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OF WAGGA WAGGA**

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RI President: Gordon R. McNally	 CREATE HOPE in the WORLD	THE FOUR WAY TEST:
Dist. Gov 9705: Andrea Grosvenor		Of the things we think, say or do: -
Area Three Gov: Garth Perkin		• Is it the truth?
Club President: Peter Olson		• Is it fair to all concerned?
Club Secretary: Ellen Brasier		• Will it build goodwill & better friendships?
		• Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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

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Thursday 25th 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 1 st Feb.	Thursday 8 th Feb.	Thursday 15 th Feb.
PROGRAM:	DAVID CANNON PROGRAMS DISCUSSION	SIGNATURE AGED CARE	SAM TURNBUL FLIPSCREEN
ATTENDANCE:	Margaret Keys Geoff Treloar	Vicky Donoghue Anthony Bosco	Elle Palmer Vicky Donoghue
SHORT & SWEET:	Donna Goodwin	Philip Cross	Vicki Donoghue
FINES-MASTER:	David Payne	Don Pembleton	Gary Roberts
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Not Required	Graeme Callander	David Cannon
VOTE OF THANKS:	Not Required	Philip Cross	Vicki Donoghue
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Vicky Donoghue	TBA	Vida Smart
MEETINGS:	Nil	Nil	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 difficulties with registration or miss the deadline please contact Vicky (Mob: 0407 586 186).

MEETING REPORT: -

Introduction.

President Peter Olson called the meeting to order, welcome all and invited us to join him in the invocation; followed with a toast to the Book Sorting Team (headed by Gerry Page & Graham Russell) who worked through the heat and humidity of the past couple of weeks.

There were twenty-eight members present as well as our Key-Note Speaker, Josh Boots from Leeton.



Administration Matters.

President Peter announced the following: -

- ◆ The passing of **Dorothy (Dot) Prest** (wife of recently retired Rotarian Bill Prest) who died on 24th January. Her funeral is being held at the Lawn Cemetery on Friday 2nd February at 2.00 PM. Rotarians are invited to attend to show our support Bill.
- ◆ The **Wagga Peace Day Ceremony** is gathering momentum with a further meeting on 13th February. Nominations for awards need to be in by the end of Australia Day.
- ◆ **Gary & Marilyn Roberts** will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 28th January.
- ◆ Alan Lean has been admitted to hospital. Pres Peter will review arrangements for **The Shine Awards** with Alan – it is felt that Alan might appreciate some assistance. Volunteers for this role should make their thoughts known to Pres Peter..

Short & Sweet.



Anthony Bosco reminded us of the New Year and our effort to look for a fresh start.

He certainly challenged us by first showing a video by David Foster Wallace entitled “*This is water*” which asked the question “Why do we educate young people and why do we educate ourselves?”

Many people find life boring, frustrating, stuck in a routine – where there is little love and fellowship.

We should be creating an awareness and organising “**Life Before Death**”.

Following the video, forms were handed out for personal comment and then discussion around the tables.

There were quite a few suggestions made, and all seemed to agree that country life is so much easier than the crowded metropolitan life; although many of us still face frustrating challenges.

Fines-Master Session.

Gerry Page centred his fines around Australia Day, and then filled out from there. He fined members for indiscretions such as: -

- All the interlopers on the First Nations Land; (e.g. those born in Australia) - plus those who have adopted Australian Citizenship
- Those who have shopped at Woolies & those who have gone elsewhere.
- Anyone watching the tennis where the game things that “Love” means nothing.



Some great sayings about our hot weather:

- It's so hot, the cows are giving evaporated milk.
- The ground's so hot the snakes are all up in the trees and the kangaroos are on the hop.
- Farmers are feeding their hens crushed ice to keep them from laying hard-boiled eggs.

Gerry then told of an old Cobb & Co. driver who was really familiar with fires. When asked if he had ever been caught in a bushfire and how he escaped, he told how he tied a billy can full of water to the back axle, and then drove like hell through the fire to the safety of the boundary fence where the water was just on the boil and ready for a cup of tea.

Gerry's final joke – an Australian man and his wife were sitting in the living room. He said to his wife, "Just so you know Shirl, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If it ever happens, just pull the plug." Shirl promptly got up, pulled the power plug out of the TV and threw out all his beer.

Key-Note Speaker

Our guest speaker was Josh Boots speaking on his business **Kinetic K9**.

Josh, who was born in Leeton had moved to Sydney and other large cities working as a high voltage technician and quite a few other high-profile positions. However, he found the travel and expenses of Sydney were not the life he wanted, so returned to Leeton and founded Kinetic K9 with the motto "Where your dog comes first". The business has grown exponentially since he formed it, and is now the largest dog training, boarding, companion, and behavioural centre in the State. It contains 35 kennels, large play areas, and even an anxiety section, and the dogs are handled three times a day. In addition, he now has a mobile grooming unit, a Doggy Day Care, trains dogs for NDIS and therapy as well as sport dogs for the Police and Public Service. In the last 12 months he has had 450 clients and has boarded over 600 dogs for 2 weeks. His main comment when answering the many questions that were asked was "Dogs must be fit for purpose". In other words, breeding is essential for certain performances.



Brad Bland moved the vote of thanks, mentioning that he thought his own dog was too lazy, too spoilt and beyond training, and in thanking Josh, presented him with a certificate of appreciation, noting that our club would finance the vaccination of ten people/children against polio somewhere in the world.

Meeting Closure.

There being no further business, President Peter closed the meeting at 8.05 PM and led the singing of the National Anthem.

JANUARY IS ROTARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH: -

In the previous edition of this publication, we posed the question how can we take positive action to advance Rotary's objectives in Vocational Service. Here are some suggestions/recommendations: -

1. Rotary International has produced a publication 'Vocational Service In Action'. It's an interesting read and at only twelve pages is recommended to you. Download the document by 'clicking on' the following link: -

<https://my.rotary.org/en/document/introduction-vocational-service>

2. Alternatively, you might consider one/some of the following suggestions: -

- ➔ Join a **Rotarian Action Group** and support service projects around the world. These groups consist of Rotarians, family members, and Rotary program participants with expertise in a particular field. Members advise and collaborate with clubs and districts on service projects. If your expertise fits one of the current 25 Action Groups, contact the groups' leaders to get involved.
- ➔ Join or form a **Rotary Fellowship** related to your vocation. Rotary Fellowships are international groups of Rotarians, family members, and program participants and alumni who share a vocational or recreational interest. There are many vocationally-oriented fellowships such as: Authors and Writers, Editors and Publishers, Health Professionals, Lawyers, Photographers, Police and Law Enforcement.
- ➔ Volunteer on a **Service Project** and use your vocational skills to serve others. Think about the underlying skills that make you successful in your profession: maybe you have training in some branch of science or medicine, are handy with tools or machinery know how to start a business, have expertise managing finances, or can influence others through public speaking or writing. Use your unique set of talents to make a difference in your community.
- ➔ **Share your expertise through your district resource network.** If you have technical expertise in one of Rotary's six areas of focus, or with project planning and implementation, community assessment, measurement and evaluation, or other important aspects of large scale projects grants, let your district international service chair know. Lend your skills to local clubs and help develop more impactful projects.
- ➔ Participate in a vocationally-oriented **Rotary Friendship Exchange**. Work with your district Rotary Friendship Exchange chair to organise an international, reciprocal exchange between two districts interested in exploring a professional field in a new cultural context. Involve young professionals, and organize activities allowing exchange participants to experience cultural immersion while exploring their field in a new environment.
- ➔ Join The Rotary Foundation's **Cadre of Technical Advisors**. A group of volunteer Rotarians who provide technical expertise and advice to Rotarians planning and carrying out Rotary grant projects around the world. Cadre members review, monitor, and evaluate projects and ensure grant funds are being used properly. Apply online to be considered for the Cadre.

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 15th February 1949 (75 years ago). This article is provided thanks to the on-line services available through **TROVE**: -

FRANK CLUNE TALKS TO WAGGA ROTARY

'In no place have I seen war damage comparable to that in the Philippines.'
This was stated by Mr. Frank Clune, author and world traveller, when addressing members of the Wagga Rotary Club yesterday.

He described the highlights of a recent visit to Tokio. The trip was undertaken with the approval of the Prime Minister (Mr. Chlfley) for the purpose of investigating at first hand the stories of loose conduct on the part of Australian troops in Japan.

With General Blarney

He left Sydney in the Lancastrian plane in which Sir Thomas Blarney and his aide travelled to Japan. The plane left Sydney early at night and reached Darwin at dawn the next day- fast travelling. The reception accorded to General Blarney at stopping places and at the headquarters of the B.C.O.F. were at high military level, said Mr. Clune, and, incidentally the speaker found himself sharing in the honors.

Mr. Clune described his meeting with General Robertson, who afforded him every opportunity to meet the Australian troops and prosecute the inquiries he had planned. The result of these inquiries, and a story of his travels, will be told in his next book, under the title, "Sighted Off Tokio"



Damage in Japan

Speaking of war damage in Japan, the speaker described the devastation at Hiroshima, where the dead totalled 90,000 and the maimed another 30,000.

The luxury of train travel, and the almost embarrassing attentions bestowed upon him by railway officials was humorously described, by the speaker.

Mr. Clune paid a brief visit to China and having been entertained at a 32-course dinner, registered a vow never again to eat a Chinese dinner. This decision was arrived at after he had met the cook, who described the ingredients of some of the special dishes.

Rotarians were keenly interested in the story of the trip to Japan, told with more than a spice of humor, and Mr. Clune was accorded a vote of thanks on the motion of Mr. R. Johnston. The chair was occupied by Mr. S. Castles.

NEXT MEETING: -



Next meeting will be held at our 'home ground' at the normal time. By now you should have received the Event-Bright invitation in your email in-box. Please respond, in the manner indicated, in a timely fashion.

In lieu of an after-dinner speaker, we will have a presentation from David Cannon seeking members' input with his ongoing task of engaging speakers and/or venues to visit. Please come prepared to have some input.

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

- **18-19th May** **2024 Wagga Rotary Club Book Fair**
- **25-29th May** **Rotary International Conference – Singapore.**

SOME 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



Gerry Delivers the Fines Session



Brad Thanks Josh for his Efforts and Presents the Polio-Plus Certificate.



Not 'The Three Wise Monkeys' We are totally engrossed in the topic Being Discussed.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(29th Jan – 04th Feb)

Birthdays: Nil.

Rotary Anniversaries: Gerry Page (1984) & Philip Cross (1999 + Deniliquin 92/99).

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil.



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Every woman's dream is that a man will take her in his arms, throw her into bed and clean the house while she sleeps.

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The problem with the world today is that intelligent people are full of doubts, whilst the stupid ones are full of confidence