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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 19th 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 26 th Oct.	WEDNESDAY 1st Nov.	Thursday 9 th Nov.
PROGRAMME:	Laura Telford Rotary Regionalization	Visit to Pomingalarna Bike Centre	Dr Delwyn Dyal-Smith A Polio Story
ATTENDANCE:	Vicky Donoghue Emily Bosco	Elle Palmer Vicky Donoghue	Vicky Donoghue Anthony Bosco
SHORT & SWEET:	Bruce Heydon	N/R	Elaine Almond
FINES-MASTER:	Mike Murray	N/R	David Kennedy
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Peter Olson	TBA	Jenny Masters
VOTE OF THANKS:	Mary Ann Kelly	TBA	Neil Hilpern
BULLETIN REPORTER:	David Kennedy	Gerry Page	Don Pembleton
MEETINGS:			

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 or miss the deadline should not hesitate to contact Vicky.

MEETING REPORT: -

Attendance.



At the stroke of 6.30pm, the meeting was called to order with President Peter inviting 28 members and two guests to stand for the invocation and a toast to the Wagga Wagga Agricultural Institute which this weekend is celebrating its 130th anniversary. Our guests were Mr Richard Meyer our keynote speaker, and Elle Palmer's guest Ms Jane Robinson.

Administration Matters.

- As part of the WW Ag Institute celebrations, our Club will cater a BBQ lunch on Saturday 21st. Members were urged to add their names to the list of helpers.
- There are still places available to attend the Biggest Ever Blokes' Lunch, which raises awareness of Prostate Cancer. Contact Mike Murray.
- Sadly for us, David Friedlieb has transferred to the Rotary Club of Bateman's Bay. Happily for us, he was present this evening for us to wish him a fond farewell. We are certain that he will maintain contacts in Wagga and will visit us when he ventures 'over the mountains' in future. Au revoir David.

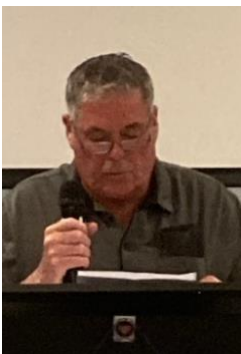


Next Meeting.

Next week our dinner guest and speaker will be Ms Laura Telford, who will be bringing us up to date on the Rotary Regionalisation Project.

Don't forget that the following week, **our meeting will move to WEDNESDAY 1st November** to facilitate a site visit to the Pomingalarna Cycling Complex. Word has it that this will take place at an earlier time slot. Dinner arrangements need to be discussed at our next meeting.

Short & Sweet.



At short notice, Bruce Heydon stepped up to provide us with a brief history of Coolac Public School, which he attended as a child.

Application for the school's establishment seems to have been made in April 1871, with the nearest school at that time being an arduous 12 miles away. Local families pledged to enrol 37 children. The first building was of slab and shingle construction and was erected at a cost of £80. It included a classroom with two rooms attached for the teacher to live in.

The first teacher was Mr John Lorimer. He opened the Coolac School on 12th February 1872 and was still in charge when he died on 26 December 1877 (at the age of 37).

On 31st August 1874, the school was declared as a Public School. In 1929 a new weatherboard school, built by Frank Mitchell of Cootamundra (at a cost of £809) was opened. The school continued to provide 'a very special and individual type of education' and it catered for the local children's educational needs until its closure in 1980 after serving the community for 108 years. Twelve miles was no longer too arduous for children to travel to school.

Fines-Master Session.

Very few escaped the eye of this week's Fines-Master Tony Hutchinson, with the first victims being the usual celebrators of birthdays and anniversaries.

Tony then went on to issue fines to members who

- \$ voted early in the recent referendum
- \$ voted on Saturday in the recent referendum
- \$ had **ever** bought a 'democracy sausage'
- \$ have not attended a 'Clontarf breakfast'
- \$ have not attended a Clontarf presentation night
- \$ have not cooked at a Clontarf Sports Day BBQ



Tony then touched on another item making big news this week.... The Middle East situation. This has been going on for a very long time, starting with Moses and the exodus from Egypt to the Promised Land. This is recorded in the Old Testament of the Christian Bible, in the book of Exodus. Anyone who had **NOT** read that book was fined.

The second Exodus is recorded in a book by Leon Uris (called *Exodus*) that traces the plight of the Jews after WW2 and how they moved from Europe back to what is now called Israel. Anyone who had **NOT** read that book (or seen the movie) was fined.

Our Treasurer may have needed an armed guard when he left the meeting with the takings!! Great job Hutch!

New Member Induction

This evening the Club welcomed its newest member. **Tony Blake** has been a long-time friend of our Club. A friend and colleague of Treasurer Nepal, Tony is already a veteran volunteer at our major fundraiser, the Book Fair. President Peter inducted Tony with the 'magic words', and he was presented with his Rotary and Dinner badges to the hearty acclaim of all present. Tony promptly signed up to assist at this weekend's Ag Institute BBQ.



Guest Speaker







Introduced by his 'mentor' President Peter, **Richard Meyer** was our after-dinner speaker. His visit was timed to coincide with the Anniversary Open Day for which our Club is catering the BBQ lunch on Saturday.

Richard commenced work with NSW Dept of Primary Industries (DPI) in 2003 as an Analytical Chemist under President Peter, and worked with him to develop the Feed Quality Service Laboratory (FQS). This laboratory now analyses 10-15 thousand feed samples each year, servicing farmers, researchers and industry. Together they attained NATA accreditation for the laboratory, making it the only laboratory in Australia and New Zealand to reach this standard.

The Institute at Wagga is celebrating its 130th year. It boasts an outstanding history in the development of wheat breeds, rust resistance and baking quality. It enjoys a close associating with (but is proudly independent of) Charles Sturt University.





Richard is now in charge of technical oversight of the lab and is also involved in some methane abatement research.

Richard shared some interesting insights into the methane emissions from sheep and cattle and their contribution greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. These include:

-  Agriculture contributes about 15% of Australia's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. 70% of agricultural GHG emissions (i.e. ~11.7% of the total) come from 'enteric methane' (*animal burps and farts*). This is more than the emissions from all the cars and light commercial vehicles in Australia.
-  Methane is 25 times more potent than CO₂ as a GHG, but methane has a residence time of 12 years in the atmosphere vs 280 years for CO₂.
-  More fibrous feeds (like pastures) give rise to higher emissions when compared to less fibrous rations (fed in feed lots).
-  95% of stock in Australia is raised on pasture.

Much has been said about the development of the 'seaweed solution' which is more suited to targeting feed-lot situations (the other 5%). Research at WW Ag Institute is looking at what can be done to reduce emissions from pasture-fed animals.

Current research centres on first finding a cost-effective way to accurately predict and predict how much methane pasture-raised livestock actually produce, and then using this to

-  Allow for early-stage selection of low methane producing breeds
-  Help identify pasture/forage species with low methane-generating potential
-  Provide testing technology to support other research
-  Increase uptake of preferred pasture/forage species by producers.

The WW Ag Institute is clearly an institution which hides its candle under a bushel as far as the general public is concerned.

Richard was delighted when informed by Graeme Callander in his vote of thanks that as a way of thanking him for his presentation our Club undertakes to immunise 10 children against Polio on his behalf.

Public Relations Update

A couple of interesting self-improvement opportunities gleaned from October'23 edition of *Rotary On The Move* (thanks Vida!)

Perception, Reality and How it affects Public Image

Sunday 26th November 2023. 12-1pm Online.

Register Online via Rotary On the Move.

Promoting Rotary on Social Media

A 15mins Course available to all Rotarians.

Contact Public Image Team for details.

FAMILY DAY OUT AT THE GYM - ROSTER: -

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

CLONTARF FRIDAY BREAKFASTS at Mount Austin High School

Fri 27/10 @ 0800	David Kennedy
Fri 3/11 @ 0800	Don Pembleton John Studdert
Fri 10/11 @ 0800	Peter Smart Lyndal Seymour
Fri 17/11 @ 0800	David Payne Geoff Treloar
Fri 24/11 @ 0800	Volunteer needed
Fri 1/12 @ 0800	Volunteer Needed
Fri 8/12 @ 0800	David Wynne Tony Hutchinson
End of Term 4 is Thurs. 18 th Dec 2023	

Clontarf has issued an open invitation any members of our Club to attend their annual awards night.

RSVP is essential.

Clontarf Foundation invites you as a special guest to the

2023

Mount Austin Clontarf Academy

End of Year Awards

Join the boys, staff and teachers to celebrate the achievements of the Mount Austin Clontarf Academy in 2023



Tuesday 7th November, 5.00pm - 6.00pm
Mount Austin High School, Leavenworth Drive

All family and community members welcome!
 We will have a BBQ dinner following the awards
 Please RSVP to Nick Skinner - 0420 780 044

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

- **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 Wagga – SHINE Awards.
- **7th December** Club Christmas Party - at Galloways
- **18th & 19th May** 2024 BOOK FAIR
- **25-29th May 2024** RI Conference – Singapore



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

(22nd Oct. to 28th Oct)

Birthdays: Josephine Cannon (27/10)

Rotary Anniversaries: Mike Murray (24/10/1991)

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

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Thinking back to when
a new hip joint meant
someplace I wanted to
go on Friday night.



**I've learned two very important
things in my life**



**I can't remember the first one
but the second thing is to write
everything down**

Enjoy your week!

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