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Thursday 25th 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 Apology Book (available at meetings), and these will be taken into account when framing duty rosters. Otherwise, IT IS IMPORTANT that you arrange a replacement if you cannot fulfil a listed duty – and advise the Bulletin Reporter.

DATE:	THURSDAY 1 st JUNE	THURSDAY 8 th JUNE	THURSDAY 15 th JUNE
PROGRAMS:	Book Fair Wrap-up	Glenn Pallister Mark Hughes Foundation.	Tour of Riverina Conservatorium
ATTENDANCE:	Philip Cross Ellen Brasier	Vicky Donoghue Elle Palmer	Ellen Brasier David Kennedy
SHORT & SWEET:	Mike Murray	Peter Olson	Gerry Page
FINES-MASTER:	Alok Sharma	Gordon Saggars	Lyndal Seymour
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	not required	TBA	Don Pembleton
VOTE OF THANKS:	not required	Margaret Keys	Tony Hutchinson
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Don Pembleton	Ellen Brasier	Vicky Donoghue
MEETINGS:	Board Meeting 8pm	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.

Members who have problems with registration should not hesitate to contact Graeme or Vicky.

RSVP for Visitors: please contact Club Sergeant Graeme Callander (graeme.callander43@gmail.com), or phone Vicky on 0407 586186 as early as possible.

MEETING REPORT.

Club President David Wynne commenced with the Invocation and a Toast to the Volunteer Book Sorters. Their wonderful help through the year made it possible to have such a successful Book Fair. He welcomed our Club Guests for tonight, the Students of Sturt Public School, their families, and teachers. As this is Youth Service Month, a fitting finale is to have the Final of their Public Speaking event.

David acknowledged Terry Mecham for Short and Sweet and David Cannon as Fines Master. Recent Birthday for Don Pembleton, Tony Hutchinson, Graeme Callander, and Paul Galloway. A Rotary Anniversary for Don Pembleton of 27years. Well done.

He thanked David Kennedy and Philip Cross for doing the attendance table, and Peter Olson, the Bulletin Reporting.

Administration Matters: -

- A big thank you to Vicky Donoghue and her team for the organisation and the **Advertising for the Book Fair**. Radio and TV coverage was magnificent. Peter Olson has a good head for radio. Well done everyone.
- **RYDA** was a magnificent success, thanks to Ellen Brasier's organizational skills. Thank you to all those who helped. The RYDA program has won a **Toyota Community Supporting Excellence Award**. Well done, Ellen.
- **District 9705 Budget** was finally passed.
- Pres. Dave said he'll have more information on the **Regionalisation Programme** next week.
- There will be a **Board Meeting** next week.
- Reminder for Rotarians on the following dates (please record these in your diary).
 - Saturday, 24th June, Henschke School – **Multicultural BBQ** from 11am to 3pm.
 - Thursday 29th June, is our **Changeover Dinner**.
 - Wednesday, 12th July, **Lilier Lodge**, need about six Casseroles. President Dave will make his world-famous Creamed Goat Curry to "tantalise the taste buds." We will then be asked to BBQ at Lilier Lodge later, on the 13th September. A BBQ roster will be made as the times get closer for each event.
 - Sunday, 16th July, is the local **Swap Meet**. This is a big one and will require all hands. It has the potential to be a good income earner. Terry advises that we'll need six members for each three-hour shifts.
 - The **Clontarf Roster** for the balance of this 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.

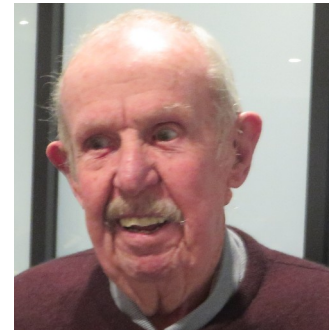
Friday 2 nd June @ 08:00 Hrs	Tony Hutchinson	TBA
Friday 9 th June @ 08:00 Hrs	Peter Olsen	TBA
Friday 16 th June @ 08:00 Hrs	David Friedlieb	TBA
Friday 23 rd June @ 08:00 Hrs	Lyndal Seymour	TBA

NOTE: Only one Rotarian is required each week however an additional member is welcome – if you wish to attend, select a TBA date and advise Vida.

Short & Sweet: -

Terry Mecham spoke of his travels with Fran. How they had covered some 163,000 kilometres around Australia. One of those was to Uluru, or Ayres Rock. He was certain that some of us have visited Uluru and have happy memories of the trip.

Terry said he first visited the Rock in 1994, when returning from a fishing trip to the Gulf. He was camped at Glendambo, nearly 200kms south of Alice Springs, so decided to make a day trip out to the Rock, which was about 245kms to the west. He said for him, it was love at first sight!



It is magnificent and awesome, he said. He immediately understood why it would rate as a sacred site for the local aboriginal people. He said, he had no desire to climb it and never has. He said climbing it, "would be akin to climbing to the top of St. Mary's Cathedral. He felt relief when climbing the Rock was eventually banned.

Fran and Terry have visited five times, since the first. They have watched the sunrise and sunset and have witnessed the dramatic colour changes on this monolith. On our trip in 2007, Terry recalled, they travelled with Fran's brother and his wife. They participated in a "Sounds of Silence" dinner. It involved being bused to a remote spot, where they could see the sunset of both Uluru and Kata Tjuta, while sipping champagne and canapes, then a magnificent dinner under the stars. They were accompanied by four English girls, who were on a six-week tour of Australia. Unforgettable night.

On the last two visits, they encountered rain and overcast conditions, in 2011 and 2018. However, on every visit, Terry was happy just to touch it! Terry said they would love to go back again. Terry said, maybe this time an air trip is on the cards. Thanks for the memories, Terry.

Fines Session: -

Dave Cannon explained to the young students, their families and teachers, what this fine session is all about. We all braced ourselves and waited for the avalanche.



He started off by fining the anniversary and birthday recipients, Messers Mecham, Hutchinson, Callander, Galloway (Garry Roberts for Paul's absence), Pembleton (twice), Marion, GR, Murray, Smart(s), Shamas & Gerry for Joan & Neil for Shirley.

He fined all who had their pictures appear in the Daily Advertiser lately, Peter Olson, Nepal Ghosh, Philip Cross, Vicky Donoghue and himself.

With the Prime Minister from India visiting in Australia, he fined all with Indian heritage or those who have eaten in an Indian Restaurant lately.

He quoted George Bernard Shaw, "Golf is typical capitalist lunacy". He then proceeded to fine all the golfers.

David then reminded us of all of the sad passing of Tina Turner. He then quizzed us; Tony Hutch, who wrote Proud Mary for Tina? It was John Fogarty. He fined him. Bill Prest, was asked, what band were the front men for Tina? Answer, CCR! Dave fined him. Elle Palmer, was asked, in what year did Tina sing Simply the Best at the NRL Grand Final? He fined her too. Vida Smart, was asked, where was Tina born? What town? Answer was, Nutbush. Dave fined her. Brad Bland, was asked, where did she live her last few years? Answer Switzerland. I think Brand answered correctly, but he still fined him!

David closed this fine session by wishing all the students well and that they will look back on tonight as a good launching pad in later life. Also, on how to conduct a fine, fine session.



Sturt Public School: -

Students from Sturt Public School (Introduced by Ellen Brasier)

Ellen introduced firstly, that these students were those who had made it through to the Public Speaking Finals. They would be judged on their respective addresses by three adjudicators. Peter Olson, David Kennedy, and Graham Russell were chosen to adjudicate.



Ellen then introduced the topic for tonight and then each speaker in turn. The first speaker, Dashiel, spoke on imagining world peace. The second speaker, Sthothra, spoke on imagining kids were in charge. Third speaker, Harry, on imagining no conflict in the world, mentioned Ukraine and the refugee status. Fourth speaker, Patrick, imagined bring the dinosaurs back to life, the pros and cons.

Fifth speaker spoke of imagining that there were no stereotypes in the world!

All the students spoke very well. In Toastmaster parlance, they had NO Um's and NO Ah's in their talks, and all delivered their addresses confidently. It was very pleasing to see such delivery and such confidence. They are all a credit to their families and their school.

At the end of the five addresses, the adjudicators deliberated for some time, then without much blood on the floor, came up with a single winner, on the night's performance.

The winner of the Public Speaking Final on this night was Harry. Very well-done young man. He was presented with the perpetual trophy and a replica to keep. All the other speakers received a certificate of recognition for reaching the final.

Vote of Thanks was moved by John Heazlewood, who is fresh back from Sydney looking after Jane at St. Vincent's Hospital. (Good to see you back, John). He spoke very generously on the skills exhibited by each of these young students and was convinced that our future was in good hands knowing that fine young people such as these were learning and putting these skills into practice.

NEXT MEETING: -



Next Thursday (1st June) sees us at the Wagga RSL Club where we will conduct the Book-Fair 'Wrap-Up'. There will be a complete report from Club Treasurer, Nepal plus we will be seeking constructive comments on future events. Your input will be welcome.

ROTARY D9705 CHANGEOVER LUNCHEON: -

This event will occur on Saturday 17th June (commencing 12:30 PM) – the venue is the Hellenic Club. Woden ACT. The cost is \$45-00 per person.

You must RSVP by 7th June and can reserve your place via the District Website, or by 'clicking onto' the following link: -

<https://www.crsadmin.com/eventportal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=d4dd7f71-bd18-46d3-8195-d22ffe7bd973>

MAY IS ROTARY YOUTH SERVICE MONTH: -

Rotary believes in developing the next generation of leaders. Our programs help prospective leaders build leadership skills and mature into valued members of their communities.

The main projects that allow us to move towards these objective include Rotaract, Interact, RYLA and Youth Exchange.



Interact

Interact is a Rotary-sponsored program developed for of 14 -18 year olds. It provides young people the an opportunity to take part in meaningful service projects; along the way, they develop their leadership skills and initiative while meeting new friends and having fun.

Rotaract

Rotaract is for young people ages 18-30. Rotaract clubs are usually community or university-based and are sponsored by a local Rotary club or district, making them true “partners in service” and key members of the Rotary family. Young adults augment their knowledge and skill and also address the physical and social needs of their communities while promoting international understanding and peace through a framework of friendship and service. Rotaractors also often spearhead the formation of Interact clubs and participate in RYLA (see below).

Rotary Youth Exchange

Rotary Youth Exchange is an excellent and inexpensive way for high school age students to travel and study in a foreign country. Participant improve their language skills whilst school and family experiences provide an appreciation of the culture of their host country. They also act as ambassadors for their home country.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

Started in Queensland in 1959, it was officially adopted by RI in 1971. The RYLA program enables young people to debate issues of professional responsibility and human relations, improve leadership and communication skills, learn about businesses or institutions and meet Rotarians - while having fun and making new friends.

Each year thousands of young people take part in the RYLA programs worldwide. Young people are chosen for their leadership potential to attend a seminar, camp or workshop to discuss leadership skills and to learn those skills through practice.

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

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
Wednesday 12th July	Lilier Lodge Casserole night.
Wednesday 13th Sept	Lilier Lodge BBQ night.
W/End 20-22 Oct	District 9705 Conference - Queanbeyan NSW.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(28 May to 3 June)

Birthdays: Shirley Hilpern (30/5) & Laxmi Bhengra (03/06).
Rotary Anniversaries: Marion Moran (30/5/2013) & Graham Russell (31/5/1979)
Wedding Anniversaries: Nil



SOME 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



Representatives of The Sturt Public School Students who astounded us with their Speaking Skills.



KOOKABURRA

The School Called Today
And Said "Your Son Is
Telling Lies"
"Well" I Replied "He Must
Be Really Good Because
I Don't Have Any
Kids"

My short-term memory is not as sharp as it used to be - also, my short-term memory's not as sharp as it used to be.