



**ROTARY CLUB
OF WAGGA WAGGA**

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<p>RI President: Jennifer Jones</p> <p>Dist. Gov 9705: Geraldine Rurenga</p> <p>Area Three Gov: Elaine Almond</p> <p>Club President: David Wynne</p> <p>Club Secretary: Ellen Brasier</p>		<p>THE FOUR WAY TEST: Of the things we think, say or do: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is it the truth? 2. Is it fair to all concerned? 3. Will it build goodwill & better friendships? 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?
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Wagga Rotary Club Acknowledges The Wiradjuri People – The Traditional Owners of The Land Upon Which we Meet.

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Thursday 29th June 2023.

JULY IS ROTARY RENEWAL & CLUB LEADERSHIP MONTH.

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

Duty Roster: If you cannot fulfil your rostered duty, please arrange for a replacement & inform the Bulletin Reporter.

Date:	Thursday 6 th July	Thursday 13 July	Thursday 20 th July
PROGRAMME:	Club Transition Night. New Pres Peter Olson.	TBA	TBA
ATTENDANCE:	Philip Cross Ellen Brasier	Elle Palmer David Kennedy	Geoff Treloar Ellen Brasier
SHORT & SWEET:	David Wynne	David Payne	Gerry Page
FINES-MASTER:	David Friedlieb	Gary Roberts	Don Pembleton
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Not Required	TBA	TBA
VOTE OF THANKS:	Not Required	TBA	TBA
BULLETIN REPORTER:	David Kennedy	Bryan Short	Don Pembleton
MEETINGS:	Nil	Nil	Nil

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 Callander or Vicky Donaghue.

Visitors who wish to join us please contact Vicky on 0407 586186 as early as possible.

CHANGEOVER MEETING PROGRAMME:

The **93rd Changeover Meeting** of the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Inc. was called to order by Master of Ceremonies, Brad Bland – who then proceeded to invite all to stand and recite the Rotary Invocation.

Toast to Australia & Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga:

Outgoing (and incoming) Club Secretary, Ellen Brasier, eloquently proposed a toast to the Commonwealth of Australia as well as the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga.

Toast to Rotary International:

The final toast, to Rotary International, was proposed by Gordon Saggars and responded to by Past District Governor, Gary Roberts as a representative of District Governor Geraldine.

Gary briefly expounded upon, and congratulated outgoing Pres David and his Board on, the achievements of Wagga Rotary over the past year. On behalf of rotary international he thanked us for **'Doing Good in the world'**.

Welcome Guests:

Alan Lean was invited to the podium to welcome all, especially our visitors, to our 93rd Changeover. It was especially good to see a strong contingent from our 'sister club' at Temora.

Mayoral Address:

The Mayor of Wagga Wagga, Councillor Dallas Tout, responded on behalf of the visitors.



Unfortunately due to another engagement at the Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre Mayor Tout was unable to remain with us for the balance of the evening. The function he needed to rush off to was the Wagga Wagga Festival of Light – which included a celebration of the Civic Theatre's 60th anniversary. It may be of interest to our readers to know that the theatre was designed, and it's construction supervised, by PDG Steve O'Halloran PHF, who was our Club President during 1950-51.

INDUCTION OF NEW ROTARIANS: -

It is always a pleasant duty to report the induction of new members.

On this occasion we were very pleased to welcome husband & wife team, Anthony & Emily Bosco as the world's newest Rotarians.

Both come from an education background with a particular focus on literacy and the teaching of English. We might look forward to them swapping phrases and poetry with our existing membership, especially our long-time poetry bard, Gerry Page.

David Friedlieb both proposed their membership and officiated with the induction ceremony. He provided our new members with their Rotary badges and regalia.



SPECIAL AWARDS: -

Paul Harris Fellowships (PHF):

The following awards were made: -

1. Elaine Almond introduced the first PHF recipient, **Vickie Burkinshaw**. Vickie is the President of Friends of the Art Gallery, the Women's Health Centre and From the Ground Up. She is multi-skilled, being a Professional Facilitator, a Business Coach, a Motivational Speaker and a Change Manager. Add to these roles, The Purple Pyjamas collective and Beyond Business Group – and (in her spare time??) she is the proprietor of The Curious Rabbit Café where she actively encourages visual and performing artists. Vickie takes on a large number of roles and responsibilities and is most worthy of PHF recognition.



2. Wagga Rotarians will recall a visit to FlipScreen in Copland Street in September 2022 where we met proprietors, **Sam & Catherine Turnbull**. Sam has an inquiring mind that allows him to identify and resolve engineering challenges. He has won many awards for innovative, unique designs that are in use on many continents around the world - including Antarctica. Of particular interest is a machine that is ideal for the dangerous process of clearing anti-personnel landmines. This device is currently used by US and Israeli authorities. Through Rotary connections, this device, which is valued around \$(AU)75,000, was demonstrated to Volcanology Stanislavsky, Ukraine Deputy Head of Mission in Canberra, and was subsequently donated for clearance of mines throughout The Ukraine. Sam and Catherine received their PHF from PDG Gary Roberts.



3. **Alan Lean** appeared somewhat 'taken aback' when summonsed to the podium to receive his second Sapphire Pin from PDG John Egan. This was awarded for numerous civic activities, including (but not limited to) his motivation in the establishment of the Pro Patria organisation, the ongoing services to community radio station 2AAA and, of course, Wagga Rotary. Despite ongoing health issues, Alan has put his heart and soul into these activities and the community is enriched because of his drive and commitment.



4. PDG John Egan also advised that at the request of Alan Lean, **Gordon Sagers** agreed to join the Board of the Pro Patria Property Trust which was charged with the acquisition of the former Carmelite Monastery for the purpose of housing the Pro Patria Centre. Gordon later took on the role of Chairman and since then has diligently steered the fundraising process with considerable success. Gordon thoroughly deserves recognition by Rotary and was awarded his fourth Sapphire Pin.



Peter Walsh Rotarian of The Year Award:



This award is in memory of Peter Walsh PP (1978), PDG, PHF (Sap) who, along with his wife Helen, was killed in a light aircraft accident in 2005 whilst attending the RI Conference in USA.

The recipient for 2023 is **Bruce Heydon** PHF. Bruce is a very active and willing participant in all Club activities, especially those associated with the annual Book Fair. He accepts donations of books and other saleable items at his business premises and regularly assists with the transportation of those items. A very fitting recipient of this award.



INDUCTION OF BOARD FOR 2023/24:-

Outgoing President David Wynne welcomed his successor, Peter Olson and handed over the Club Charter along with the 'trappings of office' including the Presidential Collar and pin.

David alerted us all to the original Presidential Collar which was on display at the side of the meeting room. That historic collar carries the names of all presidents dating back to the Club's charter in 1930. He pointed out that Peter's name was included for the year 1999/2000 and expressed his delight at seeing Peter 'back in the chair'.



Peter accepted the offerings and spoke briefly on the changes that he had noticed over the years between his previous presidency in 1999 and today. Whilst we 'move with the times' most changes are impressive but some others he reminisced with nostalgia.

President Peter then proceeded to introduce our incoming Board – as shown in the photograph below: -



Unfortunately, Vicky Donoghue and Vida Smart were unavailable for this photograph.

CLUB ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS: -

Members are reminded that subscriptions for the renewal of Rotary membership are now payable. You should have received an invoice by email this week.

Payment options include: -

1. Pay using club EFTPOS during meeting night. (this service will attract an additional charge of \$5 to cover the transaction fees)
2. Electronic transfer to Wagga Wagga Rotary Club – General Account (Beyond Bank – **BSB: 325 185 – Account Number: 03739311**). Please ensure that your name is shown alongside the entry on the Club's bank statement.
3. Paying by instalments is available if required. You need to liaise with Treasurer Nepal if you wish to utilise this option.

NEXT MEETING: -

Next meeting sees us meet at the Wagga Wagga RSL Club; back in our 'home' room. Normal times (6:00 PM for a prompt start at 6:30 PM). Please remember to RSVP by noon Monday, after you receive the email invitation.

At this meeting, our new President will outline his aims and aspirations for the coming year.

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

- **Sunday 9th July** **RC Junee Changeover Meeting (lunchtime function)**
- **Sunday 16th July** **BBQ @ Wagga Swap Meet**
- **Wednesday 12th July** **Lilier Lodge Casserole night**
- **Wednesday 13th Sept** **Lilier Lodge BBQ night**
- **W/End 20-22nd Oct** **District 9705 Conference – Queanbeyan NSW**

SOME 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM OUR 93rd CHANGEOVER: -



Bruce, Mike & Graham chatting with Mayor Dallas Tout prior to the commencement of the meeting.



Mayor Dallas Tout addresses the meeting.



Brad Bland – our MC for the night – kept matters moving along.



The 'Power Behind the Throne' Lynne Olson & Debbie Wynne acknowledged for their perseverance and efforts.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(2nd Jul – 8th Jul)

Birthdays: Peter Smart (06/07).

Rotary Anniversaries: Nil.

Wedding Anniversaries: Tony & Lyn Hutchinson (03/07).



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Please accept your editor's apology for the small print (*he once trained as an insurance man*). If you read this on an electronic device please use the Zoom Function; otherwise use a magnifying glass.

This is the poem by Coral Dasey (1940-2017) that was dramatically delivered as our after-dinner entertainment by Graham Russell, :- -

A TALE OF THE NEVER- NEVER
BY CORAL DASEY

ALLOW ME TO ELABORATE ON A YARN SPUN BY A SHEARING MATE:
IT WAS TUCKER-TIME AT NEWSTEAD AND THE TEA WAS ON THE BREW;
THE SUBJECT OF HIS STORY HAD LONG SINCE GONE TO GLORY
BUT HE LIVED AGAIN - AS BILL BEGAN - IN A TALE SWORN TO BE TRUE:

"MY UNCLE WAS A SHEARER, THOUGH SOME SAY HE WAS NEARER
TO A DREAMER, JUDGING BY THE DIARY THAT HE WROTE;
I REGARD IT AS HIS BIBLE, SO, SAFELY STEERING CLEAR OF LIBEL,
WE'LL KEEP ALL NAMES FICTITIOUS, AND APART FROM THAT, I QUOTE:

"IN THE NINETIES, I REMEMBER, IN THE BUSH HEAT OF DECEMBER,
MY MATE AND I WERE TRAVELLING, IN SEARCH OF WORK OUTBACK;
THE END OF THE DAY WAS NEARING, WHEN IN A SCRUBBY CLEARING
CHARLEY SPIED A CERTAIN SOMETHING, SOME TEN FEET OFF THE TRACK.

"UPON INVESTIGATION, THOUGH IT SEEMED IMAGINATION,
THE OBJECT PROVED TO BE A TRUNK, SOMEWHAT SMALL IN SIZE;
IT WAS BRANDED 'OTIS LEATHER', IT WELL KEPT OUT THE WEATHER
AND ITS CONTENTS, SPEAKING MILDLY, WERE A VERY GREAT SURPRISE.

"T'WAS THE OUTFIT OF A MINISTER AND, SUSPECTING SOMETHING SINISTER,
WE SEARCHED BUT COULD NOT FIND THE OWNER, LIVING OR DECEASED;
SO, WITH THE BEST INTENTION, OUR OWN WELFARE NOT TO MENTION,
WE DEvised A PLAN TO PUT TO USE THE CLOTHES IN THE VALISE.

"NOW CHARLEY WAS A SCHOLAR AND WITH HIM HE DONNED THE COLLAR
HIS PORTRAYAL OF A VICAR WAS ARTISTRY TO SEE;
WE DECIDED THAT MY PART SHOULD COMPLEMENT HIS ART
AND THE ROLE OF CHARLEY'S "MAN" IT SEEMED IDEALLY SUITED ME.

"WE RODE ONTO A SELECTION, OF THE SQUATTER ASKED PROTECTION,
THE MEAL HIS GOOD WIFE GAVE US WOULD HAVE SATISFIED A KING;
AND I COULDN'T HELP BUT NOTICE AS THE "REVEREND MR. OTIS"
RAISED HIS HANDS IN THANKS, HIS FINGER NAILS WITH DAMPER-FLOUR WERE RINGE

"NEXT DAY THERE WAS A CHRISTENING AND CHARLEY DID THE MINISTERING
WITH A VERY PRACTISED AIR, IT MUST BE TOLD;
THOUGH WE REFUSED TO TAKE A FEE FOR THIS SERVICE, WE AGREED
TO A "DONATION" TO ASSIST OUR WORK IN CARING FOR THE FOLD.

"AND SO WE SET THE PATTERN (CHARLEY WAS WELL VERSED IN LATIN)
FOR TRAVELLING THROUGH THE COUNTRY TO PERFORM OUR DAILY WORK;
AND WE MARRIED AND WE CHRISTENED, AND THE GOLDEN SOVEREIGNS GLISTENED
AS WE GATHERED IN THE HARVEST AND OUR DUTIES NEVER SHIRKED!

"AND THE SERVICE WE PROVIDED FOR THE BUSH FOLK THAT RESIDED
IN THE BACKBLOCKS, AT THAT TIME, FILLED A GREAT AND SORRY NEED;
IN THAT CLOTH-FORSAKEN REGION, IMPATIENT GROOMS COULD LOSE THEIR REASON
WAITING FOR THE TRAVELLING CLERGY, WHO WERE VERY RARE INDEED!

"AFTER TWO MONTHS OF SUCH LABOUR... WE THOUGHT IT IN OUR FAVOUR
TO DESIST FROM FURTHER EFFORTS OF MINISTERING TO THE FLOCK;
WE SHARED A GROWING APPREHENSION OF DETECTION (AND DETENTION),
AND SO IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE "REVEREND" BE DEFROCKED!

"CHARLEY'S OUTFIT WAS CREMATED AND EACH OF US DONATED
THE SUM OF TWENTY SOVEREIGNS TO THE CHURCH AT NEVERTIRE;
THE REMAINDER WE'D COLLECTED WAS EQUALLY DISSECTED
FOR WE FIRMLY HELD THE LABOURER WAS WORTHY OF HIS HIRE!

"AND IF EVER YOU SHOULD NOTICE THE SIGNATURE OF "OTIS"
ON A FADED, FAMILY PAPER STATING MARRIAGE VOWS WERE SWORN,
I WOULD ASK YOU TO REMEMBER BUT FOR OUR CHANCE FIND THAT DECEMBER
AND OUR DEDICATED EFFORTS, YOU MIGHT NEVER HAVE BEEN BORN!"

"WELL, THAT'S HOW UNCLE WROTE IT," SAID BILL, JUST AS I HAVE SPOKE IT,
AND I NEVER HEARD HIM SAY A WORD OF ANYTHING BUT TRUTH;
AND I'DE WILLINGLY MAKE A WAGER THAT THERE'S MORE THAN ONE OLD STAGER
WHO WOULDN'T BE PREPARED TO WRITE SO FREELY OF HIS YOUTH.

I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do it's because I've missed my exit..

