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

BULLETIN NO: 15.

Thursday 12th 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 19 th October	Thursday 26 th October	WEDNESDAY 1st Nov.
PROGRAMME:	Richard Meyer WW Ag Institute	Laura Telford Rotary Regionalization	Visit to Pomingalarna Bike Centre
ATTENDANCE:	Margaret Keys Geoff Treloar	Vicky Donoghue Emily Bosco	Elle Palmer
SHORT & SWEET:	Peter Veerhuis	Bruce Heydon	N/R
FINES-MASTER:	Tony Hutchinson	Mike Murray	N/R
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Peter Olson	Peter Olson	TBA
VOTE OF THANKS:	Graeme Callander	Mary Ann Kelly	TBA
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Ellen Brasier	David Kennedy	Gerry Page
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.

- RSVP for Visitors: please phone Vicky on 0407 586186 as early as possible.
- Members who have problems with registration should not hesitate to contact Vicky.

MEETING REPORT: -

Attendance.

President Peter Olson opened the meeting and invited all to join him in the Rotary Invocation, plus a toast to the Rotary Club of Cairns. They were chartered in 1930. On this day, Cairns was declared a city.

There were 25 members in attendance, along with guests, PDG John Dare and Marilyn Roberts (guests of Gary). We also welcomed Tony Blake once again.



Administration Matters.

- The RSVP Attendance Reminder email system continues to work well. However, last minute changes to attendance have been an issue in recent weeks. Members are reminded to please let Vicky know of changes to your RSVP, particularly if you wish to bring last minute guests. This will ensure there is enough seating and that we are billed for the correct number of meals.
- **Peace Day Ceremony:** preparations are underway and more information to come.
- The **21st of October** is the Agricultural Institute's Open Day BBQ. A roster to cover two shifts of workers was circulated. It's not too late to add your name to the list. See David Wynne.
- Don't forget: **The Biggest Ever Blokes Lunch (BEBL)** is on Friday November 10. Talk to Mike Murray if you wish to attend.

Next Meeting

On Thursday 19th October our Club Guest will be Mr Richard Meyer from the Wagga Wagga Agricultural Institute.

Members are asked to note that the meeting scheduled for 2nd November has been moved to **WEDNESDAY 1st November** to accommodate a site visit to the Pomingalarna Complex. (Is there interest in an informal gathering for a late dinner afterwards (similar to when we visited the 'Con??))

We will also be 'off site' on 23rd November for a visit to *Flipscreen*, and on 30th November for the *Rotary Shine Awards*.

Short & Sweet.

'There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics' – Benjamin Disraeli



At the centre of one very prominent fast food chain's campaign lies an impressive claim: that over the past 10 years, 300 tonnes of grocery items have been donated to people across the country.

But how much food is this really?



And what happens when we interrogate this statistic?

This week **Geoff and Jenny**, our resident Maths whiz-team, did just that. They ran the numbers on

this bold claim to work out just how virtuous and socially responsible a corporation this company is. Here's the maths:

300 tonnes over 10 years. Sounds wonderful!

That's an average of **30 000kgs a year.** Those big numbers are still sounding impressive.

But there are approximately **1000 stores** Australia-wide.

So, it works out to **30kgs per store, per year.**

Or, if we go weekly, that's **580g of food per store per week.**

Which is **82g per store per day.**

So, not so impressive a claim to charity fame!

Put differently for those of us, like this reporter, who may have struggled to keep up with Jenny's calculations, on average, **each store donates the equivalent of 1 (small!) potato per day!**

Fines-Master Session.

After some middle-of-the-night musings, our Fines Master, Graham Russell settled on a theme for this week's fine session: travel and the ways travel has changed. Prompted by thoughts of his mother's cousin's boat voyage to England way back when, Graham proceeded to fine anyone who has been on a cruise ship. This was, perhaps, in recognition of the fact that cruising has become far more affordable and commonplace in today's world. Moving on, our Fines Master noted that modes of travel have changed over the years. This led to fining anyone who has moved here from overseas, as well as anyone who has travelled via any form of transportation around Australia. By this point, most pockets were empty! And yet, Graham wasn't quite finished!

Graham then conducted a short survey of where in the world our members have been: Russia, Ukraine, around WA on a postie bike, Israel, Gaza, Palestine, Great Britain, the 'Continent', Africa, the Americas, China, Japan, Thailand, India, NZ, Scandinavia, and Bali revealed just how well travelled we are and ensured we all left completely broke!



Guest Speaker



Our guest speaker (via Zoom) this week was **Dr Bede Harris**, a Senior Lecturer in Law in the Faculty of Business, Justice, and Behavioural Sciences at Charles Sturt University in Albury. His main area of research is constitutional reform and he provided us with a legal perspective on the proposed changes to be made to the Australian Constitution in the referendum on 14th October.

He began by giving an overview of the history of what has been a 13-year process of discussions and consultations around the country regarding constitutional reform to include Indigenous peoples in the Constitution. The result of this process was the Uluru Statement, which calls for two reforms: a First Nations Voice to Parliament and a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement-making and truth-telling. The Voice

to Parliament was the only part of the Uluru Statement that our current government was willing to adopt.

Dr Harris then focused our attention on the text of the proposed amendment: 'In recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of Australia, there shall be a body, to be called the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice [which] may make representations to

Parliament and the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on matters relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.’

To clear up any confusion, Dr Harris explained that this wording means that if the Voice referendum is successful, Indigenous peoples would have a constitutionally enshrined advisory body – one that cannot be disbanded or defunded – that would make representations to Parliament and the Executive on issues pertaining to Indigenous peoples. When Parliament receives these representations, they would not have to accept them or comply with them. They are not binding, and the government of the day could choose to ignore them if they wished.

He then answered the following questions from our members:

1. What happens if the referendum proposal succeeds, and the Voice is a dismal failure? Can it be removed? The only way to remove the Voice once established is to amend the constitution by having another referendum.
2. Is this sort of Voice proposal unique to our Australian Indigenous peoples? No, it is not unique. Norway, Sweden, Finland, and South Africa have similar bodies that advise government on matters of significance to Indigenous peoples. The advisory body in South Africa is enshrined in the constitution.
3. Are there any other parts of our Constitution that will be affected by this amendment. No, nothing else in our Constitution is affected. It will not change the powers of Parliament or the Executive.
4. Is the Constitutional amendment something that would attract a lot of legal action? No, all it does is give people the right to give representations. To pursue litigation would be a waste of money.

Gary Roberts delivered a vote of thanks to Dr Bede Harris for speaking to us.

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The value of vigilance

When a child in Malawi tested positive for wild polio in February 2022, it surprised many health experts. While several African countries are considered at high risk for a polio outbreak, Malawi wasn't one of them. How did health workers discover the polio case? And how can they be sure it's gone now? This process of searching for a disease is known as surveillance, something that Rotary has supported with \$73.6 million in funding over the past five years. As we approach the worldwide eradication of polio, surveillance will play a pivotal role in ensuring that the world is truly polio-free.

You are encouraged to [Explore how Rotary and its partners are using surveillance to hunt the virus.](#) (a very interesting read.)

CLONTARF FRIDAY BREAKFASTS at Mount Austin High School

Friday 20 th Oct 0800	Brad Bland	Peter Veerhuis
Friday 27 th Oct @ 0800	David Kennedy	
Friday 3rd Nov@ 0800	Don Pembleton	John Studdert
Friday 10th Nov@ 0800	Peter Smart	Lyndal Seymour
Fri 17 th Nov @ 0800	David Payne	Geoff Treloar
Fri 24 th Nov@ 0800	Volunteer needed	
Fri 1 st Dec@ 0800	Volunteer Needed	
Fri 8 th Dec @ 0800	David Wynne	Tony Hutchinson
End of Term 4 is Thurs. 18 th Dec 2023		

FAMILY DAY OUT AT THE GYM - ROSTER: -

- 19th November Ellen Brasier & Vicky Donoghue
- 17th December TBA

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

- **Saturday 21st Oct** Agricultural Institute Open Day - Barbecue
- **20-22nd October** District D9705 Conference – Queanbeyan
- **WED 1st NOVEMBER** Club meeting date change....visit to Pomingalarna
- **Saturday 4 Nov** Possible Motor Mania BBQ for SW Apex at Go Cart track
- **Friday 10 Nov** Biggest Ever Men's Lunch at RSL
- **Saturday 18 Nov** Corroboree BBQ at the Wetlands Reserve 11am – 3pm
- **30th November** RC Wagga – SHINE Awards.
- **7th December** Club Christmas Party - at Galloways
- **18th & 19th May** **2024 BOOK FAIR**
- **25-29th May 2024** RI Conference – Singapore
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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

(15th Oct. to 21st Oct)

- Birthdays:** Graham Russell & Christine Heydon 15/10
- Rotary Anniversaries:** Peter & Vida Smart 16/10/2014, Elaine Almond 17/10/2013
- Wedding Anniversaries:** Nil

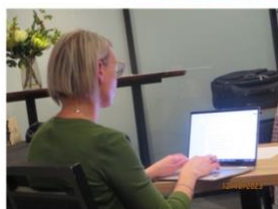
'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



PDG John Dare

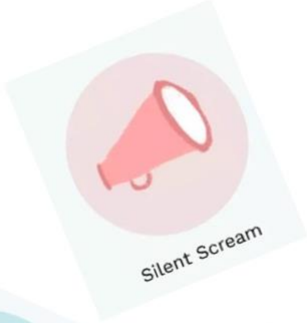


After-meeting catch-ups

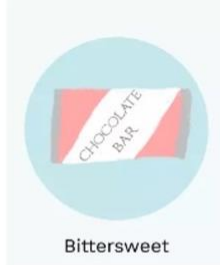


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Enjoy your week!

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