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**BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA Inc. - CHARTERED 1930**

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

**BULLETIN No. 20.**

**Thursday 16<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 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov.</b>	<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b>	<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>
<b>PROGRAMME:</b>	Club social night	'Hat night' (for mental health)	Christmas Party At Galloways'
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Elle Palmer Philip Cross	Margaret Keys Vicky Donoghue	Not required
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	Elaine Almond	Ellen Brasier	
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>	Gordon Sagers	Don Pembleton	
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b>	Not required	TBA	
<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>	Not required	TBA	
<b>BULLETIN REPORTER:</b>	Don Pembleton	Emily Bosco	
<b>MEETINGS:</b>			

**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.



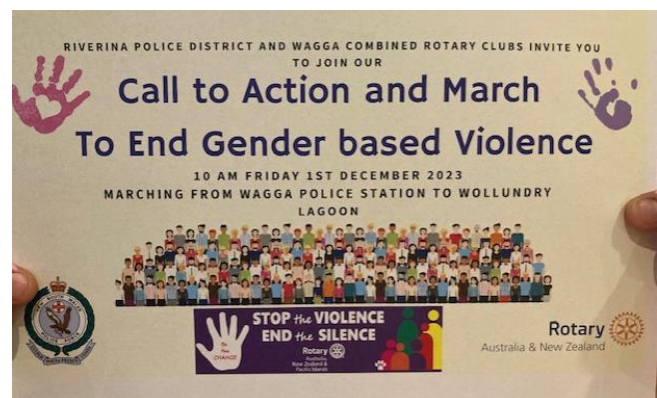
With President Peter Olson away with Covid, President-elect John Heazlewood opened the meeting with the Invocation and a Toast to the Rotary Foundation and the Australian Cricket Team. He then welcomed thirty members as well as our guests, Donna Goodwin (guest of Ellen Brasier), Joan Veerhuis (guest of Peter), our guest speaker, Dr Martin Jude, and, from Mount Austin High School, teacher Anthony Hogan and students Xavier and Zayd.

### Special presentation:

Before P-E John spoke about club matters, our club's Youth Director, Vida Smart, introduced our guests from Mount Austin High. The NSW Department of Education's Schools Spectacular is on in Sydney next week, and a dance troupe of ten indigenous boys and girls from Mt Austin High School will take part in a large Aboriginal dance performance involving twenty schools and 200 students from across the state. Anthony Hogan and Year 9 students Xavier and Zayd spoke to us about the work they have been doing to prepare for this performance and screened the audition video of MAHS's Aboriginal Dance Ensemble.

### From the President-Elect:

- Ten visitors from Signature care Nursing Home were sponsored guests of our Club at the Christmas Seniors Concert held at the Civic Theatre on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Gary Roberts arranged for two maxi-taxis to transport for our guests. The Signature Care residents were excited to attend and greatly appreciated the Club's assistance. The Signature management were also very grateful for our initiative. The Club also put on an information table in the theatre foyer to advertise Rotary – thanks to Alan Lean, Ellen Brasier, Gary Roberts and John Heazlewood for their assistance.
- Please come along on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December for the “End the Silence and Stop the Violence” march from Wagga Police Station at 10am to make a community statement against domestic violence.
- Members should have received a registration email for our Christmas Party. Please RSVP (and pay) by the due date. EFT payments will be possible at the next meeting, which falls just before the closing date. **IF YOU CHOOSE TO PAY BY BANK TRANSFER, PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME AS THE REFERENCE OR WE WON'T KNOW WHO HAS PAID!!!** Call Vicky if you encounter problems.



- Don't forget that November is Rotary Foundation month. It is not too late to make a Centurion Club donation.

## **Other Reports:**

- **David Wynne** finalised the roster for Saturday's BBQ at the Wiradjuri Wetlands for a Corroboree to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Local Aboriginal Land Council.

*A big thank you to the large contingent of members who turned up to assist. Whilst it probably wasn't the HUGE event the organisers expected it to be, we were proud to put the Rotary brand out there and serve the community.*



- Secretary **Ellen Brasier** spoke on behalf of President Peter about our Club's submission of preferences to our Rotary Zone HQs regarding the format of a local geographical association of clubs belonging to a proposed "Rotary Community Group", among other matters.

The survey of our members revealed that we are **most passionate** about

- (i) youth,
- (ii) projects in particular countries (India, Timor Leste), and
- (iii) supporting education.

Our **biggest strengths** are

- (i) fellowship,
- (ii) community support, and
- (iii) diverse membership.

Our **biggest challenges** are

- (i) ageing membership,
- (ii) recruitment of younger members, and
- (iii) time for volunteering.

The collated results were sent off on Monday 13 November.

- **David Payne** thanked members for their sponsorship of his 35km walk around Lake Burley Griffin in Canberra last Sunday as part of the "Bloody Long Walk" raising funds for research into mitochondrial disease. David and his team of four family members happily completed the walk within the allotted time.



## **Guest Speaker**

**Dr Martin Jude** was introduced by Geoff Treloar. Professor Jude has been a specialist neurologist for 30 years in Wagga Wagga, and in the last 15 years has built a world-class Stroke Unit at the Base Hospital that has been honoured and recognised nationally and internationally. Martin has received an OAM on behalf of his team.

Dr Martin started by thanking our member Philip Cross who has been a long-standing member of the Stroke Unit committee and thanking our Club and Rotary in Wagga for years of support with funding.



Dr Martin told the story of the fight to receive NSW Department of Health funding for a stroke unit in Wagga.

Stroke care is much about timing – every minute counts for stroke victims to receive clot-busting medication and surgical intervention.

Ring 000 if you suspect someone is having a stroke.

Remember **FAST**: **F**ace, **A**rms, **S**peech and **T**ime.

In our region, 500 patients go the stroke unit each year. Stroke is the leading cause of disability in Australia.

Many questions were asked by members, with Dr Jude giving great replies.

Philip Cross thanked Martin for his most impressive talk, and in appreciation presented him with a certificate acknowledging a donation towards the End Polio Now campaign.

## STOP PRESS!!!!

**Rotary**  
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# HATS OFF FOR MENTAL HEALTH TRIVIA NIGHT

**FRI NOVEMBER 24 2023**  
**WAGGA RSL CLUB, 6:30PM**

**GREAT PRIZES + RAFFLE & GAMES**

**\$20 PP TABLES OF 8**

## WE WANT YOU!

**ALL PROCEEDS TO ROTARY AUSTRALIAN MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH**

**\*\* WEAR A FUN HAT OR AMERICAN-THEMED FANCY DRESS \*\***

**CONTACT JENNY ON 0431 359 559 OR LOVEKINJENNY13@GMAIL.COM**

**SEE YOU THERE!**

Rotary e-Club is having a Trivia Night in aid of Rotary Australian Mental Health Research.

It promises to be a fun evening on **FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> November**.

Do we have 8 (or more!) members who might want to make up a table??

Contact Vicky.

## CLONTARF FRIDAY BREAKFASTS at Mount Austin High School

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	

### Next Meeting.

Our upcoming meeting will be a Club Social Night as our scheduled Zoom presentation from Taronga Zoo has had to be postponed. The evening will incorporate our AGM.

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

- **Friday 1 Dec 'Stop the Violence; End the Silence' march/BBQ**
- **Thursday 7 Dec Club Christmas Party - at Galloways**
- **18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 BOOK FAIR**
- **25-29<sup>th</sup> May 2024 RI Conference – Singapore**

### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:**

(19<sup>th</sup> Nov. to 25<sup>th</sup> Nov.)

Birthdays: Nil

Rotary Anniversaries: Ellen Brasier (19/11/2009), Vicky Donoghue (23/11/2017)

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil



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**Enjoy your week!**

