMME:	Counclr. Dallas Tout Mayor of Wagga Wagga	Garth Perkins D9705 – Area 3 Governor	TBA
ATTENDANCE:	Phillip Cross Margaret Keys	Vicky Donoghue Jenny Masters	Ellen Brasier David Kennedy
SHORT & SWEET:	David Kennedy	Graham Russell	Gordon Saggars
FINES-MASTER:	Gordon Saggars	Don Pembleton	Graeme Callander
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Alan Lean	Peter Olson	TBA
VOTE OF THANKS:	Geoff Treloar	Vida Smart	Peter Smart
BULLETIN REPORTER:	David Payne	John Heazlewood	Vicky Donoghue
MEETINGS:	Nil	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: -

Attendance.

President Peter declared the meeting open and welcomed 32 members – plus visiting Rotarians (and ex members of Wagga Rotary Club), Karel Bijker and Daya Govender. Daya was also accompanied by his partner Christine. Karel is now a resident of the NSW Far North Coast and a member of RC Currumbin-Coolangatta-Tweed, whilst Daya and Christine reside in Melbourne and Daya is currently arranging a transfer to a Club close to their home.

Peter invited all to join him in the Rotary Invocation plus a toast to the Matildas – whose match against Ireland, in the first round of the FIFA Women's World Cup, was imminent.

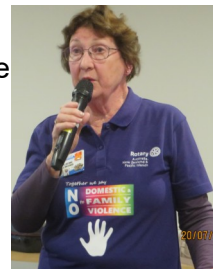


Numerous apologies were recorded from members unable to attend (thank you!) but disturbingly still some members failed to react to the Event Create email and record their intentions. This causes numerous problems with arrangements for the meeting – members are encouraged to RSVP to the email **every week.**

Administration Matters.

President Peter touched upon the following matters: -

1. The barbecue at the Wagga Swap Meeting was a success – both as a Club binding activity as well as financially. There were many volunteer helpers and they actually sold out of all produce.
2. An invitation to an event at Pro-Patria, to mark the actual purchase of the asset from the Catholic Order of Saint Clare nuns, has been received. The event is scheduled for 10:00 AM on 31st August. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. A RSVP is required no later than 21st August (speak with Pres Peter)
3. Reminders about: -
 - a) the barbecue for Lillier Lodge on 13th September.
 - b) District Conference in Queanbeyan over the weekend 20th – 22nd October.
 - c) Board Meeting tonight following the meeting.
4. The local Eisteddfod Committee are seeking volunteers to assist with managing their event at the Wagga Civic Theatre in early September. Pres Peter is coordinating a roster - please speak with him if you have some spare time available.
5. There is the potential for another barbecue fund-raising function for the DPI 'Old Boys' reunion on 21st October (up to 500 meals). Further information will be provided closer to the date.
6. Club Secretary Ellen provided a summary of how the funds from the last Book Fair were distributed.. A total of almost \$65,000 has been distributed (or ear-marked for distribution) so far. Apart for around \$8,000 for RI projects, all remaining funds are for local deserving projects.
7. Elaine Almond provided a demonstration of 'catwalk skills' that would be the envy of Elle MacPherson. She modelled her new 'T' shirt (see photo) supporting Rotary's action against Domestic Violence and the Zone 8 Conference (22nd October). She also distributed brochures detailing the Rotary project (DV Safe Phone). Members are invited to bring any old mobile phones in their possession to the meeting next week.
8. Annual subscriptions are now overdue – if you haven't yet paid, speak with Treasurer Nepal now!



Short & Sweet.

The S&S this week involved Alan Lean 'coming out' and declaring that his real name is Alroy Lean. The history behind the subterfuge is interesting – but suffice to say that the name was changed to 'Alan' for an advertising program that was aired in Wagga in 1965 by his (then) employer.

Fines-Master Session.

Whilst not to be found in the Oxford English Dictionary, the word 'Lexophilia' is understood to describe a person who loves sentences such as 'You can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish' and 'To write with a broken pencil is pointless' – at least so reported by David Friedlieb in tonight's fines session. He then proceeded to fine all in attendance with fines such as Mike Murray 'England has no kidney bank, but it has a Liverpool' and Gordon Saggars 'A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail'.

An entertaining, educational and financially (at least for the Club) session.

Clontarf Roster.

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| ◆ 4 th August | David Wynne & Brad Bland |
| ◆ 11 th August | Graeme Callander |
| ◆ 18 th August | David Cannon |
| ◆ 25 th August | David Kennedy & Don Pembleton |
| ◆ 1 st September | Peter Olson & Peter Veerhuis |
| ◆ 8 th September | David Payne |
| ◆ 15 th September | Lyndal Seymour |



One additional member is most welcome to accompany the individual member/s nominated above.

Key-Note Speaker

Unfortunately, due to the sudden onset of illness, the Key-Note Speaker on Aged Care, was a last-minute cancellation. Aged Care, in this country, is currently undergoing major re-structuring. This topic may be of interest to some of our members now, but will be of interest to many others soon, so it is hoped that this speaker might be rescheduled for some time soon.



The non-appearance of our Key-Note Speaker provided Pres. Peter with an ideal opportunity to continue with his outline of our Club Structure. He invited the Chair of each of our Internal Club Committees to provide an outline of their activities and ambitions for the coming twelve months.

David Cannon spoke on the workings of the **Programs Committee** and is actively encouraging all members to give some thought to our invited Key-Note Speakers. He welcomes suggestions on this.

Graeme Callander outlined the duties of the small, but effective, **Sergeant-At-Arms Committee** and how they manage the continuity of the Club weekly meetings.

Terry Mecham expressed the desperate need for additional members of the **Barbecue Committee** – one of the most active committees in our Club. Due to his deteriorating health, Terry announced his intention to stand down from his role as chairman and chief coordinator – so a replacement now needs to be appointed.

Gary Roberts spoke of the activities of the **Public Relations Committee** and expressed a desire for all members to take an active interest in this important area.

David Wynne is keen to continue the work of his predecessor, David Friedlieb in the **Membership & Welfare Committee**. This committee 'dove-tails' with many other facets of our Club family.

Pres Peter Olson also 'heads up' the **Fund Raising Committee** and is keen to see the existing projects being maintained and developed to their full potential – as well as investigating new avenues of income. Items such as Trivia Nights, Art Shows, Athletic Events & Cultural Events will be explored.

Finally, the hard-working Vicky Donoghue spoke of the intricacies with the **Internal Club Administration Committee** whose activities are wide-ranging and diverse. She maintains the Club Website which desperately needs updating - and all members are requested to review the website and prepare updated information for her action. Other areas that require input from the general membership include the Weekly Bulletin, Attendance Table and the Book Fair Committee.

The recurring message seems to be that the committees and their chairs are motivated and capable of managing the day-to-day running of your Club – but they would benefit considerably from further active involvement from the ‘grass-roots’ membership (i.e. YOU – become more more involved – after all, it is your Club!).

Elle Palmer was invited to express our collective thanks to these people, who seem to be pedalling frantically behind the scenes to keep this great Club going. On behalf of many of the more recent members she expressed some surprise at the level of activity and declared the session an inherent learning experience.

The meeting closed on time, thus allowing members to enjoy the FIFA Women’s World Cup (Australia -v- Ireland).

NEXT MEETING: -

Next week will see us meet again at the Wagga Wagga RSL Club – normal time, 6:00 PM for a 6:30 PM start. On this occasion, we will host the mayor of Wagga Wagga, Councillor Dallas Tout – who will also be our Key-Note Speaker.

Being a ‘high-profile’ speaker, this presents an ideal opportunity for you to invite a friend or colleague (and possibly a potential new member) to join us. As always however, please remember to RSVP for yourself and guest/s so that a meal will be available.



Also, as detailed above, please remember to bring along your old mobile phones so that they may be re-purposed in the DV Safe Phone project.

SOME WAGGA WAGGA ROTARY CLUB HISTORY: -

Extract From **TRÖVE** - Our Club History – Meeting Report from 20th July 1948: -

WAGGA ROTARY CLUB'S SOCIAL GATHERING.

The weekly meeting and luncheon of the Wagga Rotary Club yesterday was varied from the usual routine.

After luncheon and the disposal of several business matters, the meeting resolved itself into a social gathering. With the president (Mr. W. P. Riordan) presiding, a programme of musical items was contributed by members. These items were a Dutch auction for the disposal of 26 pounds of white sugar donated by a couple of members. Mr. R. Norman supervised the 'auction' and received a donation from each person in the room. The proceeds, about £2, is a contribution to the funds of the South Wagga Baby Clinic. Mr. W. Carr received the parcel of sugar.

At a previous meeting, Mr. J. Sneirs received several tins of asparagus, and the South Wagga Baby Clinic was given the proceeds. These 'auctions' will be held at meetings from time to time, as will the donations to pay for food parcels to be sent to English Rotary Clubs for distribution to worthy people.

The musical programme was conducted by Mr. Norman Peek. The soloists were Dr. R. Holmes (piano), Mr. N. Peek (song), Mr. Ivan Percy (saw solo). There were three community songs

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

- **31st August** **Pro-Patria Function (RSVP due 21st August).**
- **13th Sept.** **Lilier Lodge BBQ night.**
- **20-22nd Oct.** **District D9705 Conference – Queanbeyan NSW.**
- **30th Nov.** **RC Wagga – SHINE Awards.**
- **25-29th May 24** **RI Conference – Singapore.**

SOME 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



Karel, now retired and visiting from NSW Far North Coast, displays his relaxed disposition and his suntan (??).



President Peter chats with Daya & Christine – ex members visiting from Melbourne.



Our 'hard-working' Vicky – looking relaxed and obviously enjoying the meeting.



President Peter keeping the wheels moving!



David Cannon seeking assistance from members to fill Key-Note Speaker vacancies.



Graeme Callander expounds upon the ambitions of the small, but effective, Sergeant-At-Arms Committee.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(23rd Jul to 29th Jul)

Birthdays: Mary Ann Kelly (23/07) & Alan Lean (28/07).

Rotary Anniversaries: Gary Roberts (2020 + Murrumbidgee 07-19 + Koorinal 81-07).

Wedding Anniversaries: Neil & Shirley Hilpern (28/07).



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**Laughing at your own mistakes
lengthens your life.
Laughing at your wife's mistakes
shortens it.**

A man of words & not deeds, is like a garden full of weeds.