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Thursday 11th 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 18 th May	Thursday 25 th May	Thursday 1st June
	Book Fair Uplift 4pm at Kyeamba Smith Hall	Public Speaking by Sturt Public School	Book Fair Wrap-up
ATTENDANCE:	Jenny Masters	Geoff Treloar David Kennedy	Philip Cross Ellen Brasier
SHORT & SWEET:	N/R	Terry Mecham	Mike Murray
FINES-MASTER:	N/R	David Cannon	Alok Sharma
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	N/R	Ellen Brasier	not required
VOTE OF THANKS:	N/R	Alan Lean	not required
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Vida Smart	Peter Olson	Don Pembleton
MEETINGS:			Board Meeting 8pm

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 18th May at Kyeamba Smith Hall from 4 pm: Book Fair 'bump-in'.

All possible hands on deck please. Workers will enjoy a free BBQ tea.

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

1st June: Book-Fair Wrap-Up at RSL Club.

MEETING REPORT Thursday 11th May:

Peter Olson once again chaired the meeting in the absence of President David, welcoming twenty-five members and our guest speaker John Craig (from Meals on Wheels Wagga). He opened the night with the invocation and a toast to all the mothers, seeing Mother's Day is coming up on Sunday.



Administration Matters.

- **Ellen Brasier** gave a report on a successful week of Rotary Youth Driving Assistance (RYDA) that still has a day to run. Our Club participated well last Tuesday. In all, there will have been some 900 Year 11 students attending, coming from Coolamon, Culcairn, Junee, Temora, Tumut and of course all the Wagga high schools. It has been an exhausting week for Ellen who was in charge of the operation, so a huge vote of thanks to her.
- BBQ guru Terry informed members that the **WAGGA SWAP MEETING** is coming up on 16th July and our Club has been invited to run a BBQ stall. This is a BIG event, and Terry needs 5-6 members for each of the 3 hourly shifts. Consensus was that this is a very worthwhile fundraiser for our Club. All Board members present met briefly after our meeting to approve our Club's intention to participate so that Terry can confirm with the organisers before the acceptance deadline of 30th May. We will occupy sites 305-306, and a volunteer roster will be drawn up as the date approaches. We also have the **Multi-Cultural BBQ** at Henschke School – 11am–3pm Saturday 24th June.
- The **Clontarf Roster** for the 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 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 FAIR COUNTDOWN

Uplift is now just days away. Our next meeting will be at Kyeamba Smith Hall from 4pm for set-up.

- **Advertising:** **Newspaper** advertising is underway and will continue for the next week.
Social media advertising is proving quite successful after a small initial 'experiment'.
Radio advertising will feature Peter Olson on 'Free Kick Friday' (ABC) and studio interview at 10.15am Friday 19th (AAAFM). Alan Lean will also be doing live crosses to AAAFM during the Fair on Saturday 20th.
Signage is being erected at strategic points around town this week.
Flyers & posters were again available for members to distribute and display.
- **Roster:** The Book Fair roster has filled nicely, but there are still holes. If you haven't yet indicated your availability, don't panic.. there will always be a job for you, no matter what time of the day you arrive! Some members requested that they be reminded of what/when they had volunteered for, so the roster as it currently stands has been sent as a separate attachment with this bulletin.
Your assistance at the end of the Fair is especially important. Where possible please make yourself available to help with the pack-up.
- **Wednesday 17 May:** Clontarf boys will be assisting at Kyeamba Smith Hall from 9am. The big job of erecting and positioning all the trestle tables will be made easier with many workers. Come if you can. We will also be having a construct-a-thon to create the empty boxes needed to 'decant' our stock so it is correctly displayed.
- **Meeting next week (Thursday 18th May):** Please arrive **as close to 4pm** as you can..... students from Koorringal High will be assisting with unloading the pallets and distributing the boxes. **Please read the separate attachment 'Tips for Workers' to refresh/familiarise yourself with what we should be doing.**

Short & Sweet.

Jenny Masters stepped up to give her first Short and Sweet, and what an interesting presentation it was. She chose to speak about William Taylor Owens, her paternal great uncle, and his action in World War 2.

In mid-1941, his 22nd battalion was deployed to Rabaul on the island of New Britain. The 1,400 strong were under L. Colonel Scanlon and Rabaul was considered strategic to Australia invasion. The Australians were expected to delay but not hold the base.

January 1942 saw heavy bombing and on 23 January more than 5,000 Japanese troops landed. Later that day, Scanlon issued an "Every man for himself" withdrawal. The men split into smaller groups and retreated into the jungle.

More than 100 men were captured or surrendered, and they joined the 800 plus soldiers who were loaded onto the Montevideo ship which was consequently torpedoed by an America submarine.

350-400 men escaped and returned to Australia and a further 60 odd officers and nurses were sent to Japan in another ship. L. Col Scanlon survived the war.

Two years ago, Jenny's mother asked her if she would like an old box of photos, slides, old newspapers, and Bill's two diaries. This of course has become a cherished possession and caused Jenny and Geoff to walk the Kokoda Track and visit Bill's grave.

Fines -Master Session.

David Payne was the fines master this evening, and he focused on 'events on this day'.

Inter-twined with this was birthdays and celebrations.

Gerry Page's loyalty to Rotary was praised, as he was at the meeting despite it being his wife Joan's birthday (we were assured the 'dinner date' would be on Friday!!) The Smarts and the Sharmas celebrated wedding anniversaries.



David managed to catch and fine almost every member whilst reminding of several other events which occurred 'on this day': In 1813, William Lawson, Gregory Blaxland and William Wentworth discovered the route across the Blue Mountains.

Turning to cricket, three former Australian cricket captains were also born on this day; Jack Blackham (1854), Ian Redpath (1941) and John Benaud (1944).

Lauren Jackson, one of Australia's finest women's basketballers, was also born this day in 1981.

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

Guest Speaker.



Our guest speaker for the evening was **John Craig** who informed us on the history of "Meals on Wheels" in Wagga and the essential work it is still doing.

John was introduced by Nepal who told us John was born in Wagga in 1951 and worked with the Wagga Wagga City Council as well as chairperson for "Open Doors" which was formerly The Haven. He is also active in the MG Car Club.

Meals on Wheels was originally formed in London following World War 2. It moved to Australia in 1953 and was started in Wagga in 1963 where it began in the kitchen of the Methodist Hall in Johnson Street (now the Uniting Church). At that time it was a daily service with freshly cooked meals 5 days a week delivered five days a week to each recipient. After a few years, the Council built a purpose-designed building to cope with the growing demand, which is still used today.

The service supplies some 30,000 meals per year and is funded by the Commonwealth which covers the rent and running costs. There is a nominal charge for the meals which are still personally delivered, but the whole concern is profit free.

About 10 years ago, frozen meals were introduced because of the overwhelming workload and cooking that was required.

This produced some criticism and concern, which was mainly overcome when microwaves were supplied free to anyone who didn't have a unit, and deliveries now only need to be made once a week. The frozen meals are obtained from specialist providers who ensure that nutritional value and needs are met, and one of these suppliers is from Wagga.

Anyone can purchase these meals, and many give them a try before signing up as a fulltime user.

If anyone is not home when the delivery is made, it is noted, and a follow-up ensues.

There are two runs per day during the week. The 9.30am run is for frozen food, and the 11.30am run is for those who require a special meal for the day, and this arrives hot.

There are 60 volunteers on the roster, but they would still like a few more. The time committed is about 1.5 hours with 30 minutes of that taken up with the delivery.

Each delivery requires a car driver, and a "Jockey" and training is given to all new volunteers.

Those receiving the meals are asked to fill in an Annual Diary indicating when they would be home and when they would be away as some leave to go up North in the Winter.

Delivery is only made within the built-up area of Wagga although many meals are sent out to surrounding towns which then run their own delivery service.

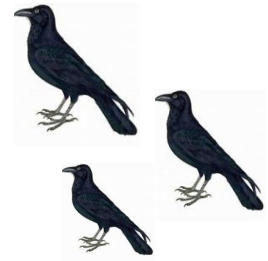
For information on becoming a volunteer, you can phone 0269 212 205 or email waggamow@bigpond.com.

Graham Russell, as usual, moved a great vote of thanks and appreciation which was carried with acclamation.



PLEASE BLOCK-OUT THE FOLLOWING DATES IN YOUR DIARY:

- 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 @ Henschke School – 11am–3pm**
Thursday 29th June **Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga CHANGEOVER.**
Sunday 16th July **BBQ @ Wagga Swap Meet**
12th Jul 23 **Lilier Lodge Casserole night.**
13th Sept 23 **Lilier Lodge BBQ night.**



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(14 May to 20 May)

Birthdays: Tony Hutchinson (15/5), Graeme Callander (18/5),
 Paul Galloway (19/5)

Rotary Anniversaries: Don Pembleton (16/5/1996)

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil



A FEW SNAPS FROM OUR MEETING



