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Wagga Rotary Club Acknowledges The Wiradjuri People – The Traditional Owners of The Land Upon Which we Meet.

BULLETIN NO: 11.

Thursday 14th 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 21 st Sept.	Thursday 28 th Sept.	Thursday 5 th October
PROGRAMME:	Tribute <i>by Graeme Callander and friends</i>	Matthew Crouch Rotaract	Jim Hutchinson Transgrid
ATTENDANCE:	Margaret Keys David Kennedy	Ellen Brasier Elle Palmer	David Kennedy Anthony Bosco
SHORT & SWEET:	John Studdert	Brad Bland	Geoff Treloar
FINES-MASTER:	David Payne	John Heazlewood	Alok Sharma
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Graeme Callander	Gary Roberts	David Cannon
VOTE OF THANKS:	Nepal Ghosh	Shishir Bhengra	Brad Bland
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Vida Smart	David Payne	Emily Bosco
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 32 members and our Club visitor (and Key-Note Speaker) Paul Gooden. He also expressed his pleasure in seeing Margaret Everett and Alok Sharma back following their extended leave.

We were invited to join him in a toast to Rotary International – plus the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie (NSW) which meets at the Panther's Club and hold a **weekly** Book Sale (we are in awe).



Rotary Monthly Theme.

Pres Peter reminded us that the Rotary theme for this month is '**BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY**' and reported upon a pleasant duty that he had undertaken earlier in the day. Following the death of their daughter, Peter & Lynne made available a perpetual dance award known as 'The True Colours Trophy' to be awarded by the local Eisteddfod Society. Earlier today, in keeping with our theme, Peter had presented this award to an eight year old "young princess" competitor in the dance section of the Wagga Eisteddfod.

Administration Matters.

The following items were discussed: -

- **Alan Lean** is in Sydney for a medical procedure – reports indicate that all is going according to plan.
- **Terry Mecham** reported that all went well at the **Lillier Lodge BBQ** earlier this week.
- **Chairman of the International Committee, Gordon Saggars**, reported upon the following: -
 - **ROMAC** is undertaking marvellous work with children from Pacific Nations – he recommended that members review the article in the current edition of the D9705 Newsletter. Additional donations for this worthwhile cause are encouraged.
 - The **Darkness-To-Light (India)** project is now back on our agenda following approval from the Indian Government – we await further developments.
 - Additional and ongoing projects are 'in the pipeline' following Gordon's recent visit to **Timor-Leste**. The Tutuala school that we have supported previously is now in need of 'a makeover' plus the local Minister for Education has requested our assistance at an additional neighbouring school.
- **Peter Smart** reported on our members' attendance at the official opening of the **Pro-Patria** complex
- **Secretary Ellen** is seeking volunteers to assist the RC Wollundry over the coming long week-end (30th Sept – 1st Oct) with their **Beers & Gears** undertaking. The following put their hands up for the Saturday – Alok, Gordon, Peter & Vida, Graeme Callander & David Payne. **For Sunday**, only Gordon & Terry volunteered so **additional names are required. Names to Ellen ASAP please.**



- **Family Fun Day at Airborne Gymnastics** .Additional publicity has been sought through local media. We are hoping to develop this into a tenable fund-raising project.
- **Rotaract Trivia Night Sunday 23 September** 6pm for 6.30 at Nth Wagga Football Club. Let President Peter know if you would like to join the happy throng.
- **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 to Vida required by mid-November
- **Sunday Lunch. Lyndal Seymour** is planning another **Lunch Soiree** at the Ashmont Hotel on Sunday 1st October. Let Lyndal know soon if you can come, so she can make a suitable booking.
- **Tuesday Book Sorting** is quiet at present as the input of new stock is slow; and the opportunity has been taken to review and stack returned stock from last year. We are seeking to publicize via media etc to enhance the flow of new material. **We may not sort every Tuesday over the next few weeks. We will have some flyers available at Thursday's meeting** for members to place in coffee shops, drop in mail boxes etc . See what you can do personally to spread the message.

Next Meetings

- Everyone likes a good mystery and **our meeting on this Thursday 21st September**, features one: a **Tribute** *by Graeme Callander and friends*. Come along to find out what it's all about !
- The following week **Thursday 28th September** we have the vibrant President of Wagga Rotaract, **Matthew Crouch** along to tell us about their activities.

Short & Sweet.

Bryan Short entertained us with a report on a recent family downsizing activity. Like most of us, he and Sally have accumulated a lot of 'stuff' over the past four or five decades. Now that their children have 'fled the nest' it was appropriate that they clear some space. A weekend (when the children would be visiting) was scheduled and a skip-bin ordered. A very amusing account of an unenviable task was relayed to us all in the hope that we might be able to avoid similar pit-falls.



Fines-Master Session.

Our Fines Master Paul Galloway, reminded those who needed it, that the 2023 Rugby World Cup is currently being hosted by France (at the time of writing this, Australia is equal leader of 'Pool C'). Paul, who is a keen follower of this brand of contact sport decided that Wagga Rotary Club should raise a team in case the current Australian team requires a bit of assistance.

Paul was naturally appointed coach – with Gordon as his assistant. The additional positions were allocated to selected Rotarians such as Alok as the 'blind-side' breakaway, Vicky wearing jumper # 8 and David Wynne as our half-back. The allocation of positions reads like a Who's Who of Rotary and rugby. Entertaining and financially rewarding session; thanks Paul.



Guest Speaker

On this occasion, our Key-Note Speaker was Paul Gooden, currently a director and senior sales consultant with a local real estate business. He has in excess of twenty year's experience in that industry, and was introduced by David Cannon.

Paul provided a broad-brush description of the Australian property market and its post-COVID history. Apart from selected areas in the inner suburbs of Sydney and Melbourne, the recovery of the market following the lock-down was quiet reasonable – and not in distress as may have been reported in some of the media.

The local market however is a little unique, and not subject to the same influencers as most other areas.

Paul particularly mentioned the influence of the defence bases, the medical profession, the CSU plus immigration as decisive factors of the local market. In addition, we have, 'waiting in the wings' the Inland Rail project and the commercial development of the Bomen area. All these have attracted people to this region and consequently made a marked impression on the property market. This attraction seems to be not just to Wagga Wagga, but extends out to Lockhart, Junee and comparable villages/areas.

He provided a 'case study' of the newer suburbs of Gobbagombalin and Boorooma where the average price of homes shot up 35% during the COVID recovery – but over the past six months have diminished by between 5% to 8%. This compares with homes in the central suburbs where a steady, almost predictable, growth in changeover prices is evident.

He suggested that currently, real estate investment opportunities in this region might be home units and lower value rental properties. (Any members considering investments should do their own research etc. etc.)

David Wynne thanked Paul for his presentation noting the variation from his days as an auctioneer to current operations.



FAMILY DAY OUT AT THE GYM - ROSTER: -

- 15th October Graeme Callander & Philip Cross
- 19th November Ellen Brasier & Vicky Donoghue
- 17th December TBA

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: (17th Sept. to 23rd Sept.)

Birthdays: David Cannon, Philip Cross (17/9), Jacqui Bland (23/9), Bronwyn Callander (20/9)

Rotary Anniversaries: Brad Bland 22/9/2011 + Hay 2008-2010

Wedding Anniversaries: Gerry & Joan Page (20/9)

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



- 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 Agricultural Institute Open Day - 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
- 18th & 19th May 2024 BOOK FAIR

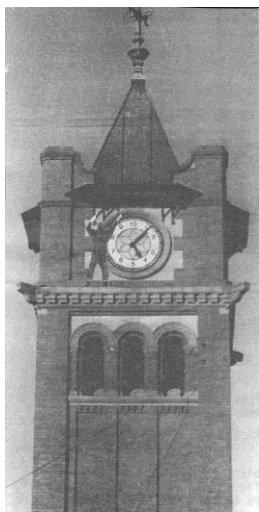
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HUMOUR FROM OUR HISTORY

Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga – Club Bulletin No. 38 25th March,1977

(This fun from the past seems pretty relevant given the activity visible at the clock at the moment)



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“Have you noticed the recent activity around the Court House clock?

If you haven’t, go and have a look. It is a well-kept secret that Australia is changing over to metric time. Wagga has been selected as the initial area to serve as a pilot study for the rest of the country.

Our observant reporter noticed the workman on the clock face and recorded the exclusive snapshot at left.

It is expected that the clock will change over its operation in conjunction with the Daylight saving changeover and by that Sunday morning, we will be geared to a ten-hour day, a ten-day week, ten-month year.

No doubt there will be a rush on suppliers of the new metric time pieces, so we recommend that you start enquiries immediately so as not to be caught out of step.

Most of the horological merchants have under-the-counter stock ready for the rush.

Don’t delay — buy yours NOW! “

NOW



'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



The Cool Doctor is Back - meeting newer members



Welcome back Marg.



Terry reporting on Lilier Lodge BBQ



Deep in Conversation