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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 5th October, 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 12 th October	Thursday 19 th October	Thursday 26 th October
PROGRAMME:	Dr Bede Harris Referendum (By Zoom)	TBC	Laura Telford Rotary Regionalization (By Zoom)
ATTENDANCE:	Jenny Masters Philip Cross	Margaret Keys Geoff Treloar	Vicky Donoghue Emily Bosco
SHORT & SWEET:	David Wynne	Peter Veerhuis	Bruce Heydon
FINES-MASTER:	Graham Russell	Tony Hutchinson	Mike Murray
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Peter Olson	TBA	Peter Olson
VOTE OF THANKS:	Ellen Brasier	Graeme Callander	Mary Ann Kelly
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Emily Bosco	Ellen Brasier	Kennedy, David
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

The meeting was called to order by President Peter, who, after the invocation, invited all present to toast the 'Mighty Panthers'. By popular demand, Collingwood was added to the toast. The 32 members present welcomed Tony Blake (guest of Nepal Ghosh), and our speaker for this week Jim Hutchinson. .



Administration Matters.

- **Peace Day Ceremony** A successful meeting of those interested in assisting with the 2024 Peace Ceremony (we are the host Club for this event) was held prior to this evening's meeting. More members are encouraged to volunteer their services to help make this a memorable event.
- The '**Shine Awards**' are happening late next month, with Alan Lean at the helm. Members are asked to be prepared to assist in any way possible. Be ready for Alan to tap you on the shoulder,
- **Next week's speaker** will appear via Zoom..... **please contact President Peter if you are able to assist with the technical side of setting up the Zoom meeting. Any members who wish to submit questions for the speaker should send them to President Peter asap so that they can be forwarded to him for his consideration.**
- **Keep an eye on your inbox this week**, as President Peter will be distributing some information about regionalisation. There are issues on which our Club needs to vote, and this information will be relevant.
- **Lyndal's Sunday Lunch** is on at 1pm Sunday 8th October at the Ashmont Hotel..
- **Committee lists** were circulated during the meeting. Now that we are 3 months into the new Rotary year, it is appropriate to revisit these and check that you are in the 'right column'.... If you need changes, please see Vicky who will compile amended lists over the next few weeks.
- **IMPORTANT: On 21st October (Saturday)**, our Club is providing a **BBQ lunch** for a large contingent of hungry people at the Department of Primary Industry Open Day. **WE REQUIRE MANY HELPERS, IN TWO SHIFTS.** Please be ready to write your name on the sheet which will circulate at next meeting, Or contact David Wynne.
- **Next Family Fun Day at the Gym** is Sunday 15th October when Graeme Callander & Philip Cross are rostered.
- **The Biggest Ever Blokes Lunch (BEBL)** is on Friday November 10. Mike Murray is keen to secure a Rotary table of 10 to 12 members. So far 7 members indicated that they would attend See Mike for a seat at the table.
- **Vida Smart** circulated the **Clontarf Breakfast roster** for names and the **completed roster is shown below.** A volunteer is needed for Friday 1st December – let Vida know if you can do it
- **David Payne** is seeking sponsorship of his proposed 35km walk around Lake Burley Griffin in Canberra on Sunday 12th November 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 Meeting

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, 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. (By zoom). **This is of course a very topical issue and a night when partners and interested friends may like to join us. (Be sure to register any guests when you RSVP)**

Short & Sweet.

Our resident poet **David Wynne** this week treated us to his latest masterpiece, entitled **The Last Boy to Ride**. We don't know how he does it, but we sure are glad he does!! With his permission, and for your enjoyment, it is reproduced later.

Fines-Master Session.

Alok Sharma began by praising the benefits of poetry, and fined all those who enjoyed Wynnie's poem (probably everyone!) He then went down the wormhole of 'interesting Australian facts' ... such as:

- Brisbane holds cockroach races.
- 'selfies' were an Australian invention, as was Wi-Fi.
- Sheep outnumber people in Australia by 3 to 1.
- Australia holds the record for the country with the highest per capita spend on gambling.
- If you visited a different Australian beach every day, it would take 27 years to visit them all!

We were enlightened as were our pockets

Guest Speaker

David Cannon introduced Jim Hutchinson, whose official title is Transgrid's 'Community Stakeholder Engagement Lead' for Wagga. Jim works across the organisation's portfolio of major projects in southern NSW. He joined Transgrid's Energy Connect project in 2021, relocating from central Queensland's Bowen basis with his wife and two children. He has a long connection to Wagga Rotary, being sponsored by this club to complete the RYLA program in 1995. And yes, he is our member Tony's son.

Jim's excellent presentation began with a brief history of the evolution and predecessors of the current Transgrid organisation which is primarily concerned with the transmission of high voltage electricity. With the gradual wind down of all fossil-fuel generation, a whole new network based on three hubs is being constructed as part of the Energy Connect project. Wagga is yet to see much physical construction activity, but in the not-too-distant future this will ramp up significantly, with the Lake Albert Substation (near the tip) being a central hub of a massive distribution network which extends over much of south-eastern Australia.



Transgrid is committed to building positive relationships with the local community. To this end it is building a 'Discovery Hub' (in the old Elders building) which will provide information about Energy Connect, and a place to learn about what Transgrid does. Transgrid also sponsors a number of engineering scholarships.

Jim ended his talk by inviting questions from the floor, and he generously took the time to answer several. He was thanked on behalf of all present by Brad Bland, and presented with the usual certificate with an undertaking that we would provide the means to vaccinate ten children against polio.

President Peter closed the meeting with his 'thought for the week':

"You don't need to be a weather man to know which way the wind blows"

CLONTARF FRIDAY BREAKFASTS Mount Austin High School

Friday 20 th Oct 0800	Brad Bland	Peter Veerhuis
Friday 27 th Oct @ 0800	David Kennedy	
Friday 3 rd Nov@ 0800	Don Pembleton	John Studdert
Friday 10 th Nov@ 0800	Peter Smart	Lyndal Seymour
Fri 17 th Nov @ 0800	David Payne	Geoff Treloar
Fri 24 th Nov@ 0800	David Cannon	
Fri 1 st Dec@ 0800	Volunteer Needed	
Fri 8 th Dec @ 0800	David Wynne	Tony Hutchinson
	End of term four is	Thurs. 18 th Dec 2023

- Entrance to Mount Austin Car Park is on Leavenworth Drive. (1st Car Park on left if coming from Lake Albert Road). The Clontarf Room can be seen from the car park as you look towards the school building. The BBQ itself is usually just outside the Clontarf Classroom.

FAMILY DAY OUT AT THE GYM - ROSTER: -

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

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

- **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 11a – 3pm**
- **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**



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: (8th Oct. to 14th Oct.)

Birthdays: Wendy Harding (H) 11/10

Rotary Anniversaries: Nil

Wedding Anniversaries: Bill & Dorothy Prest (H) 13/10



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THE LAST BOY TO RIDE

by Dave Wynne

In a quiet little place where the folk live carefree
On the edge of The Bland there's the town Bribbaree,
Where the summers are harsh, and the winters are cruel
Lived the last boy to ride his horse off to school.

From his home to his school the boy and mare raced
Like a spirit set free with their souls interlaced.
His classmates would ogle, in awe they would stare
At the last boy to ride on his dappled grey mare.

The last boy to ride and his favourite mare Dell
Were like magnets to kids for the yarns that he'd tell
About days he went droving to give Dad a hand
When the drought hit and parched every farm on The Bland.

Those long dusty roads 'neath the sun and the moon
The hoofbeats from Dell echoed life's timeless tune,
And at night when the men and sheep all slept well
He'd listen to nature's life stories she'd tell.

The boy lay and heard all of nature's delight
Hearing creatures of darkness sing with their might,
A breeze would breathe life to the still silent air
And whisper her secrets that she wished to share.

In nature's spectacular pure embrace
They ambled through life at their own steady pace,
From boyhood to manhood, they'd learn and they'd grow
Navigating life's currents wherever they'd go.

Though times were changing he still rode so proud,
Defying convention, he was different, unbowed,
And as the years passed the world changed its course
For the last boy to ride to school on his horse.

School buses and 'Mum cars' soon outpaced his style,
He didn't adapt to the town's rank and file
And was unfazed by modern world creeping advance,
To Tradition he clung holding firm to his stance.

Those long shady trails have now all been tarred
And some bureaucrat says school horses are barred,
Now engines drown out Mother Nature's sweet sound
And the wildlife's gone.... when it used to abound.

Tines have now passed and those memories dwell
For a young Graham Russell and dappled mare Dell,
Those carefree young days helped steer the life course
Of the last boy to ride to school on his horse.

SEEN IN AN OBITUARY FOR A KEEN AVIATOR :

"We will miss her adventurous spirit now that she has flown away"

**"Sierra Echo Echo - Yankee Oscar Uniform -
India November - Tango Hotel Echo -
Sierra Tango Alpha Romeo Sierra"**

Did you get it? 'See you in the stars'



'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



I don't recall the International Day of Older Persons on 1st October, being celebrated at Rotary, however our Honorary member and long term Rotarian Peter Murray was among a group of older members of regional communities celebrated on that occasion by ACM Media, including Wagga Daily Advertiser. The pic of Peter and his dog Reggie by Madeline Begley was used in his story in the Wagga Daily Advertiser and across ACM on 27th September.

