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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: 10.

Thursday 7th September, 2023.

SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

Club meets at the WAGGA WAGGA RSL CLUB, **6:00 PM for 6.30 PM** (unless stated otherwise below).

Duty Roster: Arrange a replacement if you can't fulfil your duty & inform the Bulletin Reporter, or pre-advise via the "Red Book"

	Thursday 14 th Sept.	Thursday 21 st Sept.	Thursday 28 th Sept.
PROGRAMME:	Paul Gooden Wagga Real Estate overview	Tribute by Graeme Callander and friends	Matthew Crouch Rotaract
ATTENDANCE:	Philip Cross Vicky Donoghue	Margaret Keys David Kennedy	Ellen Brasier Elle Palmer
SHORT & SWEET:	Bryan Short	John Studdert	Brad Bland
FINES-MASTER:	Paul Galloway	David Payne	John Heazlewood
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	David Cannon	Graeme Callander	Gary Roberts
VOTE OF THANKS:	David Wynne	Nepal Ghosh	Shishir Bhengra
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Don Pembleton	Vida Smart	David Payne
MEETINGS:		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. 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 welcomed 28 members and 2 guests: Haris Omar and Guest Speaker District 9705 Governor Andrea Grosvenor, before congratulating those with birthdays and anniversaries. Members stood with glasses raised to toast past member and President John Goldsworthy who would have turned 80 the next day, 8th September.

(Toast picture later in the bulletin)



Administration Matters.

- **President Peter noted** that September is Rotary Basic Education and Literacy Month and then reminded us of the following:
 - **Wednesday 13 September BBQ at Lilier Lodge.** Terry Mecham has numbers sorted.
 - **Clontarf - Friday breakfast roster:** - The final breakfast meeting for the term is on **Friday 15th September** and **Lyndal Seymour** is rostered. (Vida confirms that only one attendee is needed).
 - **Family Fun Day at Airborne Gymnastics** – Lyndal Seymour advised that the next Rotary fund raising afternoon at her gym will be **Sunday 17 September** 1.30-3.00pm and we are hoping for advertising on AAAPM. Geoff Treloar and Don Pembleton are rostered..
 - **Sunday 23 September Rotaract Trivia Night** September 23rd 6pm for 6.30 at Nth Wagga Football Club Community Centre, to help fund their candidate for the National Youth Science Forum. President Peter circulated a list and **looking for starters.** Let President Peter know if you weren't at the meeting but would like to join the happy throng.
 - **Weekend of 20-22 October is D9705 Conference in Queanbeyan.** This is shaping as a good weekend and worth representation from the club. **Book in now!**
- **Mike Murray** advised that a committee has been formed with the goal of promoting awareness and funds for **Prostate and Breast Cancer**, via a “**Black Tie Ball**” on Saturday 9 March 2024 at the MTC. Mike is creating a list of potential guests for the event who will receive invitations and further details down the track. If anyone is interested (no commitment) in attending please let Mike know. He also advised that **Biggest Ever Men's Lunch is on at RSL on 10 November,**
- **Vida Smart advised that RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)** will be on 6-12 January in Murrumbateman. The club is looking for suitable 18-28 year old candidates. Applications required by mid-November
- **Sunday Lunch.** **Lyndal Seymour** is planning another **Lunch Soiree** at the Ashmont Hotel on Sunday 1st October . These lunches have been good fun, so why not come along. Let Lyndal know so she can make a suitable booking.
- **We have many events set down for the rest of the year.** Rosters and/ or Diary dates are set out later in the bulletin. Please note down the dates for functions you are involved with or may wish to be.

Next Meeting

- **Our meeting on Thursday 14th Sept.** will feature a talk by prominent local Real Estate agent **Paul Gooden** about the vibrant Wagga Real Estate scene.

Short & Sweet.

Emily Brosco made her first presentation to the Club, but the anxiety level was probably higher than she could have expected, having the District Governor in the audience. She spoke about her family and growing up in Temora and developing a love of English language and literature. After completing 4 years of High School in Temora she went off to Sydney to Loreto Normanhurst – a Catholic Girls School to complete Years 11 and 12. She drew on the legacy of the Foundress of the Loreto Order of Sisters, Mary Ward (born in England in 1585) who had proclaimed that, “women in time will come to do much”, and so they have.



This two years furthered her love of English and she went on and trained and became an English teacher. At age 27 Emily left the classroom and set up her own business to help teachers, again drawing on Mary Ward who believed the teaching community had to reach out and engage others. A decade or so on, she is doing this by running training sessions and producing books and material to assist teachers in their careers. Congratulations Emily, it was an excellent, thoughtful presentation.

Fines-Master Session.

Our Fines Master was **Vicky Donoghue**. After bemoaning how out of date our Club website was, and putting her hand up to try and coordinate a re-vamp, she took us on a walk down memory lane. Seeking fines for our lack of knowledge she worked her way through selected Paul Harris Fellowships that our Club has bestowed over the last 40 years, and concentrated on recipients that were still members of our Club. For a fee he reminded us who were the Presidents and what was the theme for each particular year. A lot of old memories were rekindled.



In summary she let us know that within those PHF holders still within the Club, there is 650 years of experience. Oh my gosh! We hope it counts for something. Thanks Vicky

Guest Speaker

Guest Speaker for the night was **District 9705 Governor Andrea Grosvenor** from Queanbeyan, and she was introduced by President Peter. Andrea has a long family history with Rotary. Her father was a Charter Member and President of the Rotary Club of Campbelltown SA, her mother a member and President of Campbelltown Inner Wheel Club, and Andrea a Charter Member of Campbelltown Rotaract Club in the 1970s. She had a 35 year career in the Australian Public Service.



Andrea provided a video of Scottish Rotary International President 2023-24, Gordon R McNally. Gordon who is a very good speaker, introduced himself and spoke about his agenda for his term in office and how he came up with his theme of “Create Hope in the World”. It was based on a chance meeting in Thailand after the Tsunami in 2011. It had devastated this lady’s life, washing away her family and home and she was left alone, homeless and desolate. Her hopes were revived years later by Rotary participating in the recovery and rebuilding of her town, providing encouragement and infrastructure so the town could function again.

Andrea described our 9705 District. It covers about 2 thirds of regional NSW. It includes 72 Rotary Clubs, 1800 Rotarians, 4 Rotaract Clubs, 2 Interact Clubs and 2 Earlyact Clubs for Primary School students. Wagga Wagga is in Area 3 and the Area Governor is Garth Perkins from Coolamon.

She spoke about international Rotary programs such as Polio Plus, and new initiatives with a focus on domestic and family violence, mental health, disaster response and regionalisation. She also spoke about her own special interests in Australian Rotary programs such as RAWCS, particularly Rotary Against Malaria, ROMAC and Australian Rotary Health.

After a question concerning regionalisation she agreed that there was a lack of information and advised that the 9705 District Board is working hard to improve the level of advice. She also advised that to her knowledge, that there was little, if any, payment to new regional office bearers.

Elaine Almond thanked Andrea, acknowledging that we were fortunate that our Club was the first one in our Area to receive such a visit and presentation.

SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

[UNESCO International Literacy Day](#) is 8 September. Literacy Day celebrations have taken place annually around the world since 1967.

The Guatemala Literacy Project is working to reverse the country's low literacy rates and keep children in school - By Diana Schoberg

When **Rotary International President Jennifer Jones** visited a primary school in a farming village in Guatemala's highlands in 2022 and asked who wants to become the country's president, the students' hands shot into the air. Before a Rotary-supported reading program began in the village of Chajalajyá, students would often drop out after a couple years of school. "Reading will change our society," Principal Vilma Nizeth Moreira told Jones during an April visit to the school. "These are powerful tools we are giving children to eradicate ignorance." Schools often teach in Spanish, but about 25 languages are spoken in the country, and there are few written materials in local languages.

The Guatemala Literacy Project has worked for 25 years to improve reading rates. In 1997, Joe and Jeff Berninger, brothers from Ohio, were volunteering as English teachers at a Guatemalan school that had no books. The two launched a project to solve that. The day the books arrived, there was a huge celebration, and a Rotarian dentist volunteering nearby heard the noise and asked what was going on. "He said this would be a perfect project for Rotary," says Joe Berninger, now a member of the Rotary Club of Pathways, Ohio, which coordinates the project.

Read more : <https://www.rotary.org/en/gift-reading>

CLONTARF ACADEMY - FRIDAY BREAKFAST ROSTER: -

- 15th September Lyndal Seymour

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: (10th Sept. to 16th Sept.)

Birthdays: John Studdert (16/9)

Rotary Anniversaries: Bruce Barber 2009 + Griffith East 1983-2009 (10/9), Alok Sharma 11/9/2003, Margaret Keys 14/9/2017, Tiffany Purvis 15/9/2022

Wedding Anniversaries: David & Debbie Wynne (11/9)

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

- 13th September Lilier Lodge Barbecue Night.
- 23rd September Rotaract Trivia Night
- Sat. 30th September and Sun. 1st October - **Gears & Beers**
- 1st October **Sunday Lunch Soiree** at the Ashmont Hotel
- 21st October **DPI Reunion Barbecue**
- 20-22nd October **District D9705 Conference – Queanbeyan**
- Saturday 4 November **Possible Motor Mania BBQ for SW Apex at Go Cart track**
- 10 November, **Biggest Ever Men’s Lunch at RSL**
- 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 – Meeting Report - Daily Advertiser dated 27 September 1933.
(Relevant to this time of year, as well as Pres. Peter's current role - Courtesy Don Pembleton)

The weekly meeting and luncheon of members of the Wagga Rotary Club was held on Monday evening at the Commercial Hotel, when the president (Rotarian J. C. Blarney) presided. The principal guests of the evening were three of the adjudicators at the Wagga Eisteddfod – Rotarian Lawrence Campbell and Messrs. Roland Foster and Brewster Jones. Each of the guests gave short 'talks' on different phases of the eisteddfod, congratulating the people of Wagga for their initiative and courage in boosting such a very desirable institution as the Wagga Eisteddfod Society. The president expressed his appreciation of the 'talks' and said that the eisteddfod owed much to the adjudicators of this year and of other years for the high standard they had set which had such a good influence on the musical appreciation of both the competitors and the public.

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He's supposed to be doing the Rotary bulletin - but after watching the Footy, the US Open tennis and the La Vuelta bike race he's buggered.

'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



John Goldsworthy Memorial Toast



Mike without his Black Tie



and Vida not needing one



Vote of Thanks



PDG Gary making up after asking a tough question of the current DG.