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BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA Inc. - CHARTERED 1930

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**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**

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: 07.

Thursday 17th 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 24 th August	Thursday 31st August	Thursday 7 th September
PROGRAMME:	Jenny McKenzie Palliative Care	Greg Conkey Inland Rail & Bomen Expansion	District Governor D.9705 Andrea Grosvenor
ATTENDANCE:	David Kennedy Geoff Treloar	Elle Palmer Phillip Cross	Geoff Treloar Vicky Donoghue
SHORT & SWEET:	Alok Sharma	Bryan Short	Emily Bosco
FINES-MASTER:	Phillip Cross	Vicky Donoghue	David Friedlieb
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Elaine Almond	David Cannon	Peter Olson
VOTE OF THANKS:	Jenny Masters	Geoff Treloar	David Wynne
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Gerry Page	David Kennedy	Don Pembleton
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. It is courteous to register your apology.

- 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 Olson opened the meeting and invited all to join him in the Rotary Invocation, plus a toast to the Matildas.

There were twenty-six members in attendance, along with Past President Daya Govender, and members guests, Fran Mecham, Peter Norton Ash, Lynne Olson, and Joan Veerhuis, who joined us for our Musical Trivia Night.



Administration Matters.

- President Peter noted that everyone is completing the weekly email **Attendance Reminder** – yay!
- **Corporate Membership:** further to President Peter's explanation of corporate membership during last week's meeting, this was put to a vote to ascertain the extent of support for this idea amongst those in attendance this week. It would appear that there is considerable support for welcoming a suitable corporate member into our club.
- **Membership and New Development Month:** members are encouraged to invite others to our meetings so that they may gain an insight into all that we do for the community and to experience our generosity, hospitality, and good humour!
- **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.
- Members are reminded that on 22nd August there is a **combined president's meeting**. Please do advise President Peter of any pressing issues.
- **Mike Murray** recently paid a visit to **Bill Prest** at Gumleigh Gardens He is in very good spirits and, according to Mike, enjoys quite a bit of banter with the nurses!
- **Family Fun Day Out** being run by **Lyndal Seymour** at her **Airborne Gym** begins on 20th August. We will be 'manning' the door between 1:30pm-3:00pm. This is a fund-raising opportunity for our Club. A roster has been prepared and President Peter, assisted by David Cannon are scheduled for the first event. (The full roster is set out later in the bulletin.).
- On 26th August **Rotaract** is promoting a **long lunch** from 1:00pm at the MTC to support the Miss Wagga Wagga Quest. Tickets are \$70 and this includes a three-course meal. Tickets Eventbrite
- On 7th September, the **District 9705 Governor, Andrea Grosvenor will pay a visit** to the club.
- **Club Subscriptions** – The Board notes that some club subs. are overdue and would appreciate prompt payment being made please



Short & Sweet.

Lyndal Seymour entertained us with her journey from growing up and working in Sydney to finding herself operating the Gymnastics Centre at Bolton Park here in Wagga. Lyndal has worked in a variety of roles over the years, from spending time as a legal secretary at the firm representing Paul Hogan, to finding her feet in the sales and promotion of the first computer scanners on the market. However, with a young family and the rising cost of living in Sydney, Lyndal and her partner at the time decided to make the move to Wagga. Lyndal secured a job in Classifieds at the Southern Weekly Magazine, whilst her partner worked at the Wagga School of Gymnastics. By the late 1990s, they decided to open their own gym, and after a few venue changes over the years, now call the Gymnastics Centre at Bolton Park home.



Lyndal admits that whilst she never expected to become a gymnastic coach, she absolutely loves it! Her story is certainly proof that life is about creating (and recreating) yourself, not about finding yourself.

Fines-Master Session.

David Cannon relieved many of us of a considerable portion of our chump change, including President Peter who allegedly took our Fines Master out for coffee, but left without paying.

In the spirit of the night, David then proceeded to test each table on their musical trivia knowledge from the 'Golden Age' of popular music: the 60s and 70s.

Unfortunately, Anthony Bosco failed to understand the instructions and thought that he would get in quick with the answer to the only question he knew: what do Janis Joplin, Amy Winehouse, Jimmy Hendrix, and Jim Morrison have in common? Although he was correct in pointing out that they all died at age 27, he was rebuked for calling out – behaviour this reporter knows he does not tolerate from his students in the classroom! To make matters worse, Bosco was unable to pay the fine and was caught rummaging around in wife's purse for the cash!



Mike Murray Music Trivia

Mike Murray led another highly entertaining Musical Trivia Night. Don Pembleton's table took out the trophy and the Liquorice Allsorts! Rumours have emerged that the SoundHound app may have provided a helping hand to members of this table, but this reporter has decided that to give credence to such obviously spurious accusations would constitute irresponsible journalism. The absence of trivia questions about The Beatles is, in this reporter's humble opinion, the far greater cause for outrage!

The contest was brought to a close by Vida Smart who delivered a lovely and heartfelt vote of thanks to Mike for organising the event.



Next Meeting

On Thursday 24th August, the guest Speaker will be Jenny McKenzie with the topic Palliative Care.

Postscript on last week's Guest Speaker topic

Last week, Olivia Jones and Tom Lemerle presented to our meeting about the amazing charity organisation, *The Bike Canteen*. Olivia and Tom began The Bike Canteen in September 2021 and they have worked extremely hard to grow this charity, which does wonderful work in servicing our local Wagga community; helping and supporting people in Wagga to access the benefits people can gain by having and being able to ride their own bike. The Bike Canteen's motto is: "Our mission is to give everyone access to the power of the bicycle."

Club members expressed great interest in supporting their efforts however, unfortunately, the internet links mentioned in the bulletin were incorrect. If you would like to know more about The Bike Canteen, please visit - <https://www.facebook.com/thebikecanteen/>

Olivia has committed to the "Dirty 130", as part of the forthcoming Beers & Gears Festival, to raise much-needed funds for The Bike Canteen so that it can continue its great work. If you would like to support Olivia's fund-raising efforts, please visit - https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-bike-canteen-community-workshop-space?member=28039159&sharetype=teams&utm_campaign=p_na+share-sheet&utm_medium=social&utm_source=whatsapp

AUGUST IS ROTARY MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION MONTH: -

Last week we published our second instalment of the article by Leanne Martin-Pollock (R C Dar es Salaam, Oysterbay, Tanzania) detailing the second five (of twenty) reasons reminding us of what motivated us to join, and to continue to enjoy, our Rotary Club. In this week's edition, we outline the subsequent five expressed points: -



- **Entertainment:** Every Rotary club and district has parties and activities that provide diversion in one's business life. Rotary holds conferences, conventions, assemblies, and institutes that provide entertainment in addition to Rotary information, education, and service.
- **The Development of Social Skills:** Every week and at various events and functions, Rotary develops one's personality, social skills and people skills. Rotary is for people who like people.
- **Family Programs:** Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians; opportunities for spouse involvement; and a host of activities designed to help family members in growth and the development of family values.
- **Vocational Skills:** Every Rotarian is expected to take part in the growth and development of his or her own profession or vocation; to serve on committees and to teach youth about one's job or vocation. Rotary helps to make one a better doctor, lawyer, teacher, etc.
- **The Development of Ethics:** Rotarians practice a 4-Way Test that governs one's ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and personal relationships.

CLONTARF ACADEMY - FRIDAY BREAKFAST ROSTER: -

- 25th August David Kennedy & Don Pembleton
- 1st September Peter Olson & Peter Veerhuis
- 8th September David Payne + one vacancy TBA
- 15th September Lyndal Seymour + one vacancy TBA

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**
- **30th November** **RC Wagga – SHINE Awards.**
- **25-29th May 2024** **RI Conference – Singapore**



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: (20th Aug to 26th Aug)

- Birthdays:** Geoff Treloar (21/08)
- Rotary Anniversaries:** Nil
- Wedding Anniversaries:** Geoff Treloar/Jenny Masters (24/08)

ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA – OUR HISTORY: -

Extract From **TROVE** - Our Club History – Meeting Report dated 19th September 1933: -

At the usual weekly meeting of members of the Wagga Rotary Club, held last evening at the Commercial Hotel, the president (Rotarian J. C. Blamey) was in the chair. Several members were absent from town and apologies were submitted. The 'talk' for the occasion was given by Rotarian H. Mc Crossin who took as his subject the handling of His Majesty's mails through the post office. The speaker gave a very interesting discourse in which he described in detail, the electrically driven mechanical sorting, equipment installed at the cost of £120,000 in the Sydney GPO and which was giving practically 100 percent efficiency. Its installation was due to an invention by Mr. Corbett, now director of postal and telegraph services at Brisbane, who a comparatively few years ago was deputed by the director of postal services to make a study of mechanical sorting, the outcome of which was the setting up of a small plant at Brisbane at a cost of a few hundred pounds. This small equipment was so thoroughly efficient that Mr. Corbett's design was given effect to at Sydney G.P.O. Rotarian Mc Crossin's discourse was listened to with very great interest, many of those present, having no previous idea of the enormous amount of work involved in the handling of the huge pile of postal matter in the Sydney office



SOME 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



Musical Mike in Action



Finesmaster's acolyte about to pounce.



Members and Guests including Daya Govender - President 2012 -2013

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ABOUT LIFE:

All I ask is a chance to prove that money can't make me happy.
If the world was a logical place, men would ride horses side-saddle.
They told me I was gullible and I believed them.
One nice thing about egotists: They don't talk about other people.
I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.

