



**ROTARY CLUB
OF WAGGA WAGGA**

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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: 06.

Thursday 10th 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 17 th August	Thursday 24 th August	Thursday 31st August
PROGRAMME:	Mike Murray Musical Trivia	Jenny McKenzie Palliative Care	TBA
ATTENDANCE:	Margaret Keys Elle Palmer	David Kennedy Geoff Treloar	Elle Palmer Phillip Cross
SHORT & SWEET:	Lyndal Seymour	Alok Sharma	Bryan Short
FINES-MASTER:	David Cannon	Phillip Cross	Vicky Donoghue
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Not Required	TBA	TBA
VOTE OF THANKS:	Vida Smart	Peter Veerhuis	Geoff Treloar
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Emily Bosco	Gerry Page	David Kennedy
MEETINGS:	Board Meeting	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 the 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 opened the meeting and invited all to join him in the Rotary Invocation plus a toast to the Matilda's captain, Samantha Kerr.

Attendance.

There were thirty members in attendance along with guests Tom Lemerle and Olivia Jones, who were our Key-Note Speakers, and also guests of Anthony & Emily Bosco.

Administration Matters.

- ◆ President Peter noted with pleasure, that the weekly email **Attendance Reminder** is being completed as required each week. This makes organising catering at meetings very achievable.
- ◆ Documents relevant to the monthly theme (**Membership & New Development Month**) were distributed for information and comment. Comments to Pres Peter ASAP please.
- ◆ **Corporate Membership** is a concept recommended for Rotary Clubs to consider during this month. A document expanding upon this concept was distributed and the members was asked to consider this idea. There will be further discussions on this topic at a later date.
- ◆ **National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)**. Our Board have agreed to sponsor Josh Sarantakas, an excellent 'all-rounder' student and sportsman from TRAC. His ambition is to study engineering after he graduates from high school.
- ◆ **Family Day Out at The Gym**. We are asked to 'man' the door on Sunday afternoon 20th August. and subsequently on the third Sunday of each month until December 2023. This is a fund-raising opportunity for our Club. A roster has been prepared and Pres Peter, assisted by David Cannon are scheduled for the first event.(see below for the full roster).
- ◆ More marshals are still required for the **Wagga Wagga Eisteddfod** on 8th September 2023. This is an important event on our City's cultural calendar and your support is encouraged. Talk to Pres. Peter if you are available to assist.
- ◆ **Club Christmas Party**. Paul Galloway has, once again, generously offered to host this event at his home. Daryl & Doris Lamont are available to cater the event, but only if it is held prior to the 17th December, when they will be departing Wagga on holidays. We await the decision/s by our Board on this matter.



Short & Sweet.

Dave Wynne entertained us with some very interesting facts which included: -



- That a cockroach can live for nine days without its head before it starves to death,
- Elephants are the only mammals that cannot jump,
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- Polar Bears are left-handed

Dave also informed us that his wedding anniversary is on the 9th November and asked how many remember the day they first met their 'life-mate'. David and Debbie decided to re-enact their first meeting at a pub. He went in first; Debbie followed a short time later. She walked up to him and said "Hi handsome can I buy you a drink?". David's reply "I'm not falling for that one again!"

Fines-Master Session.

Graeme Callander relieved us of our hard-earned cash by firstly levying a fine on members with wedding anniversaries, birthdays etc.

He then proceeded to test our knowledge of Second World War (WW2) history. His questions included: -

- ◆ What event is recognised as to have started WW2 – and on what date? (a) Germany’s invasion of Poland on 1st September 1939.
- ◆ Who were the Axis Powers and when was the pact formalised? (a) Germany, Italy, and Japan – at the end of September 1940.
- ◆ When was the London Blitz and how long did it last? (a) From 7th September 1940 to 21st May 1941.

Key-Note Speaker

Our joint Key-Note Speaker for the evening were Tom Lemerle & Olivia Jones from the Wagga Wagga Bike Canteen. They were introduced by President Peter.



Tom is a Project Manager with GHD and is active with numerous local projects, most notable being the Pommegalarna Cycling Project and the Museum of the Riverina redevelopment. Olivia works at TRAC, mainly in Human Relations – but is also happy to assist in other areas as required.

Tom and Olivia informed us of the Bike Canteen that they established in Wagga Wagga in September 2021. They renovate old bicycles and then donate them to needy people. The recipients include refugees, university students, people who have lost their driving licence and generally people with a need for this form of transport. Further information is available by following them on Face Book: www.facebook.com/thebikecanteen

Tom grew up in Wagga Wagga, having been educated at South Wagga Public School followed by Wagga Wagga High School and finally, relocated to Newcastle where he studied engineering. During his time at Newcastle he remodelled a bicycle for a disabled acquaintance.

He returned home to Wagga in 2020 and soon after established the Bike Canteen with a group of like-minded persons, including Olivia. The Bike Canteen is currently located in Rural Place behind the Masonic Hall – adjacent to The Press Coffee Shop.

They are more than happy to accept donated bikes and often receive unclaimed bikes from both the Wagga and Junee Police Stations. Donated bikes are either repaired or cannibalised for parts. They are regularly assisted by young people who are undertaking a Duke of Edinburgh Award, as volunteers as part of that program. The workshop is also made available to people who call in for a chat and are welcome repair and/or service their own bikes.



Funding of the project was initially from their own pockets followed by a grant from Riverina Water County Council. Income is an ongoing challenge and to assist with the finances, Olivia has entered the “Dirty 130” in the forthcoming Beers & Gears Festival; she is currently seeking sponsors. In addition, they have also launched a Go Fund Me page and those wishing to donate can do so by following this link: (<https://gofund.me/oaad8c93>).

Graham Russell thanked Tom and Olivia for their interesting and informative presentation.

NEXT MEETING: -


It's time to 'brush up' on your musical knowledge – next week we have our in-house musical maestro Mike Murry with his popular musical trivia night. A fun night for members, partners and friends so invite them all – but don't forget to accept for yourself and guests as stated above – otherwise you/they won't be fed.

Same time and same venue as usual.



AUGUST IS ROTARY MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION MONTH: -

In the last edition of this publication, we reproduced an edited version of a 2013 article by Leanne Martin-Pollock (R C Dar es Salaam, Oysterbay, Tanzania) detailing the first five (of twenty) reasons reminding us of what motivated us to join, and to continue to enjoy our club, and also to motivate us to promote membership of the Rotary Family. Today we outline the subsequent five relevant points: -

- Rotary** 
- **Continuing Education:** Each week at Rotary there is a program designed to keep one informed about what is going on in the community, nation, and world. Each meeting provides an opportunity to listen to different speakers and a variety of timely topics.
 - **Fun:** Rotary is fun, a lot of fun. Each meeting is fun. The club projects are fun. Social activities are fun. The service is fun.
 - **Public Speaking Skills:** Many individuals who joined Rotary were afraid to speak in public. Rotary develops confidence and skill in public communication and the opportunity to practice and perfect these skills.
 - **Citizenship in the World:** Every Rotarian wears a pin that says "Rotary International." There are few places on the globe that do not have a Rotary club. Every Rotarian is welcome – even encouraged – to attend any of the 29,000 clubs in 194 nations and geographical regions. This means instant friends in both one's own community and in the world community.
 - **Assistance when Travelling:** Because there are Rotary clubs everywhere, many a Rotarian in need of a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist, advice, etc., while travelling has found assistance through Rotary.

CLONTARF ACADEMY FRIDAY BREAKFAST ROSTER: -

- 18th August David Cannon (plus another required)
- 25th August David Kennedy & Don Pembleton
- 1st September Peter Olson & Peter Veerhuis
- 8th September David Payne (plus another required)
- 15th September Lyndal Seymour (plus another required)

FAMILY DAY OUT AT THE GYM ROSTER: -

- 20th August Peter Olson & David Kennedy
- 17th September Geoff Treloar & Gary Roberts
- 15th October Graeme Callander & Philip Cross
- 19th November Ellen Brasier & Vicky Donoghue
- 17th December TBA

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



- **31st August** **Pro-Patria Function (Pls RSVP by 21/08).**
- **8th September** **Eisteddfod Marshals Required.**
- **13th September** **Lilier Lodge Barbecue Night.**
- **23rd September** **Rotaract Trivia Night.**
- **21st October** **DPI Reunion Barbecue.**
- **20-22nd October** **District D9705 Conference – Queanbeyan NSW.**
- **30th November** **RC Wagga – SHINE Awards.**
- **25-29th May 2024** **RI Conference – Singapore.**

ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA – OUR HISTORY: -

Extract From **TRÖVE** - Our Club History – Meeting Report from 16th August 1933: -

The usual weekly meeting and luncheon of the members of the Wagga Rotary Club was held at the Commercial Hotel on Monday evening, when the president (Rotarian J. C. Blamey) presided. The 'talk' for the occasion was an '*International Understanding*,' and the speaker was Rotarian R. Giltinan, BA. For 12 months Rotarian Giltinan was chairman of the International Service and drafted a letter from the members of the Wagga Club to Rotary clubs in all parts of the world. The letter was designed as a greeting in Rotary fellowship, and in addition to conveying warm regards from Wagga members, expressed the hope that, through contact of Rotary and kindred societies, a happier state of international understanding would be arrived at. The speaker said that it was gratifying to receive so many letters from different countries in which Rotary was established and he read several letters and commented on the friendly tone adopted. From the tone of these letters, it was evident that there was a strong desire in all countries for closer mutual contact and better understanding, and the speaker expressed the belief that through efforts of this kind, people in the different countries can eventually be drawn into closed relationship. The 'talk' was listened to with very close attention and the hope was expressed that further international nights of a similar nature would be arranged. A promise of this was given by the chairman of the International Service Committee.

SOME 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



David & Geoff working the IT on our attendance table.



Graeme chats with our visitors & Key-Note speakers, Tom & Olivia prior to the meeting.



David – listening attentively to the Key-Note presentation

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(13th Aug to 19th Aug)

Birthdays: Vicky Donoghue (18/8)

Rotary Anniversaries: Nil

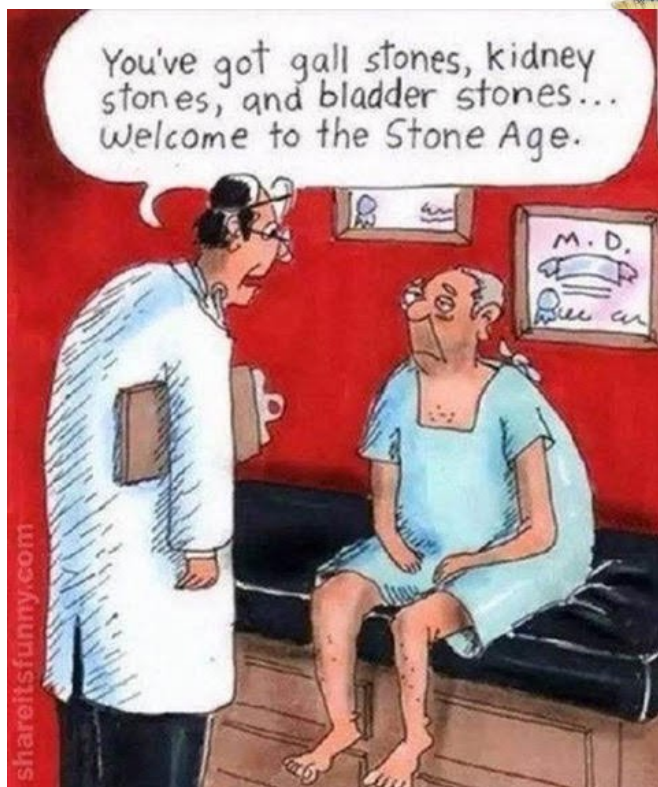
Wedding Anniversaries: Nil



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Why is it the one who snores the loudest is always the first to fall asleep?



"He profits most who serves best"
Richard King (RI President 2001-02)