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

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<p>RI President: Gordon R. McInally</p> <p>Dist. Gov 9705: Andrea Grosvenor</p> <p>Area Three Gov: Garth Perkin</p> <p>Club President: Peter Olson</p> <p>Club Secretary: Ellen Brasier</p>	<p>CREATE HOPE in the WORLD</p>	<p>THE FOUR WAY TEST: Of the things we think, say or do: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it the truth? • Is it fair to all concerned? • Will it build goodwill & better friendships? • Will it be beneficial to all concerned?
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Wagga Rotary Club Acknowledges The Wiradjuri People – The Traditional Owners of The Land Upon Which we Meet.

BULLETIN NO: 08.

Thursday 24th 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 31st August	Thursday 7 th September	Thursday 14 th Sept.
PROGRAMME:	Greg Conkey Inland Rail & Bomen Expansion	District Governor D.9705 Andrea Grosvenor	TBA
ATTENDANCE:	Elle Palmer Phillip Cross	Geoff Treloar Vicky Donoghue	Philip Cross Margaret Keys
SHORT & SWEET:	Peter Smart	Emily Bosco	Bryan Short
FINES-MASTER:	Vicky Donoghue	David Friedlieb	Paul Galloway
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	David Cannon	Peter Olson	TBA
VOTE OF THANKS:	Geoff Treloar	David Wynne	Elaine Almond
BULLETIN REPORTER:	David Kennedy	Bryan Short	Don Pembleton
MEETINGS:	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,. Peter indicated that on this day Ukraine declared itself independent from the Soviet Union and moved a toast to the Rotary Clubs of Sydney Cove and Kyiv , Ukraine who have , in conjunction with RAWCS , set up a fund to meet immediate lifesaving needs of the crisis affected civilian population and provide recovery assistance as soon as feasible.

There were 27 members in attendance along with our guest speaker, Jenny McKenzie. There were 15 apologies.



Administration Matters.

- **Corporate Membership.** One avenue is being explored by Dave Wynne, however in Rotary Membership Month we should all look for opportunities to invite a friend or acquaintance along to a meeting.
- President Peter met the Club's candidate for the **National Youth Science Forum**, Josh Sarantakas, who has been successful in his interview and Secretary Ellen Brasier advised of two nominees from The Rock Central School for **RYPEN Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment**, Shaylee Tilden and Ayala Greenwell.
- Peter attended the **combined president's meeting** and one key observation was that many are cynical about the Regionalisation Plan; however we are going to have to live with it, so need to take a keen interest.
- The very active local **Rotaract** club have a project which we could support, a **Trivia Night** on September 23rd 6pm for 6.30, with funds raised for student to attend the NYSF . Maybe we can get up a club table – details are in the flyer attached to the bulletin.
- Don't forget **Eisteddfod Marshals** needed on Friday 8th September from 9am – 1pm.Civic Theatre. Names to President Peter please. Also check the Diary below and the Duty Roster for Clontarf Breakfasts.
- **Family Fun Day Out at Lyndal Seymour's Airborne Gym** commenced on 20th August with us 'manning' the door between 1:30pm-3:00pm. The next date is 17th September. This is a fund-raising opportunity for our Club. The roster is set out later in the bulletin.
- **Clontarf Barbeque at Wagga Beach** Four volunteers were arranged for Wednesday 30th Aug..to cook food supplied by Clontarf - arrive 12 noon to have food ready for serving at 1pm
- **Tony Hutch** has been renovating the club's Barbeque to give it a new life
- **Late Sad News.** Bruce Heydon advises that his mother passed away yesterday at the great age of 102. Best wishes from us all Bruce and family..

Next Meetings

- **On Thursday 31th August, Greg Conkey** will talk about Inland Rail & Bomen Expansion
- **On 7th September, the District 9705 Governor, Andrea Grosvenor** will pay a visit to the club

Short & Sweet.

Don Pembleton stepped into the breach to fill a vacancy with a little story from his long band history, about a guy called Colin a gregarious, fun guy who liked a drink and who, during a night out at the pub, though lacking experience, was pressed into service to beat the drum in a Anzac March. Worse for wear next morning he was assured that all he needed to do was to provide a steady Boom Boom Boom. The march got under way and Colin's booming was heard, but with gaps along the way. Asked why later, it emerged that Colin had used his belt to help secure the drum and unfortunately his pants fell down and had to be regularly replaced.



Fines-Master Session.

Philip Cross as the keeper of many membership statistics in the Club cunningly set his session about what we know about the makeup of the club, by going around the tables with some tricky questions about how well we know Rotary and our Members. This included who is the longest continuing serving member of this Club; longest Rotary membership overall. Number of ladies, the maximum numbers of sapphires can be on a PHF Pin and what other gemstones can there be on a PHF Pin. He changed the tone with a few jokes to give our weary brains a rest.



Guest Speaker

Our speaker for the night was Jenny McKenzie on the topic of Palliative Care She was introduced by Elaine Almond who mentioned Jenny's distinguished role in that area, which she encountered first hand in regard to her father's last illness. Jenny has led and championed palliative care in the Murrumbidgee Health district for over 20 years. She has been the clinical lead for a palliative care service providing quality care to patients living in rural and remote NSW.; and has driven the expansion of this service, allowing wider access to palliative care in rural NSW.



Jenny noted that the topic is not something people want to hear about and yet the fact is that we all need to know that a truly equitable and useful Palliative Care service is available and what is involved. The current scheme, aimed at enhancing the quality of life for clients and their families during challenging times, has been well funded and includes 28 staff. Basically, whatever you need to enhance your situation the Palliative Care team will provide, including equipment. This involves consultation not only with the patient but immediate family/ carers. The modern Care situation works with the patient, to take into consideration personal care preferences, differing belief systems/ cultures/ food choices etc - basically find out what people want and provide that. Links are provided to general practitioners, ambulance services etc.

Jenny stressed that everyone should have a plan in case something happens to them. Decisions will need to be made and this takes the load off family. She touched on the availability later this year of assisted dying .

The vote of thanks was given by Jenny Masters.

PS. Murrumbidgee Health have launched a Palliative Care Photo Book Awareness Campaign, aimed at sharing experiences of people who have benefited from Palliative Care in the region. They seek clients and their families, carers , loved ones etc willing to share their experiences and become ambassadors for Palliative Care. To participate, or find out more, talk to your local community or palliative care nurse.

AUGUST IS ROTARY MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION MONTH: -

Continuing on with the reproduction of Leanne Martin-Pollock's (R C Dar es Salaam, Oysterbay, Tanzania) 2013 article we now produce the final instalment detailing reasons why we joined Rotary and why others might enjoy the benefits of this great organisation: -



- **Cultural Awareness:** Around the world, practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, colour, and ethnic identity is found in Rotary. It is a cross section of the world's most prominent citizens from every background. Rotarians become aware of their cultures and learn to love and work with people everywhere. They become better citizens of their countries in the process.
- **Prestige:** Rotary members are prominent people: leaders of business, the professions, art, government, sports, military, religion,. Rotary is the oldest and most prestigious service club in the world. Its ranks include executives, managers, professionals – people who make decisions and influence policy.
- **Nice People:** Rotarians above all are nice people – the nicest people on the face of the earth. They are important people who follow the policy of it is nice to be important but it is important to be nice.
- **The Absence of an "Official Creed":** Rotary has no secret handshake, no secret policy, no official creed, no secret meeting or rituals. It is an open society of men and women who simply believe in helping others.
- **The Opportunity to Serve:** Rotary is a service club. Its business is mankind. Its product is service. Rotarians provide community service to both local and international communities. This is perhaps the best reason for becoming a Rotarian: the chance to do something for somebody else and to sense the self-fulfilment that comes in the process and return of that satisfaction to one's own life. It is richly rewarding.

The reproduction of this article is not intended to make you feel 'warm and fuzzy' about being a Rotarian; rather it is to prompt you to raise these benefits in conversations that you might have with friends, colleagues and other contacts in the hope that they can also derive these benefits – go on! Invite someone to join a Rotary Club.

CLONTARF ACADEMY - FRIDAY BREAKFAST ROSTER: -

- 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: -

- 17th September Geoff Treloar & Gary Roberts
- 15th October Graeme Callander & Philip Cross
- 19th November Ellen Brasier & Vicky Donoghue
- 17th December TBA

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: (27th Aug to 2nd Sept.)

Birthdays: Marilyn Roberts (28/8), Jennifer Gorrel (1/9)

Rotary Anniversaries: David Friedlieb (2/9/2010)

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

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

- **31st August** **Pro-Patria Function**
- **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**



ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA – OUR HISTORY: -

Extract From [**TROVE**](#) - Our Club History –

Daily Advertiser (Wagga Wagga, NSW 1911 – 1954), Wednesday 13 September 1933.

At the weekly meeting of the Wagga Rotary Club held at the Commercial Hotel the president, Rotarian J. C. Blamey presided. There was a fair attendance, a number of members being absent from town. The president and Rotarian L. Castles (vice-president) recently visited a district assembly of Rotary at Ballarat and both gave a very interesting address on Rotary activities as revealed in the papers read and the discussions which took place at the assembly. The new governor of the 65th district of Rotary International, Rotarian Alfred Pitta MLC, who recently returned from the annual conference of Rotary International at Boston, contributed an interesting discourse on the activities of Rotary throughout the world. Ex-Governor Mc Gibban of Perth, and several other leaders in Rotary contributed in an interesting way to the discussions. Both the Wagga representatives were delighted with their reception at Ballarat and by the good fellowship displayed.

‘HAPPY SNAPS’ FROM THIS WEEK: -



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A nurse was responsible for discharging patients at the local Hospital. She was doing her rounds one day when she noticed an elderly man already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet. Although he insisted he didn't need any help leaving the building, she pointed out that hospital rules dictated that he should have a wheelchair. Reluctantly, he allowed her to wheel him to the lift.



On the way down, the nurse asked the old man whether his wife was meeting him.

"I don't know", he replied. "She's probably still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."

A vibrant, cartoon-style poster for a 'Wild Wild West' Trivia event. The background is a warm yellow-orange with silhouettes of cacti and a large sun. At the top left, a white cloud contains the text 'DRESS TO IMPRESS: WILD WILD WEST'. At the top right, another white cloud contains 'Wagga Wagga Rotaract Club' with the club's logo. In the center, a yellow star-shaped sign lists the prices: '\$25 PERSON' and '\$175 TABLE OF 8'. Below this, the word 'TRIVIA' is written in large, bold, white letters with a black outline. Underneath, it says 'FUNDS RAISED FOR A STUDENT TO ATTEND THE 2024 NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM (NYSF)'. The date and time are '23 SEP 2023' and '6PM FOR 6:30PM'. The venue is 'NORTH WAGGA AFNC COMMUNITY CENTRE'. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a cowboy and a girl in western attire, along with signs that say 'WILD WEST FUN!', 'HATS & HORSES!', and 'RIDE ON!'. There are also balloons and a gift box.