



**ROTARY CLUB
OF WAGGA WAGGA**

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CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

THE FOUR WAY TEST:

Of the things we think, say or do: -

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- 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.

BULLETIN NO: 27.

Thursday 1st February, 2024.

FEBRUARY IS ROTARY PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION 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 8 th Feb.	Thursday 15 th Feb.	Thursday 22 nd Feb.
PROGRAM:	SIGNATURE AGED CARE	TBA	TBA
ATTENDANCE:	Vicky Donoghue Anthony Bosco	Elle Palmer Vicky Donoghue	Vicky Donoghue Philip Cross
SHORT & SWEET:	Philip Cross	Vicki Donoghue	Margaret Everett
FINES-MASTER:	Don Pembleton	Gary Roberts	Graham Russell
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	John Heazlewood	David Cannon	Anthony Bosco
VOTE OF THANKS:	Philip Cross	Margaret Everett	Vicky Donoghue
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Don Pembleton	Vida Smart	Emily Bosco
MEETINGS:	Nil	Board Meeting	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: -

Introduction.

The meeting was called to order promptly at 6.30 PM, with an invitation for those present to stand for the invocation. President Peter remarked that February is Rotary World Understanding Month, and with this in mind proposed a toast to 'Peace and to Rotary'. This week, 35 members were present. One guest was warmly welcomed after being introduced by her brother Geoff Treloar.

Administration Matters.

President Peter announced the following: -

- ◆ A reminder that Dot Prest's funeral would be held Friday (2nd Feb) at 2-00 PM. President Peter suggested that members should show their support for Bill by attending the service. It was decided that Rotary shirts would be the appropriate dress.
- ◆ Following Bryan Short's decision to retire from Rotary, Honorary Membership has been offered to him by the Board. Bryan has accepted, and we are delighted that his ties with our Club will not be completely severed. We hope to see him (and Sally) whenever they choose to visit.
- ◆ Philip Cross has advised members who contributed to the 'Centurion Program' to look for their Tax Receipt which was despatched by email recently.
- ◆ President Peter took time out to acknowledge Gerry Page who this week notched up 40 years membership of our Club – having joined in 1984.

Philip Cross has reached 25 years membership of our Club. This is in addition to his previous years of membership at the RC of Deniliquin.

Both are always generous with their time in the service of our Club and of Rotary in general.

- ◆ Members were canvassed regarding any difficulties in receiving the weekly 'bulletin' emails. It appears that the gremlins are affecting only a special few.... We are trying to find a solution!

Short & Sweet.

Donna Goodwin loves dogs....particularly her own. In her words, they are 'The love of our lives'. It is very evident that dogs who come into Donna's life are some of the luckiest dogs on the planet. One such canine, Maggie was found by Donna at only 4 weeks of age. Near death and with several life-threatening issues (including having 'odd legs'), veterinary advice was to 'let her go'. Maggie was instead nurtured and loved, and this 'Lucky Dog' brought joy to Donna's home for 14 years. 'Dudley' the miniature dachshund filled the gap when the Goodwins found themselves dog-less. Donna bought him from a breeder....deliberately settling on the 'sooky quiet runt' of the litter. From the outset, life has not been dull with Dudley.



Perhaps there is something feline about Dudley, as he seems to have (at least) 9 lives. Visits to the vet have been numerous (and expensive). Many of his trips to hospital have involved eating..... a dog collar, 1.5kg of liquorice bullets, underpants, Christmas presents. Throw in a near death experience with a snake bite and expensive dental issues, and you can see why Donna has the vet on speed dial and her credit card is wearing thin! But what price love? Dudley is the light of Donna's life, and this pup returns the love in bucket-loads. Woof!



Wagga Peace Ceremony.

World Peace and Understanding Day is on February 23rd and Wagga Rotary Clubs join together to celebrate this each year on the nearest Sunday to this date. This year the Ceremony will be held on Sunday 25th February at 10-00 AM in the Victory Memorial Gardens. Our Club is hosting the event, and Rotarian David Payne has chaired the organising committee. He addressed our meeting with the following points: -



1. Club nominations for the Peace awards have been slow to arrive from other Clubs, and ours is close to being finalised.
2. The event MC will be Emily Bosco.
3. A local indigenous elder has been invited to deliver the Welcome to Country.
4. Federal MP Michael McCormack will deliver the occasional address.
5. Entertainment' will include: -
 - a) The Rugby Choir who will sing the Prayer of St Francis during the ceremony, as well as leading the National Anthem.
 - b) A possible item from the Mt Austin High School indigenous dancers
 - c) Another ethnic group performance (being sourced by Belinda Crain)
6. There will be fewer 'school speeches' which are often repetitive in nature.
7. A program will be printed and will include the award recipients so it becomes a significant record and memento of the occasion, not just a throwaway page.
8. The next committee meeting will be on 13th February to finalise all details.

Our Club involvement (as hosts) will require members to be present from 9.30 on the day, wear Club apparel, greet guests and generally be 'welcomers'.

The Shine Awards

Alan Lean informed members that planning for this year's Shine Ceremony is well underway, with application forms and brochures being circulated.



1. The date for the ceremony is **Wednesday 27th March** (just prior to the Easter long-weekend). The venue the Wagga Wagga City Council Precinct.
2. Award nominees are needed!! Members are urged to refer the names of possible nominees to Alan so he can contact them and assist them with the nomination process.
3. Members in a position to offer Alan assistance are urged to do so without delay.

The Rotary Club of Wertheim.

Alan Lean presented President Peter with a Club Banner from the Rotary Club of Wertheim (Germany). Alan received the banner when a long-time correspondent/friend visited him recently.

He commented that the tradition of swapping Club banners seems to have died away, and that it is something which we could consider reviving in some way.

Program Planning.

David Cannon, Chair of the Programs Committee, led a discussion about sourcing 'speakers' for future meetings. He provided an outline of what is planned in upcoming months (with some gaps that need to be filled), and a list of suggested topics. Members were then canvassed as to any others which could be added. Some of the suggestions from the floor included: -

1. The housing situation in Wagga (e.g. the Tolland housing project)
2. Dr Celine Hamid
3. Jenny Masters' friend the 'Antarctic Doctor'
4. Update on ProPatria
5. The 'Zoo' talk
6. Inviting scholarship awardees to speak
7. More 'funny guys'
8. Speakers from within our Club (who have a variety interesting things to offer!)

Sourcing interesting and diverse speakers is not easy and is not the task of the Chair of the committee alone. All members are asked to consider whether they might know someone who is willing and able to come to our meetings and share a part of what they do. Please contact David Cannon or a member of the Programs Committee if you have a suggestion.

Meeting Closure.

The meeting closed with this gem from President Peter: "Getting up in the morning is simply a matter of mind over mattress" followed by the National Anthem.

DISTRICT 9705 TRAINING – COMBINED PETS & LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT: -

A reminder for those participating; these combined training sessions are crucial for all incoming Presidents Elect, Board Members and Directors – and are highly recommended for new Rotarians.

Two sessions/venues for this year are: -

- 8th to 10th March Batemans Bay Soldiers Club.
- 22nd to 24th March Cootamundra Ex-Servicemen & Citizens Club.

STARLIGHT CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION: -

During the month of February, the Starlight Super Swim Challenge is taken up by in excess of 12,000 Australians who have so far raised almost \$1.5 Mil to help bring some joy to children in our hospitals. So far, participants have swum a total of 68,000 Kms in support of this project. One of the participants, we are proud to announce, is Wagga Rotarian **Emily Bosco**. Emily has set her sights on swimming 16 Kms and raising \$1,000 - we wish her well in her efforts.

**BIGGEST
NATIONAL
CHARITY SWIM**

Wagga Rotarians (plus all our friends who receive this publication) are invited, and encouraged, to support Emily in this commendable project – to support her and make a donation, 'click onto' the following link: -

<https://superswim.org.au/e-bosco>



FEBRUARY IS ROTARY PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH: -



Expanding upon David Payne's comments (his presentation summarised above), the concept of Rotary District D9705 Community Peace Cities/Towns was conceived in Wagga Wagga, NSW, Australia, by Rotarian Tony Quinlivan (RC Koorringal) and this city became the first **Peace Community**.

On 23rd February 1993, the Community Peace Monument was unveiled jointly by PRIP Royce Abbey and Wagga Wagga Mayor Pat Brassil.

Subsequently, fifty-eight Peace Communities have been proclaimed in seventeen countries around the globe.

Rotary's Community Peace Philosophy: -

- ★ **respect** for the life and dignity of every person, without discrimination or prejudice
- ★ **rejection** of violence in all of its forms and towards all people
- ★ **resolution** of conflict among people within local and global communities
- ★ **reconciliation** of differences and the pursuit of harmony
- ★ **freedom** of expression and cultural diversity

Peace transcends the simplistic view of an absence of war and encompasses all those measures that improve human relations with positive and harmonious outcomes. Violence and conflict are pervasive global phenomena that are seriously affecting the wellbeing of communities. The rejection of violence, the respect for life and human dignity, the resolution of personal and urban violence and the reconciliation of differences can realise those freedoms under which peace and harmony can flourish.

All persons associated with the Wagga Rotary Club are encouraged to attend the Wagga Peace Ceremony on the morning of **Sunday 25th February** (further information will be published closer to the event).

NEXT MEETING: -

Our meeting for Thursday 8th February will be held at the Wagga RSL Club – commencing at the normal time.

Our Key-Note address will come from this region's newest community aged care home, Signature Care – who own and operate the facility on College Avenue (Old CSU South Campus site). With the 'Baby-Boomers' fast approaching their stage of life, Aged Care is a major topic of conversation in the Australian community – this presentation should be most enlightening..



Guests are encouraged – but please remember to RSVP in the accepted manner,.

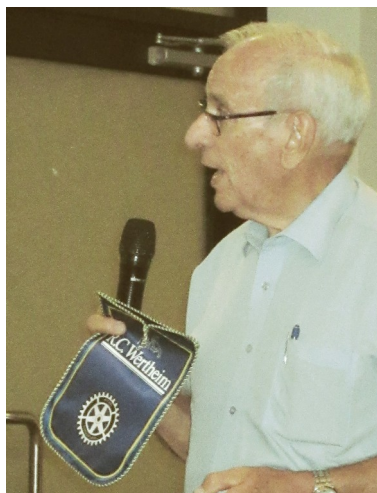
PLEASE BLOCK-OUT THE FOLLOWING DATES IN YOUR DIARY: -

- **25th February** **Wagga International Peace Ceremony.**
- **27th March** **SHINE Awards.**
- **18-19th May** **2024 Wagga Rotary Club Book Fair**
- **25-29th May** **Rotary International Conference – Singapore.**

SOME 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



Donna Relates the Story of Dudley – Her Miniature Dachshund.



Alan Presents the Banner From R.C. Wertheim.



David Leads Discussions on our Future Programs.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

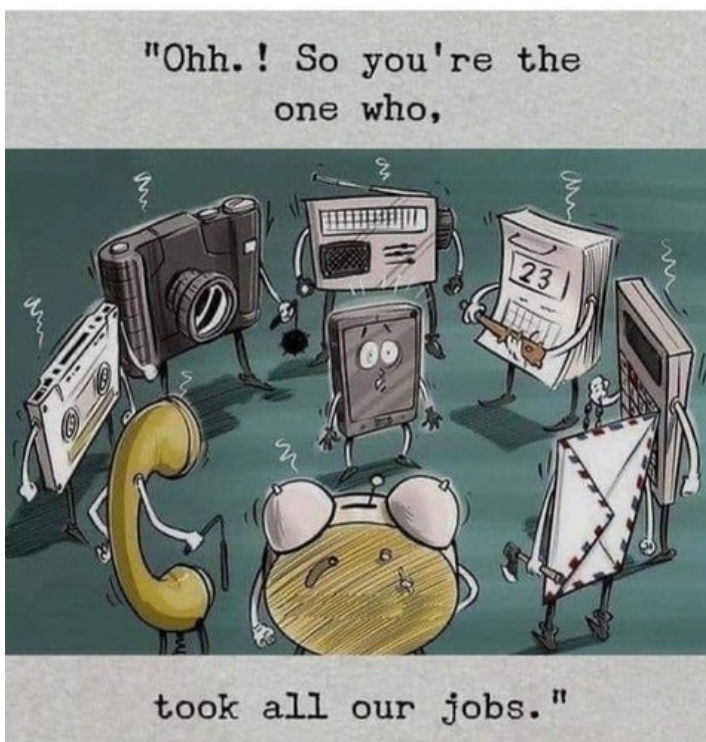
(05th Feb) - 11th Feb)

Birthdays: Sheila Murray (11/02).

Rotary Anniversaries: Nil.

Wedding Anniversaries: Shishir & Laxmi Behengra (06/02) and Alan & Marnie Duffus (09/02).

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Why is 'dark' spelled with a 'k' and not 'c'? Because you can't see in the dark.