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*Wagga Rotary Club acknowledges the Wiradjuri People – The traditional owners of the land upon which we meet.*

**BULLETIN NO: 19.**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

### NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION 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"

	<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b>	<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov.</b>	<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b>
<b>PROGRAMME:</b>	<b>Dr Martin Jude Neurosurgery</b>	<b>Simon Duffy OAM Taronga Zoo</b>	<b>'Hat night' (for mental health)</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Tony Blake Vicky Donoghue	Elle Palmer Philip Cross	Margaret Keys Vicky Donoghue
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	Performance by Clontarf Dance Troupe	Elaine Almond	Ellen Brasier
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>		Gordon Sagers	Don Pembleton
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b>	Geoff Treloar	John Studdert	TBA
<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>	Philip Cross	Peter Smart	TBA
<b>BULLETIN REPORTER:</b>	David Payne	Don Pembleton	Emily Bosco
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	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 or miss the deadline should not hesitate to contact Vicky.

## **MEETING REPORT: -**

### **Attendance.**

President Peter welcomed members and guests to the meeting. He advised that 9 November had been designated Rotary Day at the United Nations. On this basis he opened the meeting with a Toast to the United Nations for the difficult world they have to work in, and also to UN Rotary Day. There were 31 members and 3 guests present. Visitors were ex-member (and now member at Bega Rotary Club) Charlie Blomfield, Judy Rankin— guest of Ellen Brasier, and Guest Speaker, Dr Delwyn Dyall-Smith.



### **Special Presentation**



In lieu of a Short and Sweet session we had a special presentation. It just so happened that the CanAssist Charity workers, along with Mike Murray and the Prostrate Cancer Support Group, were having dinner at the RSL Club, so we invited them to join us for the presentation.



After a lapse of several years, CanAssist was re-formed 6 years ago. CanAssist provides financial assistance, practical support and accommodation to people from the Wagga Wagga area affected by cancer.

President Peter introduced us to Bill Lane. He is a cancer survivor, a Life Member of CanAssist and an active member of the Prostrate Cancer Support Group. Bill's face is familiar to us all, as he spends countless hours selling raffle tickets at various shopping centres, at markets all over town and organising BBQ events where ever possible to raise funds for CanAssist. He has been doing this regularly for 40 hours a week over the last 6 years. Just to fill in his spare time, he also collects recyclable drink containers and cashes them in. Over the last 6 years, mainly through Bill's efforts, CanAssist have raised over \$250,000 for cancer support.

Our Club was pleased to award Bill a Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship.

Congratulations Bill. You are a most worthy recipient of a PHF.



## **Administration Matters.**

President Peter reminded us of the following activities:

- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Free Annual Seniors Concert (Civic Theatre)  
Our Club will mount a static display raising awareness of Rotary in the foyer of the Civic Theatre.  
**Roster as follows:**
  - **Set-up & 10.30am concert:** John Heazlewood & Peter Olson
  - **2pm concert & pack up:** Gary Roberts & Ellen Brasier
- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**— Committee Meeting for Combined Rotary Clubs of Wagga **Peace Day Ceremony** . 5pm-6pm in the Garden Room (near Bowlers Lounge) at the Rules Club. Any interested persons are invited to attend.
- **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November**— Corroboree at the Wetlands reserve (Wiradjuri)  
Our Club is catering a BBQ for a large crowd.  
Two shifts (minimum six workers per shift—3 cooks & 3 servers) are required.
  - **Shift 1: 10.30am-12.30pm**
  - **Shift 2: 12.30pm-2.30pm**Some extra bodies would be helpful to assist with pack-up from 2.15pm please.  
**Please come to this week's meeting ready to put your name on the roster.**
- **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November** — Family Fun Day at Airborne Gym – Ellen Brasier & Vicky Donoghue rostered on. The Olsons have volunteered to do the December 17<sup>th</sup> shift.
- **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** – Wagga Rotary AGM. Nomination forms are available from Ellen.
- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 10.00am** — “**Stop the violence / End the silence**” march. The march will end in a BBQ, which we will run(?). We are asked to wear our Rotary shirt. The publicity poster for this event appears at the end of this Bulletin.
- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** our **CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE GALLOWAYS**. Cost \$50 BYO drinks. **An eventcreate invitation with further details and RSVP will be sent next week.** Payment will be accepted **at the meetings of November 23 and 30.**
- Also, thank you to all who completed the survey which was distributed during the week.

## **From our members:**

- David Payne reminded us that he is walking in Canberra this weekend in the Bloody Long Walk, which is 35km long and is in aid of mitochondrial disease research. It is a team effort with four others of his family involved.  
Donations welcomed at <https://event.bloodylongwalk.com.au/fundraisers/DavidPayne> .
- Area 3 District Governor Garth Perkins is also off to Cambodia to support the ‘**Days for Girls**’ charity and would encourage donations. Detail available through: [www.daysforgirls.org](http://www.daysforgirls.org) .
- Phil Cross advised that as November is Rotary Foundation month, members are reminded that ‘**Centurion Club**’ donations are now being accepted. The Centurion Club was the brainchild of PDG Peter Walsh (D9700 1998-99), who saw the need to establish a program similar to “*Every Rotarian Every Year*”. Centurions choose to give A\$100 each year to The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust while ever they are able to do so. Donations can be directed to Annual Giving or Polio Eradication. Payment can be made at our meetings and the Club will forward to Foundation. Philip ensures that receipts for tax purposes go to each donor.



### **Fines-Master Session.**

Our Fines Master was David Kennedy, who came up with a wide range of stories enabling him to fine almost everybody.

They ranged from ***theatre etiquette*** whereby crying babies should be taken to the box office and picked up after the movie finished to ***wedding etiquette*** whereby track pants and footy jumper with a cummerbund just does not measure up. ***Driving etiquette*** also was mentioned whereby you should dim your headlights for approaching vehicles even if your gun's loaded and the 'roo is in your rifle's sight.

David also had a couple about ***Aussie etiquette*** – advising us to never take an open stubby to a job interview, and that it's tacky to take an esky to church. He also suggested that a centrepiece for the table should never be prepared by a taxidermist.

He also got stuck into Socrates and his demise, Irish sandwiches, the cuckoo being the only bird that does not have a nest (as they always live in clocks), plus a few others.

Thanks David – Everyone both laughed and paid plenty! An outstanding effort considering you only realised you were the fine master a couple of hours before the meeting (maybe a fine is in order for not reading the Bulletin carefully enough!).



### **Guest Speaker**

Our Guest speaker was Dr Delwyn Dyall-Smith, a dermatologist, academic and journalist, now living in Wagga Wagga. She was introduced by friend and Rotary member Jenny Masters and her presentation was entitled A Polio Story – very appropriate and timely as Rotary is dedicated to the eradication of Polio, and 24 October is officially designated as World Polio Day.

Delwyn proceeded to describe the difficult life of her Aunty Helen who was struck by polio as a 6-year-old in the 1940s when they were living in a small town just outside Mildura. The local doctor was not convinced that she had a serious problem and sent her home. Her father could see the increasing paralysis emerging and took her on the long journey to the Royal Children's Hospital in Carlton, Melbourne. Here she became a patient,



and the long and difficult journey of polio treatment began. There was much dislocation to her family's life, trying to maintain a farm and care for the rest of the family from such a distance. Her parents, brothers and sisters could rarely come to see her. She was fortunate to have an Aunty Marjorie in Melbourne who became her virtual foster mother.

At the hospital she came under the care of Dr (later Dame) Jane McNamara, a Paediatrician and also Dr (later Sir) Macfarlane Burnett, both pioneers in the treatment of polio. After initial assessment and treatment, which involved bandages, splints and body plaster casts, Helen was transferred to Mt Eliza Orthopaedic Hospital, due to the overwhelming of facilities at Carlton from the widespread outbreak of polio cases. She spent around 18 months at Mt Eliza

with constant physiotherapy and received no schooling. Her family was now 16 hours away and she saw very little of them. Then she was transferred to Hampton Rehabilitation Centre where she spent a further 4 years. Visiting was restricted to a 1 hour visit per month. Here she learnt to knit and received some schooling. Helen’s family eventually moved closer to Melbourne. Helen hated school. When she left, she became a telephonist, married and had children. As time went by, she looked after a disabled child as a tribute to the work of her Aunty Marjorie, as the least she could do for someone who had stepped up to fill in as her foster mother for so long. She tried golf but had trouble coordinating. She was encouraged to play left-handed and managed a bit better. In later life she did suffer from the return of polio symptoms but to a much lesser extent than the original condition. The presentation gave us a great understanding of the terrible existence children of the era had if they contracted polio. Thank goodness for the development of vaccines that have virtually eradicated polio from the world. Thank you Delwyn for coming to our meeting and helping us remember the importance of the polio eradication campaigns around the world, particularly Rotary’s Polio Plus campaign. How appropriate that as a thank-you for her presentation, our Club will undertake to provide vaccination against Polio for ten children somewhere in the world.

**CLONTARF FRIDAY BREAKFASTS at Mount Austin High School**

Fri 17/11 @ 0800	David Payne Geoff Treloar
Fri 24/11 @ 0800	Margaret Everett
Fri 1/12 @ 0800	Peter Olson
Fri 8/12 @ 0800	David Wynne Tony Hutchinson
End of Term 4 is Thurs. 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2023	



A contingent of our members attended the recent Clontarf Awards Ceremony. The boys were glad to have our members there. A big thank you to our BBQ volunteers who fed the crowd on the evening.



**Next Meeting.**

This coming week we will welcome Dr Martin Jude, a well-known Wagga-based neurologist.

President Pete’s thought for this week (from his mother commenting on his behaviour):

**“If you can’t convince ‘em, confuse ‘em”**

The meeting concluded at 8.00 pm with the singing of the National Anthem.

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

- **Tuesday 14 Nov**      **Rotary PR display at Civic Theatre**
- **Saturday 18 Nov**      **Corroboree BBQ at the Wetlands Reserve 10.30am – 3pm**
- **Thursday 7 Dec**      **Club Christmas Party - at Galloways**
- **Friday 1 Dec**      **'Stop the Violence; End the Silence' march/BBQ**
- **18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May**      **2024 BOOK FAIR**
- **25-29<sup>th</sup> May 2024**      **RI Conference – Singapore**
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**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:**

(12<sup>th</sup> Nov. to 18<sup>th</sup> Nov.)



**Birthdays:** David Payne (13/11)

**Rotary Anniversaries:** Bruce Heydon (12/11/98),  
Peter Olson (12/11/20+1998-2002), Lyndal Seymour 15/11/18)

**Wedding Anniversaries:** John & Jane Heazlewood (15/11)

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Historic photo of children listening to Mariah Carey's "All I want for Christmas"



The next time your wife gets angry, drape a towel over her shoulders (like a cape) and say, "Now you're SUPER ANGRY!"

Maybe she'll laugh.

Maybe you'll die.

**Enjoy your week!**

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