



**ROTARY CLUB  
OF WAGGA WAGGA**

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

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<b>RI President:</b> Gordon R. McNally	 <b>CREATE HOPE in the WORLD</b>	<b>THE FOUR WAY TEST:</b> <b>Of the things we think, say or do: -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is it the truth?</li> <li>• Is it fair to all concerned?</li> <li>• Will it build goodwill &amp; better friendships?</li> <li>• Will it be beneficial to all concerned?</li> </ul>
<b>Dist. Gov 9705:</b> Andrea Grosvenor		
<b>Area Three Gov:</b> Garth Perkin		
<b>Club President:</b> Peter Olson		
<b>Club Secretary:</b> Ellen Brasier		

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

**BULLETIN NO: 25.**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.**

**JANUARY IS ROTARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH.**

Club meets at the WAGGA WAGGA RSL CLUB, **6:00 PM for 6.30 PM** (unless stated otherwise below).

Duty Roster: Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot fulfil your rostered duty & inform our Bulletin Reporter.: -

	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb.	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
<b>PROGRAMME:</b>	JOSH BOOTS KINETIC K9	TBA	SIGNATURE AGED CARE
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Elle Palmer Jenny Masters	Margaret Keys Geoff Treloar	Vicky Donoghue Anthony Bosco
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	Anthony Bosco	Donna Goodwin	Philip Cross
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>	Gerry Page	David Payne	Don Pembleton
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b>	Brad Bland	Ellen Brasier	Gary Roberts
<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>	David Cannon	Anthony Bosco	Philip Cross
<b>BULLETIN REPORTER:</b>	David Kennedy	Vicky Donoghue	Vida Smart
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	Board Meeting	Nil	Nil

**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 difficulties with registration or miss the deadline please contact Vicky (Mob: 0407 586 186).

## MEETING REPORT: -



President Peter opened our first meeting for 2024 noting that on this very day, (18<sup>th</sup> January) in 1930 our Club Charter was executed (also see 'Our History' below). He received a message of congratulations "on this joyous moment" from R I District 3150 in India. So the toast for this week was our own club.

Peter then gave the club the sad news about some of your members who are not in attendance tonight. Bryan Short has retired from the club citing the desire to spend more time with his family and not desiring thereby to become a sporadic attender. Elaine Almond is requesting "leave of absence", which will turn into a transfer of membership to a club in Queensland, again to spend more time with family; while Graeme Callander is also requesting leave of absence – he has some medical issues and is hoping to resume in July. Peter noted that it would be great to have a chance for a farewell 'hoorah' with them.

### Attendance.

President Peter welcomed twenty-seven members to the meeting, plus our Key-Note Speaker, Josh Sarantakos who is fresh from attending the National Youth Science Forum as our nominee.

NYSF Coordinator Mathew Crouch was, unfortunately a late apology, having contracted COVID.

### Administration Matters.

The following matters were discussed: -

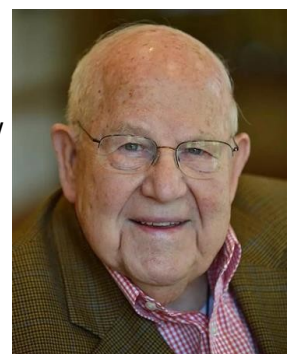
- Vida Smart handed around the **Clontarf Breakfast Roster** for the first school term. Those not in attendance tonight could volunteer with Vida next week.
- A **Peace Day Meeting** was held during the week. There are plans for some entertainment this year with the Male Rugby Choir and possibly some dancers from the Clontarf Troupe and an ethnic dance ensemble. This is awaiting confirmation. David Payne seeks nominees for the Peter & Helen Walsh Memorial Award by Australia Day (suggestions to David please ASAP).
- Peter reported that on the final day for the year at the **Airborne Gym**, he and Lynne collected \$340-00 for the club – our thanks to Lyndal Seymour.
- An offer for the club to act as parking marshals at the State Touch Carnival in February was declined after discussion.
- **President Elect for 2024/25** John Heazlewood indicated that as yet, we don't have a President Elect for the year following his. This is, of course very important, and John urges all members to consider the role or to encourage others they regard as suitable, to accept nomination.

### Short & Sweet.

David Kennedy took over the role and used the opportunity to show the video clip in which Cliff Dochterman, who became Rotary International President 1992/93 traces the origins of the Rotary International's Polio Eradication Program. This impressive interview can be reviewed by 'clicking onto' the following link: -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fvls9JONVbs>

Asked by Clem Renouf RI President 1978/79 to join a committee looking at developing the ability for significant world health issues to be tackled using the world-wide Rotary resources, the "3-H" grants program was developed, designed to undertake large-scale service projects beyond the capacity of individual Rotary clubs or groups of clubs. The first "3-H" program, in 1979 involved an attack on Polio in the Philippines involving vaccinating all children in that country, and this led to polio being selected as a project to be tackled by Rotary world-wide. Consultation with world experts



such as Dr. Sabin established the huge challenge involved. Within a few years in 1987, \$US240 million had been raised and an amazing reduction in cases became a reality as funding continued, Today only one country, Afghanistan, has cases. Resources are still needed to maintain this programme.

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

Graham Russell stepped into the fray to cover a vacancy and in short order produced a few from his fund of jokes which he aimed at all and sundry. Beer drinking, slow jockeys and a pub painted nipple pink emerged.

### **Key-Note Speaker**

Anthony Bosco introduced Josh Sarantakos, praising his interest in using science to make the world a better place and giving up some of his holidays to attend the recent National Youth Science Forum, which is in its 40<sup>th</sup> year. Josh told us that he spent eight days at the forum, attending at ANU in Canberra and other venues.



They started with a tour mentored by attendees from previous forums and learned about science – what it means – in more detail. Next on the program introduced robotics, and a program at Questacon with a focus on cybersecurity. They visited a deep space facility, learned about an underground facility in Switzerland and had talks about jobs in aerospace. A visit to Snowy 2.0 was included. They toured the laboratories of professors and learned of their projects.

A huge range of science aspects were revealed and entry requirements to some courses discussed. They also had talks from previous attendees who had gone on into relevant careers. A great debate was held one evening. Josh said he has gained a lot of knowledge from the Forum, has formed friendships all over Australia as a result of his attendance and thanked Wagga Rotary for his nomination.

### ***JOHN GOLDSWORTHY SCHOLARSHIP: -***

Every year, the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga funds a scholarship at the Riverina Conservatorium of Music (RCM), in memory of our Past President John Goldsworthy PHF.

The recipient for 2024 is classical guitarist, Tristan Tait who appears in the adjacent photograph receiving his award from the RCM Director, Hamish Tait and his teacher Dr Harold Gretton.

We hope to encourage Tristan to visit our Club one evening to demonstrate his craft.



### ***NEXT MEETING: -***



Next Thursday we meet at the usual location at the usual time. Don't forget to RSVP in a timely manner by responding to the EventCreate email that you should have received by now.

Our Key-Note Speaker on this occasion is Josh Boots who 'hails from' Leeton where he conducts the Kinetic K9 business. Josh will expand upon that company's claim to 'that dogs should be assisted in leading happy lives with the people they cherish the most: their owners'. This will be especially interesting to all our members and friends who might share an interest in dogs

## **JANUARY IS ROTARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH: -**

January is Rotary's Vocational Service Month; a time during which we are encouraged to review our current outlook and reinvent and/or reinvigorate the objectives in order to enhance Rotary's stated Areas of Service.

Traditionally, a Rotary Club would reflect the businesses, organisations and professions of its locality and the Club would embrace the diversity in experiences and perspectives. Whilst, with the passage of time, Clubs have 'moved on' from this original concept, we do need to keep our basic objectives in view. This month provides an opportune moment for us to reflect upon these objectives. **Is our focus on Vocational Service still prevalent?**

Vocational Service calls upon us to empower others by using our unique skills and expertise to address needs of our extended community. We aspire to help others acquire or refine skills and to advance their professional opportunities. By bringing together people from diverse professions and backgrounds, Rotary recognises the importance of all skills and occupations.

Your occupational life and vocational service go hand in hand. Rotarians have a dual responsibility, firstly to represent their occupations within their Club but more importantly, to exemplify the ideals of Rotary whilst they move about in their daily lives.

How can we take positive action in this? In addition to our local Club projects, the wider Rotary family offers many opportunities in this area. In the next edition of this Bulletin a number of practical suggestions and recommendations will be outlined for you. Stay tuned!



## **ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA – OUR HISTORY: -**

History creates an absorbing diversion for many of us. Here is a bit of our Club history from the pages of The Wagga Daily Advertiser edition dated **29<sup>th</sup> January 1930** (94 years ago). This article is provided thanks to the online services available through: -

### **ROTARY LUNCHEON**

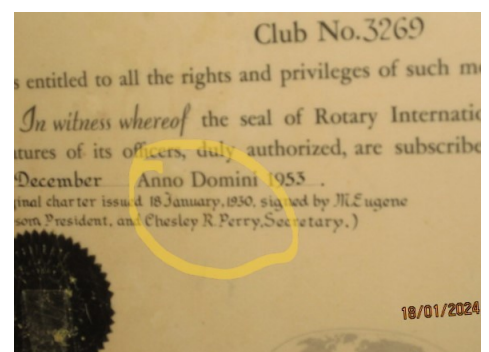
*The weekly luncheon and meeting of the Wagga Rotary Club were held at 1 o'clock yesterday. Several members are still away on holidays. Rotarian H. E. Mitchelmore presided.*

*Satisfaction was expressed at the receipt of a cable message from the headquarters of Rotary, in America, offering congratulations on the extension of Rotary under charter to Wagga. It is expected that the charter will be received within the next few weeks, when arrangements will be made for the opening or charter luncheon, at which it is expected there will be several visitors from other centres.*

*The 'talk' for the day was given by Rotarian Dr. C. B. Sim on 'Radiology and Radiography.' Dr. Sim interestingly traced the history of Rontgen rays up to the present marvel of radio work. The 'talk' was listened to with very great interest and pleasure.*

The photograph here shows the date on our Charter, which is on display at every weekly meeting.

Have a look at it next week...



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

- 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May                      **2024 WAGGA ROTARY CLUB BOOK FAIR**
- 25-29<sup>th</sup> May 2024                      **RI Conference – Singapore.**

**SOME 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -**



***Anthony Introduces Josh – Our Key-Note Speaker.***

***Assisting With Collection Of The Fines – Peter & John.***

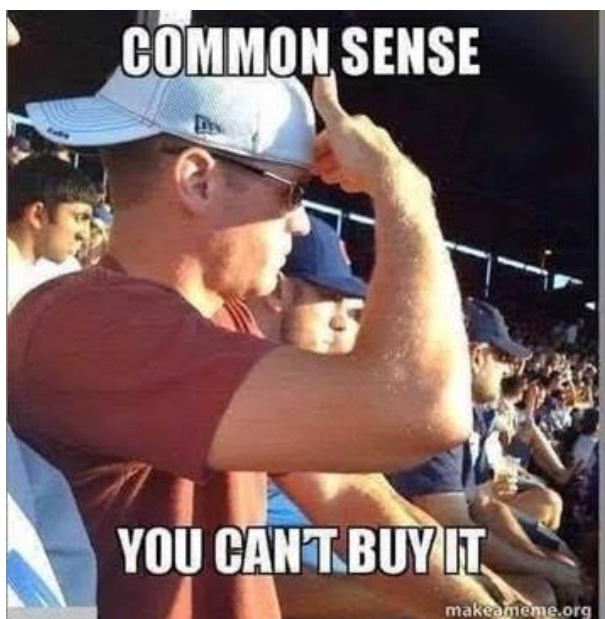
***Graham Points Out Our Transgressions – And Collects Reparation.***

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -**

(22<sup>nd</sup> JAN – 28<sup>th</sup> JAN)

- Birthdays:                                      Nil.
- Rotary Anniversaries:                      Nil.
- Wedding Anniversaries:                      Gary & Marilyn Roberts (28/01).

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***To those that we offended in 2023, try to improve so that we don't need to do it again in 2024.***