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Thursday 4th May 2023

MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

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

Duty Roster: *Please record known future absences in the Absence Book displayed at meetings, and these will be taken into account when framing duty rosters. Otherwise, IT IS IMPORTANT that you arrange a replacement if you can't fulfil a listed duty, and advise the Bulletin Reporter*

Date:	Thursday 11 th May	Thursday 18 th May	Thursday 25 th May
	Meals on Wheels	Book Fair Uplift 4pm at Kyeamba Smith Hall	Public Speaking by Sturt Public School
ATTENDANCE:	Vicky Donoghue Margaret Keys	Jenny Masters	Geoff Treloar David Kennedy
SHORT & SWEET:	Jenny Masters	N/R	Terry Mecham
FINES-MASTER:	David Payne	N/R	David Cannon
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Nepal Ghosh	N/R	Ellen Brasier
VOTE OF THANKS:	Lyndall Seymour	N/R	Alan Lean
BULLETIN REPORTER:	David Kennedy	Vida Smart	Peter Olson
MEETINGS:			

Invocation: *For good food, good fellowship, and the opportunity to serve through Rotary, we give thanks.*

Registration For Meetings: Members are required to register their attendance (and that of any guests) **BEFORE NOON ON THE MONDAY PRIOR TO THE MEETING** using the link in the email that they receive each week. Failure to respond to the email by the deadline will mean no meal will be ordered for you. Members who have problems with registration should not hesitate to contact Graeme or Vicky. **Visitors** who wish to join us please contact Club Sergeant Graeme Callander (graeme.callander43@gmail.com), or phone Vicky on 0407 586186 as early as possible.

Upcoming meetings:

Next Meeting 4th May at the RSL Club we will have a speaker from Meals on Wheels.

Coming up in May: 18th May: Book Fair 'Bump In' meeting at Kyeamba Smith Hall from 4pm

25th May: Sturt School Public Speaking finalists at RSL Club.

MEETING REPORT Thursday 4th May: .

As most members would be aware, President David is away on a whole-of-family holiday for 2 weeks. Newly appointed President-elect, Peter Olson, after swapping roles with John Heazlewood, is presiding over our meetings this week and next. Peter welcomed everyone to our meeting including special guest, Bruce Duffy from South Wagga Rotary who would tell us about their ongoing activities in Nepal. He then proceeded to the Invocation and a Toast to Youth Programs and Youth Workers as it is Rotary Youth month. Our attendance was 24 members, plus our Guest Speaker and Renae Elrington (guest of Elaine Almond).



Administration Matters.

- **Health Report:** Members will be pleased to know that the giant get-well card we all signed for Jane Heazlewood arrived at her hospital in Sydney last week and she loved it. She is making steady progress with her recovery.
- Our Club's rostered day for Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) program is definitely **Tuesday 9th May**. Members who volunteered their time are asked to be at the Showground at 9am. Club shirts if possible please.
- Entries for the **Wollundry Rotary Club Photo Competition and Exhibition**, being organised by PDG John Egan are still being accepted. Members should have received an email invitation to attend the Exhibition Opening, which is set down for 7pm on Friday 12th May at 70 Fitzmaurice St. Anyone interested is warmly invited to attend – refreshments will be provided, and the cost is \$20 per head. RSVP to John Egan before Wednesday 10th May please.
- The **Clontarf Roster** for the next term is set out below. Any other members who wish to participate can advise Vida Smart. **Note that, if a Friday Brekkie is cancelled, Clontarf are now contacting our rostered members directly by mobile to let them know.**

Friday 12 th May @ 0800 Hrs	Peter Veerhuis	
Friday 19 th May @ 0800 Hrs	ROTARY BOOK FAIR PREP	
Friday 26 th May @ 0800 Hrs	David Wynne	David Cannon
Fri 2 nd June @ 0800 Hrs	Tony Hutchinson	
Fri 9 th June @ 0800 Hrs	Peter Olsen	
Fri 16 th June @ 0800 Hrs	David Friedlieb	
Fri 23 rd June @ 0800 Hrs	Lyndal Seymour	

Only one Rotarian need visit each week, but if you wish to make it two, select a date and advise Vida.

Entrance to Mount Austin Car Park is on Leavenworth Drive. (1st Car Park on left if coming from Lake Albert Road). The Clontarf Room can be seen from the car park as you look towards the school building. The BBQ itself is usually just outside the Clontarf Classroom.

BOOK BOOK BOOK FAIR COUNTDOWN

Uplift is only **ONE week** from this Thursday. Flyers and posters were handed out for members to distribute around the town, **plus on your car**, and more are available for those not in attendance.

- With our major fund-raising event fast approaching, members were urged to set aside time to assist with the Fair wherever possible. Rosters seeking a bit clearer clarification and commitment were circulated. They will also be available at the next meeting.
- The roster included a call for assistance throughout 'Book Fair Week'specifically:
 - **Tuesday 16th May:** to mark out the Kyeamba-Smith Hall floor for trestle tables set up (Please liaise with Bruce H and Graham R for timing of this.)
 - **Wednesday 17th May:** to retrieve tables from storage and put them up (we will have assistance from the Mt Austin Clontarf boys to do this). Also, construction of approx. 400 boxes.
 - **Thursday 18th May:** A general call to **all** available members and friends to be at Kyeamba Smith Hall **from 4pm** to assist with placement of boxes on the trestle tables (to be assisted by students from Koorringal High School). This will be our weekly meeting. All workers will be fed!
 - **Friday 19th May:** 10am-2pm approx..Final organising of the stock, placement of signage, and readying for the influx of buyers on Saturday and Sunday. The running of the sales process is more familiar to most members and a separate roster for this activity is close to being finalised.
 - **SATURDAY & SUNDAY:** IT'S ON!!! Doors open 8am Saturday and 9am Sunday.
 - **SUNDAY FROM 2.30pm:** The final big effort to clean up and return unsold books to our sorting shed.

All hands on deck please.

Footnote: A big thank you to everyone who filled in the roster on Thursday evening. Those who were unable to be at that meeting will have the opportunity next meeting. The running of the sales process is more familiar to most members and a separate roster for this activity is close to being finalised.

We are urgently seeking people to assist with the 'features' area, as some of our 'regulars' won't be there this year. Margaret K can't do it all by herself, so please come forward.

We are also a bit light on BBQers.....

Short & Sweet.



Margaret Keys presented our Short and Sweet this week. She told us about a trip she and her mother made to Ireland in the late 1980s. They travelled to Dublin and then hired a car and set off to Northern Ireland to visit the County of Omagh, from where their family originated. Unfortunately, they did not realise that it was the 20th anniversary of the start of the "Troubles" (between Loyalists and Republicans) in Northern Ireland. British Soldiers were manning roadblocks in expectation of one of the warring parties wanting to make a statement. Margaret and her mother were put through the 3rd degree by the soldiers – who are you? where are you from? why are you here? how long are you staying? Having apparently satisfactorily answered all the questions, they were allowed to proceed to

their hotel. After parking out the front, they were advised to move the car around the back. They were shown their upstairs room with a view of the main street.

A short time later they could see a robot on wheels making its way up the street and the hotel keeper came in and drew the blinds and put up some kind of shutter. They asked what was going on and the hotel keeper said there was a bomb alarm at the Court House up the street. The shutter was meant to reduce the spread of shattering glass! They managed to get a different room at the back of the hotel, but could not help coming back to peek out through the window to see what was going on. In the end it was declared a false alarm.

Next day they wasted no time heading further north to their ancestral home and a somewhat more relaxed atmosphere, before heading directly back to home sweet home in Australia!

Fines -Master Session.



Fines Master was Mike Murray – but before he got started his phone rang, and it was his old mate Charlie Windsor, more recently known as King Charles III, wanting to know if Mike could make it back home to Mother England for the Coronation. Mike then included us all in the conversation. Apparently, they were short on choir members to sing at the celebration, so Mike offered a few of the Rugby Choir boys to help out. Charlie was also after some sedatives for Prince Harry in case things got a bit testy. Mike managed to find some club members who could knock up an appropriate concoction.

Charles was also after some people to help with the budget for the cost of the Coronation and a couple of accountants were also found amongst our members. There were also

offers to help look after the corgis from Wagga Rotary dog walkers. Charlie and Camilla were OK for books (plenty of Harry and Meghan's to keep him up at night) so did not think they would make it for our Book Fair, but with horses and Gold Cups in the air, he did make an offer for any other club members to come over for the festivities, and he could provide them the role of cleaning up after the horses along The Mall. Might leave that to you Mike! On that note Mike had to hang up as he had a better offer – a cold beer beckoning him.

Well done Mike, very clever.

NB: No loose change??? It is now possible to choose to pay fines via EFT.....any amount you choose!!

Guest Speaker.

John Studdert introduced our guest speaker, **Bruce Duffy** from South Wagga Rotary Club. Bruce has been the driving force behind South Wagga Rotary's RAWCs program of building facilities to educate children in Nepal, and particularly at Sindhuli, a town some 120km south of Kathmandu. (Nepal population 30 million, District of Sindhuli 300,000)

Although not a long distance, it takes 5 hours to drive the Japanese-built road as it weaves its way through the mountains of Nepal to Sindhuli. Bruce is up to his 26th visit to Nepal, usually once a year, but sometimes twice. In this extended program they have built ten schools, with two more on the way, and also the Sindhuli Technical College. The program is now pushing into health facilities with the Technical College currently building a School for Nurse Training.

Bruce also told us a bit about Nepal's caste system which limits the potential of children born into the lower castes. These children often do not receive any schooling, so the program now runs schools from Kindergarten to Year 5 especially for lower caste children, focussing on reading and arithmetic. Included in the program is provision of uniforms, shoes, books and pencils, and a backpack. The children also receive a free midday meal, which provides further incentive to attend.

The provision of this service costs about \$75 per year per student, and Bruce is looking for further donations, through the RAWCs system from individuals and Rotary Clubs, to expand the program. Tax deductible donations for this very worthy cause can be made via the website: <https://donations.rawcs.com.au/67-2017-18>

Bruce was thanked for his very interesting presentation by Peter Veerhuis.



PLEASE BLOCK-OUT THE FOLLOWING DATES IN YOUR DIARY:

- Tuesday 9th May Our Rostered RYDA day
Thursday 18th May **BOOK FAIR UPLIFT....4PM MEETING @ KYEAMBA SMITH HALL**
20/21 May **BOOK FAIR**
Saturday 17th June **District Changeover (lunchtime function) in Canberra**
Saturday 24th June **Multi-Cultural BBQ at Henschke School – 11am–3pm**
Thursday 29th June **Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga CHANGEOVER.**
12th Jul 23 **Lilier Lodge Casserole night.**
13th Sept 23 **Lilier Lodge BBQ night.**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(6 May to 13May)

Birthdays: Joan Page (11/5)

Rotary Anniversaries: Nil

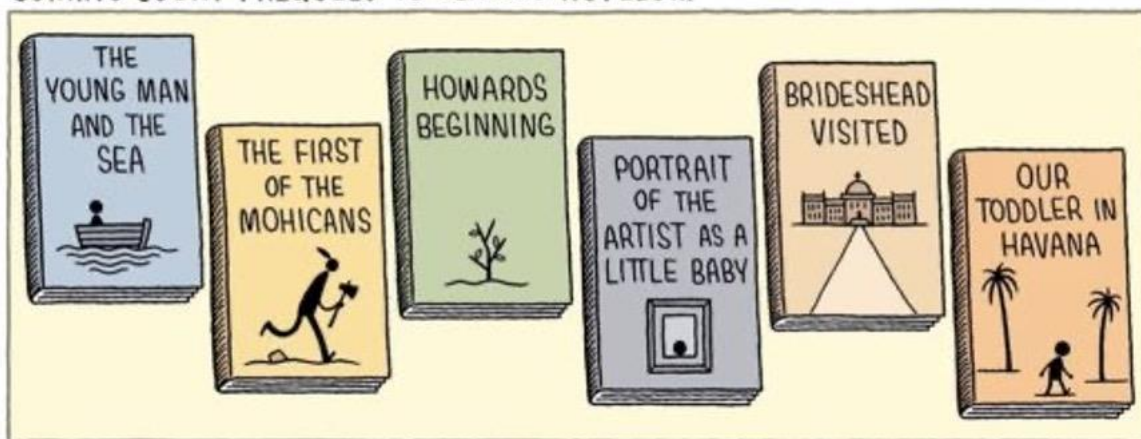
Wedding Anniversaries: Peter & Vida Smart (9/5), Alok & Meena Sharma (11/5)



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