



**ROTARY CLUB
OF WAGGA WAGGA**

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RI President: Gordon R. McNally	 CREATE HOPE in the WORLD	THE FOUR WAY TEST:
Dist. Gov 9705: Andrea Grosvenor		Of the things we think, say or do: -
Area Three Gov: Garth Perkin		• Is it the truth?
Club President: Peter Olson		• Is it fair to all concerned?
Club Secretary: Ellen Brasier		• Will it build goodwill & better friendships?
		• Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

BULLETIN NO: 05.

Thursday 3rd August 2023.

AUGUST IS ROTARY MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION 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.:-

	Thursday 10 th August	Thursday 17 th August	Thursday 24 th August
PROGRAMME:	Emily & Anthony Bosco - Bike Canteen	Mike Murray Musical Trivia	TBA
ATTENDANCE:	Jenny Masters David Kennedy	Margaret Keys Elle Palmer	David Kennedy Geoff Treloar
SHORT & SWEET:	David Wynne	Lyndal Seymour	Alok Sharma
FINES-MASTER:	Graeme Callander	David Cannon	Phillip Cross
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Peter Olson	Not Required	TBA
VOTE OF THANKS:	Peter Smart	Vida Smart	Peter Veerhuis
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Ellen Brasier	Emily Bosco	Gerry Page
MEETINGS:	Nil	Board Meeting	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.

The meeting was called to order at 6.30pm by President Peter, with 26 members present. Travellers are slowly returning, and we hope that the cold and flu season is just about over. Our guests for the evening – Area 3 Governor Garth Perkin, Geoff Crouch, and Damien Nye -- were warmly welcomed.



All present rose for the invocation and President Peter proposed a toast to **The Rotary Club of Sundsvall.** This Club is one of the oldest in Sweden—the first class of clubs that was formed over 80 years ago. Their regular meeting place is the Scandic Sundsvall City Hotel. Sundsvall is the birthplace of Tony Gustavsson, coach of the Australian Matildas football team.

Administration Matters.

- ◆ President Peter gave details of several upcoming events and urged members to consider how/when they can volunteer their time. Namely:
 - > **Airborne Gymnastics Family Fun Day** (Club Fundraiser). This will be a monthly event until December. First event is **Sunday 20th August.** Members are needed at the entry desk. A roster will be circulated at the next meeting. Please advertise this event, as all entry fees will be donated to our Club. A flyer with all details appears at the end of this bulletin. (A big thank you to Lyndal for making this happen.)
 - > **Pro Patria Function** to confirm the purchase of the site will be held on **Thursday 31st August** at 10.00 for 10.30am. All members of our Club have been invited to attend. RSVP to Alan Lean (alan@propatriatrust.org) by 21 August please.
 - > Wagga Eisteddfod is seeking volunteers to act as marshals at the Civic Theatre on **Friday 8th September.** Names to President Peter please.
 - > **Lilier Lodge BBQ** will be catered by our Club on **Wednesday 13th Sept.** Five volunteers are needed on the night. Several desserts are needed. If you can help, speak to coordinator Terry.
 - > Our Club will be catering a BBQ at a very large **DPI event** on **Saturday 21st October.** A large team will be required, and Terry will be looking for assistance in coordinating this. More details as the date gets nearer.
- ◆ Secretary Ellen reported from the last Board meeting that the Club received a request to support a keen young music student so he can continue his lessons with the Riverina Conservatorium. These lessons take place at Coolamon Central School, and without our assistance this student would be unable to participate. It has been decided that our Club will **fund a bursary** which will meet the tuition costs for four terms.



Short & Sweet.



Graham Russell's recount of the exploits of William Charles Brown (better known as Tinker) took members deep into Wagga's past. Tinker and his wife Susannah were both convicts and met well after their arrivals in Australia. They came to Wagga where Susannah was a particularly successful businesswoman. Tinker was a little less so, as evidenced by his purchase of a travelling circus when he travelled to Parramatta. He travelled around southern NSW and northern Vic with this circus. In 1856, the circus was in Beechworth, when a Mr

Cameron rode into town on a horse called Castor, shod with golden shoes. Tinker bought the shoes and rode back to Wagga. In the meantime, a man named Moxham (employed by—and possibly related to—Brown) made bets with the locals that Brown would ride into Wagga on a horse shod with golden shoes. The bets were readily taken up, and Moxham (and probably Brown) stood to win a lot of money. Brown pulled up at a quiet place in the bush just out of Wagga and a blacksmith, sent out by Moxham put the shoes back on the horse. Tinker rode triumphantly into Wagga and Moxham collected the winnings. On what could only have been another trip to Beechworth, Tinker Brown died suddenly. His body was brought back to Wagga in a dugout from a gum tree, a common practice for a coffin in those days. He was buried in the old cemetery at Wagga, behind Church Hill. Later, when the new cemetery was opened (which is now the old one) the bodies were exhumed and reburied in the new one. Some years later, Susannah died, and she is buried alongside her husband. What happened to the shoes?? A Wagga bank manager, Mr. Crotte, tried to convince Mrs Brown to sell the Golden Shoes. It seems they eventually found their way to the Mint, were melted down into sovereigns, and realised 96 pounds and sixteen shillings. Every Easter, the town of Beechworth celebrates the Golden Horseshoes Festival.

Fines-Master Session.

This week Don Pembleton had members in his sights and extracted funds from all and sundry with the skills of a modern-day Robin Hood. He fired many verbal arrows which hit their targets and caused many to smile. Were you among his ‘victims’?? Names have been deleted from this sample in order to protect the innocent (or guilty):

- ‘Mondays—such an awful way to spend 1/7 of your life.’
- No one is listening until you make a mistake.
- Real men don’t waste their hormones growing hair.
- If at first you don’t succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
- If at first you do succeed, try not to look astonished.
- A serious music lover is one who, when he hears a soprano in the bathroom puts his ear to the keyhole.
- The reason most people play golf is to wear clothes they would not be caught dead in otherwise.
- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- The early bird catches the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- Nostalgia isn’t what it used to be.



A Special Visitor:

Most members will remember Damien Nye who has previously visited our Club, He returned this week to present a letter of thanks for our Club’s support of the work done by the *Ukrainian Patriot* organisation, who provide humanitarian aid to the areas affected by the war. A video message of thanks from other international volunteers was screened.



PHF Presentation

For many years, we have all appreciated the assistance that Crouch Transport has so generously given to our Club by providing transport for our Book Fair stock. Geoff Crouch, and his father Ron before him have been so generous to this Club and we are very grateful. We also appreciate the attitude and professionalism of the logistics staff and drivers who are always so willing to assist us. The generosity of Geoff Crouch and his transport company doesn't just shine on our Club alone. An arm-long list of local causes also benefits from their assistance and sponsorship. This Paul Harris Fellowship is Rotary's way of expressing its appreciation for the substantial contribution that Geoff makes to our Club and wider the Wagga community.

Graham Russell delivered a citation in support of this award and President Peter was delighted to make this presentation to him on behalf of Rotary and our Club. All those present congratulated Geoff with applause.



Key-Note Speaker



We were delighted to welcome Area 3 Governor Garth Perkin to our meeting. Introduced by President Peter, Garth, who is a member of Coolamon Rotary, asked us all to consider how we might maintain the relevance of Rotary in today's world. He then went on to reflect on his fond memories of a Darkness to Light trip to India he and his wife Marg undertook with members of our Club under the guidance of Alok Sharma in 2013. Members were left in no doubt of the indelible effect that trip had on him, and how worthwhile he

felt it had been. Rotary's aim to 'make a difference' was at the heart of that trip and shaped his subsequent involvement in other Rotary projects, including hiking the Larapinta Trail outside Alice Springs in 2022 in aid of ShelterBox.

A vote of thanks was moved by John Studdert.

CLONTARF ACADEMY ROSTER: -

- 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 week we will again meet at the RSL Club. Our newest members, Emily and Anthony Bosco will be informing us about '**The Bike Canteen,**' which recycles bicycles and donates them back to members within Wagga Wagga.

And don't forget that Thursday 17th August is a *partners night*, with Mike Murray's 'Music Trivia'.

AUGUST IS ROTARY MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION MONTH: -

Rotary focuses on Community Service and promotes International Peace and Understanding. Each month of the calendar is noted in Rotary with a different theme – and every club throughout the Rotary world is encouraged to concentrate on programs to promote each of these months. By celebrating each month and using monthly themes as a guide, Rotarians can ensure that all of the various programs of Rotary are administered throughout the entire year.

August, for Rotary Club members, is **Membership and Extension Month**, emphasising membership development and the creation of new Rotary clubs and this week we bring to you an edited version of a 2013 article by Leanne Martin-Pollock (R C Dar es Salaam, Oysterbay, Tanzania).

In addition to thinking about forming more clubs, we may also ask ourselves what the reasons are that one would join Rotary. A comprehensive list of reasons has been published by Leanne to remind each of us of what motivated us not only to join and to continue being proud members of our own clubs, but also to promote becoming members of other clubs, and growing the Rotary Family across our district and the world.

This week we list the first five of Leanne's points: -

1. **Friendship:** In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs: the need for friendship and fellowship. It is one of two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.
2. **Business Development:** The second original reason for Rotary's beginning is business development. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross section of every business community. Its members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.
3. **Personal Growth and Development:** Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.
4. **Leadership Development:** Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is like a college education. Leadership: - learning how to motivate, influence, and lead leaders.
5. **Citizenship in the Community:** Membership in a Rotary club makes one a better community citizen. The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community.



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



- **20th August** **Airborne Gymnastics Fun Day Fundraiser #1**
- **31st August** **Pro-Patria Function (Pls RSVP by 21/08)**
- **8th Sept** **Eisteddfod Marshals volunteering opportunity**
- **13th Sept** **Lilier Lodge Barbecue Night**
- **23rd Sept** **Rotaract Trivia Night**
- **21st Oct** **DPI Reunion Barbecue**
- **20-22nd Oct** **District D9705 Conference – Queanbeyan NSW**
- **30th Nov** **RC Wagga – SHINE Awards.**
- **25-29th May 24** **RI Conference – Singapore.**
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SOME 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(6th Aug to 12th Aug)

- Birthdays:** Graham Gorrel (06/08), Peter Veerhuis (09/08), Lynne Olson (12/08).
- Rotary Anniversaries:** Nil.
- Wedding Anniversaries:** Mike & Carol Murray (09/08)



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Family Fun day out

WHEN
1:30-3:00PM
SUNDAY
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17TH SEPTEMBER
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TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2023

FORMAL INVITATION TO FOLLOW

≈ *KOOKABURRA* ≈



*They say 40 is the new 30 and 50 is the new 40.
All I know is the older I get the more 9pm is the new midnight,*