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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 23rd 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"

	Thursday 30 th Nov.	Thursday 7 th Dec.	Thursday 14 th Dec.
PROGRAMME:	'Hat night' (for mental health)	Christmas Party At Galloways'	TBA
ATTENDANCE:	Margaret Keys Vicky Donoghue	Not required	Jenny Masters Geoff Treloar
SHORT & SWEET:	Ellen Brasier		Lyndal Seymour
FINES-MASTER:	Don Pembleton		Brad Bland
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	TBA		TBA
VOTE OF THANKS:	TBA		TBA
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Emily Bosco	Vicky Donoghue	Ellen Brasier
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:

President Peter declared the meeting open and welcomed thirty-two of our members. In addition, he once again greeted Donna Goodwin, a guest of Ellen Brasier.

He acknowledged the Rotary Anniversaries as published in the most recent edition of our Club Bulletin and then invited all to join him in the Rotary Invocation, plus a toast to the current Australian Cricket Team, and specifically the talented all-rounder Travis Head, following their achievements at the recent World Cup in Ahmedabad (India).



Administration Matters:

The following items were discussed: -

1. The EventCreate system prompting members to respond to the weekly meeting invitations is working well in most cases. Meeting invitations are routinely sent on Fridays at 9am, with the reminder (for those yet to respond) sent on Sundays at 9am. Members are reminded that the deadline for responses is noon on Monday. Thank you for your continued diligence, which is appreciated. Please contact Vicky if you have any problems with your registration for meetings.
2. President Peter encouraged all members to participate in and support the '**Stop the Violence; End the Silence**' activities scheduled for 1st December. The start time is 10:00 AM and the event is centred on the Wagga Civic Theatre/Police Station precincts. More details will be available at our next meeting. Please block out this morning in your appointment diary and have your Rotary Shirt ready to wear.
3. For catering and planning purposes, acceptances for the **Club Christmas Party** (7th December) should have been notified and paid for by Friday 24th November. Bank transfer details appeared in the invitation. If you have not yet registered or paid for this function, contact Vicky immediately.
Table wine is included in the cost for the evening.
4. Presenters at weekly meetings who require the use of the laptop and/or overhead projector need to make prior arrangements. Speak with Graeme Callander to ensure that the laptop will be there when it is needed.
5. Phil Cross reported the recent passing of Alli, one of our avid Book-Fair volunteer (plus a good friend of our deceased member Ailsa Bowman). She was an active worker at the mid-week sorting for a number of years.

Fines Master Session:

Gordon Saggars once again demonstrated his prowess at this task, (mainly at the expense of the unfortunate Irish) to the entertainment of all – and the welfare of our Club coffers.



Mike Murray and Graham Russell were reported to have recently met at a local cafe where they discussed the problems of the world whilst consuming their pre-packed lunch. The waitress took them to task explaining that they couldn't eat their own sandwiches in her establishment – so they swapped!

Annual General Meeting.

Brad Bland was invited to take control of our Annual General Meeting and expertly guided us through the election of our incoming board of directors, to take office in June 2024.

President Peter provided a succinct review of the year-to-date with reports on the various facets of Club Administration and Service. He expressed his gratitude for the invaluable efforts of all members of the Board and committees.

Treasurer Nepal tabled a Trial Balance outlining the current financial situation along with a written statement from Mr Hayden Callander, manager of RSM Australia, indicating that our books are in order. Following a number of questions from the floor it was resolved that “we’re doin’ OK”. Thank you Nepal.

Incoming President John Heazlewood briefly responded and expressed his enthusiasm for the challenges that face him and his board. He is most appreciative of the support demonstrated to-date and is keen to do his bit to advance the objectives of this great Club.



Key-Note Speaker.

In the absence of a formal Key-Note Speaker, President Peter called upon two of our own members to present some ‘**Aussie Kulture**’.



Our own contemporary bush poet David Wynne who has extensive works published on Facebook opened proceedings (see <https://www.facebook.com/wynniesbushpoetry>). David related, from memory, his tale of Joe, a newly elected Camp Cook, and his ‘Baptism of Fire’. This tale is number four of well in excess of sixty (and expanding) works, many based upon real-life persons. They are well worth reviewing (click onto the above link) – and you may recognise some of the characters in the various poems!

Not to be up staged, it was then followed by Graham Russell, who entertained us with some C J Dennis prose.

Dennis, who was better known as Den, is a highly regarded and extensively published Australian poet, based mainly around Melbourne in the early 1900's. Graham's presentation was from the well-known publication ‘**The Sentimental Bloke**’ and related a story, in Aussie slang, of one of our WW1 soldiers who, whilst being billeted in Britain had an encounter with an aristocratic lady. It was titled ‘**A Diggers Tale**’.



The presentation was most entertaining and very well received.

These two exceptional presenters brought the night to a satisfactory conclusion.

Thanks gents!

CLONTARF FRIDAY BREAKFASTS at Mount Austin High School

Fri 1/12 @ 0800	Peter Olson
Fri 8/12 @ 0800	David Wynne Tony Hutchinson
End of Term 4 is Thurs. 18 th Dec 2023	

Next Meeting.



October is designated 'Mental Health Month' and every year we schedule an event specifically to raise funds for Australian Rotary Health and their support for mental health research. Our meeting next week is designated 'Hat Night' even though it's November!

Did you know that one in five Australians are affected by depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, or other mental illnesses? 100% of the funds raised during Rotary's Hat campaign goes directly to research in this significant area.

Members are encouraged to wear a funny hat and enjoy the frivolity of the evening. This is an excellent opportunity to invite friends along – it is always a 'fun night'.

The venue and time is as per our usual weekly meetings – and don't forget to RSVP in the established way, for yourself – and your guest/s.

Also, a reminder that our final meeting for 2023 will be on 14 December. We will resume meetings on 18 January.

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

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

(26th Nov. to 2nd Dec.)

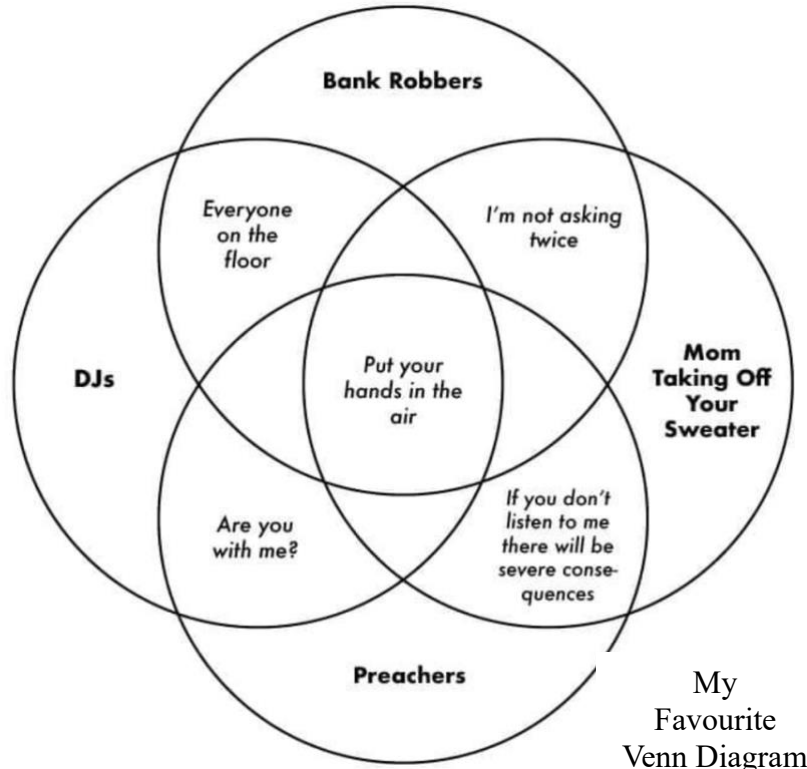
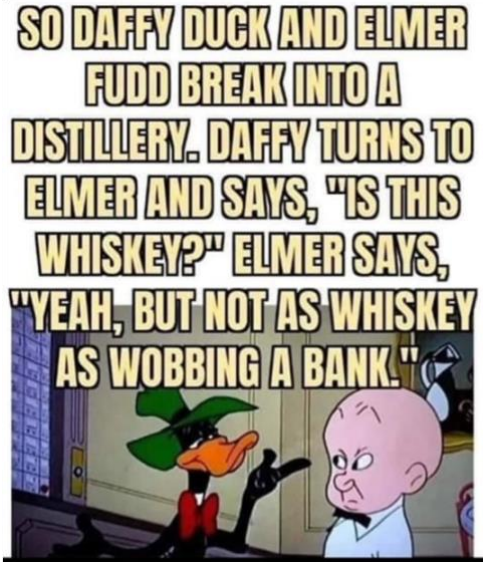
Birthdays: Shishir Bhengra (27/11)

Rotary Anniversaries: Nepal Ghosh 27/11/2014

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil



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Enjoy your week!

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