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

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Thursday 28th September, 2023.

OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 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 5 th October	Thursday 12 th October	Thursday 19 th October
PROGRAMME:	Jim Hutchinson Transgrid	Dr Bede Harris Referendum	TBA
ATTENDANCE:	David Kennedy Elle Palmer	Jenny Masters Philip Cross	Margaret Keys Geoff Treloar
SHORT & SWEET:	Geoff Treloar	Peter Veerhuis	David Wynne
FINES-MASTER:	Alok Sharma	Graham Russell	Tony Hutchinson
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	David Cannon	Peter Olson	TBA
VOTE OF THANKS:	Brad Bland	Ellen Brasier	Graeme Callander
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Vicky Donoghue	Emily Bosco	Brasier, Ellen
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 opened the meeting with the Invocation and a Toast to both Rotary International and the United Nations. He then welcomed our guests, Shane Carroll (guest of Margaret Everett), Josh Sarantakos (our NYSF candidate) and our guest speaker, Matthew Crouch, President of the Rotaract Club of Wagga Wagga.



Before President Peter spoke about club matters, he invited **our club's National Youth Science Foundation candidate, Josh Sarantakos**, to tell us a little about himself. Josh is a Year 11 student at The Riverina Anglican College studying the International Baccalaureate course. He plays basketball and the clarinet, and is considering a career in engineering or teaching, or a combination of the two. He is grateful for our club's partial sponsorship, and is looking forward to the week on campus at ANU in January 2024 when he will get the chance to see cutting-edge technology. President Peter said that the club would also get behind Josh in his own fund-raising efforts.



Administration Matters.

- **The Biggest Ever Blokes Lunch (BEBL)** is on Friday November 10. Peter requested a show of hands to create a table for the lunch and 7 members indicated that they would attend. Mike Murray is keen to secure a Rotary table of 10 to 12 members. The guest speaker will be Australia's best Ventriloquist, Darren Carr, plus, as MC, comedian Des Dowling who has performed at several other BEBLs. The price remains at \$130 per head (you would expect to pay at least \$50 to get one let alone two quality entertainers; when you add the meal - \$39 per head - and wine and beer, you are getting near \$130 of value). The goal remains to support prostate cancer research plus the Wagga Wagga Prostate Cancer Support Group. See Mike for a seat at the table.
- **Peace Day Ceremony** After a coffee meeting with our club's Peace Coordinator David Payne, President Peter talked with Wagga Rotary Club Presidents on Tuesday night. It was agreed that the Peace Day Ceremony would take place on **Sunday 25 February 2024** in the Victory Memorial Gardens at 10am. An Organising Committee will be formed with at least one representative from each club, and its first meeting will take place on Tuesday 10 October at 5pm at The Rules Club. While the format of the ceremony will be adjusted to be more inclusive of the changing Wagga community, the primary focus on presenting awards recognising the efforts of organisations and individuals in promoting peace will remain. **Our club is responsible this time for directing the organisation of the Peace Day Ceremony, and members who are interested in assisting with the preparation are asked to come early to our club meeting next week (5 October) for a discussion at 5:30pm.**

- Gears and Beers preparations for the long weekend were discussed. Our club is showing good support with 15 members acting as marshals along the route. Hopefully it will have been a successful weekend by the time you read this.
- The Board Meeting last week discussed having a guest speaker via zoom address our club on the **upcoming referendum** on The Voice to Parliament. A decision was left to the membership, and after a show of hands, the decision was made to proceed with the guest speaker – details below.
- **Committee Chairs** reports are more than welcome.
- **Jenny Masters and Geoff Treloar** were inducted onto the club board as **Co-Membership Directors**.
- **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

*Lyndal's **Sunday Lunch** at the Ashmont Hotel is on Sunday 8th Oct. 12 noon*

It's Fun –All fellowship – No business - Partners welcome

Let Lyndal know if you will come so she can finalise numbers.

- **Other Reports:**

- **Peter Veerhuis** read a letter from Hany Hanna, a former member and Past President, who has fond memories of his time in the Club.
- **David Wynne** reported that the BBQ team will be required on Saturday 18 November from 11am-3pm for a Corroboree at the Wetlands Reserve celebrating the 40th anniversary of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council.
- **David Payne** asked for sponsorship of his proposed 35km walk around Lake Burley Griffin in Canberra as part of the “Bloody Long Walk” raising funds for research into mitochondrial disease. The link is:

<https://event.bloodylongwalk.com.au/event/canberra/sponsor-friend>



Next Meetings

- This week **Thursday 28th September** we have as **Guest Speaker, Jim Hutchinson** of Transgrid which operates and manages the high voltage electricity transmission network in NSW and the ACT, along with inter connections to the other states.
- **On Thursday 12th October** our speaker will be Dr Bede Harris a Senior Lecturer in Law in the Faculty of Business, Justice and Behavioural Sciences at Charles Sturt University at Albury. Born in Zimbabwe, Bede gained academic qualifications in Ireland, South Africa and New Zealand .and has taught constitutional law in South Africa, New Zealand and Australia. His main area of research is constitutional reform. He will address aspects of the Referendum to be held on the 14th October. **This is of course a very topical issue and a night when partners and interested friends may like to join us.**

Short & Sweet.

Brad Bland had saved his Short and Sweet from last year that started as musings on a possible conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Events overtook that possibility, but left Brad thinking about borders, boundaries and maps.

Cartography is the profession of map-making, and in spite of satellite mapping and Google Earth, or perhaps because of these technologies, there has been an explosion in the job opportunities for cartographers in Australia in the last two years, mostly in the mining industry.



Fines-Master Session.

John Heazlewood mined the members' birthdays and anniversaries (congratulations to Gordon Saggars for 49 years in Rotary), and, inspired by Paul Galloway's reserve Wallabies team, suggested several club members form a team to take on Collingwood, all of which prompted many wallets and purses to be emptied of coins. In memory of the passing of AFL great Ron Barassi, John handed out a photo of the legendary player and coach in classic form for the Demons. The same photo adorned the wall of John's teenage bedroom, and was taken at a game John attended. Thanks John.



Guest Speaker

Our Guest Speaker, Matthew Crouch, President of the Rotaract Club of Wagga Wagga, was introduced by former Rotaractor Gary Roberts. Drawing on his teaching prowess, rather than adopting a traditional format, Matthew started with a stand-up game where members were asked to divide on the meeting room floor about several issues, starting with whether we preferred summer or winter, but touching on issues around the decline in numbers of Rotarians etc. Some of us regularly crossed the floor, others managed to find an invisible fence to sit on.



We then got into discussing Rotaract, and what it means to various members. Matthew is

proud that his club is growing membership by engaging with youth in the community and successfully using social media. By supporting Rotaract, our club can meet future members – a win-win for all. President Peter thanked Matthew for his talk, and in appreciation he will be presenting him with a certificate acknowledging a donation toward the End Polio Now campaign.



ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA – OUR HISTORY: -

Extract From [TROVE](#) - Our Club History – Meeting Report - Daily Advertiser dated 18 October 1933.

“The members of the Wagga Rotary Club held their usual weekly meeting and luncheon at the Commercial Hotel on Monday evening, with the president, Rotarian J. C. Blamey, in the chair. The speaker for the occasion was Past President Rotarian H. E. Mitchelmore, who took for his subject 'The Great Imposter.' The theme of the discourse was woven round the life history of the celebrated Arthur Orton or Tom Castro, the Wopping butcher, who after spending some years in business in Wagga, went to England to claim the Tichborne baronetcy and fortune. The speaker marshalled his facts in a most interesting fashion and the 'talk' proved to be one of the most interesting that has yet been given to the members of Rotary. “

(Ed. Note) This indicates the continuing fascination with the Tichborne Case which has put Wagga on the world map for the wrong reasons. Well known British author Zadie Smith has very recently published a novel drawing on the Case entitled “The Fraud”. I understand from Michelle Maddison at Wagga Museum that there is a proposal to have the old meeting room at the Council Chambers (which has the impressive Tichborne painting) feature a display about the case. They have much memorabilia.



OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

The work of Rotary begins in the community, and every community has its own unique needs and concerns. While we serve in countless ways, we've focused our efforts in six key areas to maximize our impact. These areas encompass some of the world's most critical and widespread humanitarian needs. Rotary members planning new service projects are encouraged to consider these areas and the many opportunities for innovative projects within them. Rotary International and **The Rotary Foundation** have adopted **six areas of focus** as organizational priorities:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

There are countless ways that Rotary clubs can address these issues both locally and internationally.

The graphic features a woman in a dark sweater working at a sewing machine in a workshop. The background is dark with a large, glowing yellow Rotary gear logo on the right. The text 'OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH' is written in large, bold, yellow and white letters. Below this, a quote by Loshini Naidoo reads: "If we can make a difference in the life of one person in a community, it is a small yet significant step to empowering a whole community." At the bottom, the Rotary logo is shown next to the text 'Rotary' and 'TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary. Get Involved'. There are also several small circular icons representing different areas of focus.

FAMILY DAY OUT AT THE GYM - ROSTER: -

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: (1st Oct. to 7th Oct.)

Birthdays: Bruce Heydon 2/10, Margaret Everett 3/10, Jane Heazlewood 5/10

Rotary Anniversaries: Terry Mecham 1999 + Hay 1987-1991

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

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

- 8th October **Sunday Lunch** 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**
- 18 November **Corroboree BBQ at the Wetlands Reserve**
- 30th November **RC Wagga – SHINE Awards.**
- 7th December **Club Christmas Party - at Galloways**
- 25-29th May 2024 **RI Conference – Singapore**
- 18th & 19th May 2024 **BOOK FAIR**



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'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -

