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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: 04.

Thursday 27th 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 3 rd August	Thursday 10 th August	Thursday 17 th August
PROGRAMME:	Garth Perkins D9705 Area 3 Governor	Emily & Anthony Bosco - New Ideas in Education	Mike Murray Music Trivia
ATTENDANCE:	Vicky Donoghue Jenny Masters	Margaret Keys David Kennedy	Margaret Keys Elle Palmer
SHORT & SWEET:	Graham Russell	Gordon Siggers	Lyndal Seymour
FINES-MASTER:	Don Pembleton	Graeme Callander	David Cannon
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Peter Olson	Peter Olson	Not Required
VOTE OF THANKS:	John Studdert	Peter Smart	Vida Smart
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Vicky Donoghue	Ellen Brasier	Emily Bosco
MEETINGS:	Nil	Nil	Board Meeting

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 Olson welcomed all and declared the meeting open. He then invited all to join him with the Rotary Invocation, followed by a Toast to the Rotary Club of Port Moresby (PNG).

Attendance.

Thirty-four members were in attendance plus guests, Noelene Hogan (guest of Vicky Donoghue) and Bronwyn Callander (guest of Graeme). In addition, we welcomed our Key-Note Speaker, Mayor of Wagga Wagga City, Councillor Dallas Tout.

Administration Matters.

Club administration matters outlined by President Peter include: -

- ➔ President Peter is seeking members who can volunteer as marshals at the **Wagga Eisteddfod** on Friday the 8th September. He reported that the Eisteddfod Committee requires three marshals per session – there are three sessions on that day. Names to Pres. Peter ASAP please.
- ➔ The **Lillier Lodge BBQ** evening is on Wednesday 13th September, and at least five people are required for this project. Names to Terry please.
- ➔ A BBQ team (without our trailer BBQ) will be required at the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Open Day on Saturday **21st October**. It is anticipated that up to 500 meals will be served – this is a great fund-raising opportunity. Please note it in your diary. More information to follow closer to the event.
- ➔ Old mobile phones have been coming in for Elaine Almond to pass on to the **DV Safe Phones Project**. Please keep it up. Thank you to Ellen Brasier for rallying the residents at The Grange to support this great cause.
- ➔ Our next **Club Board Meeting** is on August 17, after the Music Trivia Night.
- ➔ A show of hands agreed that Mike Murray's Music Trivia Night should be a **PARTNERS' NIGHT**.
- ➔ Other Reports: -
- ➔ Brad Bland, speaking for the Environment Committee, spoke about the need for our club to do some maintenance work at the **Peter and Helen Walsh Memorial** on Red Hill Road. More to come.
- ➔ Lyndal Seymour offered to our club the opportunity to raise funds through her **Bolton Park Gym** business's introductory afternoons on the third Thursday of each month. With our volunteers collecting (on behalf of the Club) an entrance fee of \$20-00. With about 60 people anticipated each session, we might raise around \$1000 per month.



Short & Sweet.

After last week's contribution from 'Alroy' Lean, we have another revelation about two of our members. David Kennedy and Graham Russell are cousins! Not so surprising when you consider how alike they are.

Accompanied by slides, David went on to talk about Tommy "Two-Sticks" Southwell, a relative of both Graham & David, who arrived in Australia in 1838 at the age of three; he died in 1921 in his 87th year. His family settled at the property "Parkwood" on Ginninderra Creek and he worked as a bullocky. He had a most unusual way of getting around. Although not physically disabled, he bound along on two sticks, one held firmly in each hand. The sticks were fashioned with a knot to grip, and he travelled quite remarkable distances with them, thinking nothing of going to Dalton, a distance of 64 kilometres, in one day. A tall tale (but true!) from early Australia.



Fines-Master Session.

Gordon regaled us with several very funny tales that prompted many wallets and purses to be emptied of loose change. Phone scams; young people and their social media; the Royal Family – all were dispatched to the boundary with much laughter. Thanks Gordon.

Key-Note Speaker

Our Key-Note Speaker, for this meeting was Wagga Wagga City Mayor, Councillor Dallas Tout

Dallas was superbly introduced by long-time friend Alan Lean.

Dallas spoke, using a powerpoint presentation, on the City Council report “Economic Snapshot 2023”. An informative document was also distributed. Members can also find more detailed information at the Council website. See <https://wagga.nsw.gov.au/business-investment/investing-in-wagga/economic-overview>



There was considerable information and data presented about the state of the Wagga Wagga economy, along with our neighbouring Riverina areas. Our economic future looks rosy, with many large infrastructure projects in the pipeline. The Council's priority problem-solving areas are housing and skills. Through the Country Mayors Association and Regional Cities NSW, Council is able to lobby the State Government on issues such as population growth, regional infrastructure and investment in a collective and cooperative way.

After Dallas answered several questions from members, Geoff Treloar thanked the Mayor for his talk, and in appreciation presented him with a certificate acknowledging a donation toward the End Polio Now campaign.

The meeting concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF): -

NYSF was established in 1984 by Rotary, in partnership with like-minded corporations. It runs a number of residential programs to encourage senior secondary students in their passion for science, technology, engineering and maths.



D9705 is now planning for the next NYSF, scheduled to occur in January 2024. Further detailed information on NYSF is available by 'clicking onto': <https://www.nysf.edu.au/>

Matthew Crouch, the current District 9705 Chair for NYSF (and President of the Wagga Rotaract Club), is seeking Rotarians and associates to assist with an interview and selection process event which is scheduled for the weekend 12/13th August. It will be hosted on Zoom. The interviews will be held between 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day. If you can assist with this, or require more information, please contact Matthew directly at d9705.nysf@gmail.com – this dynamic young man, along with the NYSF project, deserves our full support.

CLONTARF ACADEMY ROSTER: -

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

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

NEXT MEETING: -

Next Thursday we host our Area Three Governor, Garth Perkins. The venue is again the Wagga Wagga RSL Club in Dobbs Street. Normal time (6:00 PM for 6:30 PM start. Don't forget to RSVP.

SOME WAGGA WAGGA ROTARY CLUB HISTORY: -

Extract From **TROVE** - Our Club History – Meeting Report from 2nd August 1933: -

The members of the Wagga Rotary Club held their weekly meeting and luncheon on Monday evening at the Commercial Hotel, which was presided over by the president, Rotarian J. C. Blarney.

The speaker for the evening was Rotarian R. H. Blake, who dealt with his own classification, that of a live stock salesman. Someone said that a salesman was born, but his experience was that there was no royal road to success in this particular vocation except hard work and application. Rotarian Blake, in an interesting way, described how a boy deciding to become a live stock salesman served the days of his apprenticeship in assisting in the drafting, classing, and trucking of stock. It was here that he got his first acquaintance with stock and their values. Having gained the rudimentary knowledge he then passed on to the more technical stages and put into practice what he had learned by observation and study. A salesman must secure and hold the confidence of his public. Once this confidence was shaken or destroyed any success he had achieved would quickly disappear. The classification of stock, especially sheep, was an interesting study, and those who heard the address; found it very informative and entertaining.

A vote of thanks was accorded the speaker, moved by Rotarian Rod Hore.

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

- **17th August Partner's Night (RSVP Required!!!)**
- **8th September Eisteddfod Marshals required.**
- **13th September Lilier Lodge BBQ night.**
- **22^{1st} October DPI Reunion Barbecue**
- **20-22nd Oct District D9705 Conference – Queanbeyan NSW.**
- **30th November RC Wagga – SHINE Awards.**
- **25-29th May 24 RI Conference – Singapore.**



SOME 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



Lyndall, Elle & Alan chat with Mayor Dallas Tout & visitor Noelene Hogan.



Cousins David & Graham. Can you see the family resemblance?



Geoff Treloar thanks Mayor Tout for his presentation.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(30th Jul to 5th Aug)

Birthdays: Margaret Saggars (02/08).

Rotary Anniversaries: Nil.

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil.



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**HONK IF YOU LOVE
JESUS TEXT
WHILE DRIVING IF YOU
WANT TO MEET HIM**



A Wish To Live Forever

I met a magical fairy yesterday who said she would grant me one wish.

"I wish to live forever," I said.

"Sorry," said the fairy, "that is the only wish that I'm not allowed to grant."

"Fine," I said. "Then I want to die the day after Parliament is filled with honest, hard-working, bipartisan men and women who act only in the people's best interests!"

"You're a crafty little bastard," replied the fairy.



It is not how long but how well we live.

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Special Guest Invitation

An important function to announce the purchase of the Carmelite Monastery by the Pro Patria Property Trust.

President Peter Olson and Club Members

Location: Pro Patria Centre, 19 Morshead Street, Wagga Wagga

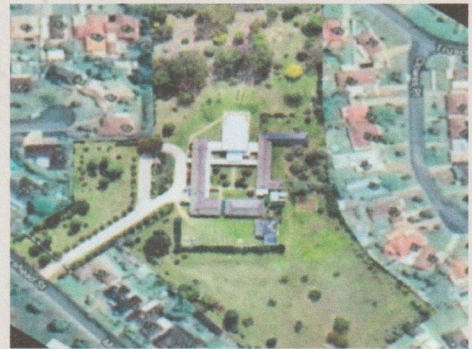
Time: 10.00 for 10.30am

Date: Thursday, 31st August '23

RSVP: 21st August

alan@propatriatrust.org

Or 0434 548 161



On this day we will confirm the purchase of the Carmelite Monastery by the Pro Patria Property Trust to give a permanent home to the Pro Patria Centre. A referral centre for the holistic support & treatment of veterans and their families.

This is a very significant achievement not only for our veterans & first responders from around the region, but for the whole community, who are very proud of supporting the purchase of this wonderfully fit for purpose facility.

The Pro Patria Centre could be the blue print by which all future "wellness centres" for veterans are designed.

The mission is to be a Centre of Excellence covering medical, mental, physical and dietary support & treatments, using the most advanced, approved break through therapies & programs.