



**ROTARY CLUB
OF WAGGA WAGGA**

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BULLETIN NO: 13.

Thursday 29th September 2022.

OCTOBER is COMMUNITY ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT MONTH.

Club meets at the WAGGA WAGGA COUNTRY 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.

Date:	Thursday 6 Oct.	Thursday 13 Oct.	Thursday 20 Oct.
PROGRAMME:	Katrina Dorward Yoga talk & demo	Peter Ware Carbon Farming	TBC
ATTENDANCE:	Jenny Masters Vicky Donoghue	David Kennedy Philip Cross	Elle Palmer Jenny Masters
GREETER:	Peter Smart	Bryan Short	Elaine Almond
SHORT & SWEET:	Elaine Almond	Peter Smart	Vida Smart
FINES-MASTER:	Gordon Siggers	David Cannon	TBC
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	David Cannon	Brad Bland	Peter Smart
VOTE OF THANKS:	Mary Ann Kelly	John Heazlewood	Paul Galloway
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Bryan Short	Vida Smart	David Payne
MEETINGS:			

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

IMPORTANT: *If you are unable to attend a meeting:*

Please lodge an apology with **THE COUNTRY CLUB OFFICE 6922 6444 (Ext. 1)** by **NOON** on **TUESDAY** (or pre-record same in the book provided at the meeting attendance table).

Also, for catering purposes, please advise if bringing a guest to a meeting.

MEETING REPORT FOR 29th SEPTEMBER 2022

Attendance.

There were 12 apologies and one no-show, which if you calculate it, is a fair percentage of our membership. There were however, 34 present including one very welcome guest, John Horton who has moved from Harden to the Riverina Gums and was a guest of Bill Prest. Our Guest Speaker was Brenton Smith from Riverina Fresh.

Club Matters.

President David's Club Information and Director Reports:

- **Regionalisation Vote.**

The closing date for voting had been moved back from midnight to noon on 29th, thus email votes and telephone votes had to be finalised before our meeting. Our club's vote was clearly a NO vote with only 4 YES votes being received. The Wagga clubs were split 50/50. It is thought that the Pacific Clubs will vote in favour of YES, so whatever the outcome, "we'll roll with the punches."



- **Trivia Night**

More starters are needed for the club table at the Trivia Night being run by EClub of Brindabella:-. Friday 7th October 6.30pm at the RSL Club Wagga - contact President David.

- **Probus**

Assistant Governor Elaine Almond reported having been invited to cut the cake for the 30th Anniversary celebration of one of the Probus clubs (Some other clubs are 36 years old) ..



- **Barbeque at Lillier Lodge**

- Thanks to Captain Hutch, Vicky, Elaine, and President David for manning the BBQ at Lillier Lodge last week.

- **Ukraine Visitor.** Gary Roberts thanked the club members involved in the various activities during very successful visit to the club by Volodymyr Shalkivsky, Deputy Head of Mission, Ukraine..

- **Tidy up the gardens at Pro-Patria.**

On 8th October from 8.00am to 1.00pm, our club is having a tidy-up of all the gardens and surroundings at Pro-Patria. Any help would be appreciated.

- **Sunrise Rotary bus trip – 30th October.**

Sunrise Rotary are having a bus trip on 30th October to the Lockhart Museum, Urangeline Woolshed, then lunch at Pleasant Hills pub with a guest speaker Peter Campbell, a past winner of the NSW Farmer of the Year award. From there they'll proceed to Morgan's Lookout, the Historic Station-master's house at Culcairn, and back to Wagga. The cost is \$100 per person which covers the bus, lunch, and all entry fees

Short & Sweet:-

President David filled in for the “Sort and Sweet” and spoke about his 4-Day cruise which he gained by default through sickness of the intended recipient. He decided that he would undertake the task of “Talking to strangers, trying to understand people’s stupidity.”

He discovered many oxymorons being used such as: Found missing; Open secret; Was fully empty; Original copy; Social distancing, etc. He has decided it was better being 20 in the 70’s than being 70 in the 20s.

Finesmaster:-.



Graham Russel presented a special fine session that rotated around the celebration of Bill Prest’s 90th Birthday on 30th September. Everybody seemed to be fined with the different comments, and here are a few.

- Bill is the same age as the Harbour Bridge, the only difference is the Bridge has had a hell of a lot more maintenance and still looks good.
- There have been five English monarchs over this time.
- Life is sexually transmitted.
- Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- In the 60s, people took acid to make the world weird. Now that the world is weird, people take Prozac to make it normal.
- All of us should take a lesson from the weather. It takes no notice of criticism.
- Birthdays are good for you. Statistics show that the people who have the most, live the longest.



Guest Speaker

Our speaker was Brenton Smith from Riverina Fresh. Brenton has only been in Wagga as the manager of Riverina Fresh for 11 weeks and briefly ran through his history from his start in Strathmerton in Victoria, through to Shepparton and Wagga.

Riverina Fresh started out 100 years ago as the “*Murrumbidgee Co-operative Dairy Company*” and sold milk in 10-gallon drums for distribution via the local milkman, plus ice, butter, and rabbits. Before the present company was formed it was owned by a New Zealand company who had decided to just close it due to low profits.

Brenton took us through some of the past developments which many of us could remember:-

Before the 1950s, milk was delivered by the milkman into a “Billy” that was placed outside for decanting

In the 1950s, milk was put into glass bottles and still delivered by the milkman.

In the 1970s milk was repacked into 1 litre plasticized cardboard containers.

In the early 90s, plastic bottles were the choice of container, and this remains today.

The new pasteurizing plant can now pasteurize 12,000 litres of milk per hour.

In the era of bottles, they could fill 30-40 bottles a minute. Now they fill 120 x 2 litre plastic bottles per minute.

Pre-covid, the factory was processing 1.2 million litres of milk per week and had contracts with all the major retailers in the State and even interstate. This was severely affected during the Covid, and many smaller processors and farmers closed.



The weekly production is now up to 1 million litres per week, and Riverina Fresh now owns 100% of this business. This year, Riverina Fresh has won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd awards in the Australian Barista Championships with their development of special milks for baristas and have also taken out 4 gold awards in all categories.

There is a price war occurring, which will continue, for there has been a significant drop in milk supply from 10 billion litres to 8.5 billion litres and with the freight costs for trucking in and trucking out all rising 30-40% as well as utilities such as gas (up 400%) and power (up 200%), prices must rise. In fact, the dairy industry has never seen a year like this, and it is anticipated that more milk processors will drop out.

Most of our local milk comes from the Finley area with just a few local farms.

The "Use By" date has been calculated over many months of continuous testing as to how long their milk remains fresh. At present it can last for 23 days refrigerated.

The factory makes its own blow-mould plastic bottles and start the production on Sundays running right through the night.

Bruce Heydon gave the vote of thanks, noting that information shows that 4 out of 5 kids do not know where milk comes from, and congratulated Riverina Fresh for including the source in their advertising.



Meeting Conclusion.

President David closed the meeting with the singing of the National Anthem at 8.15pm.

NEXT MEETING ON 6th October will be at the Wagga Country Club.

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

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| Fri 7th Oct | E-Club Brindabella Trivia Night (Wagga RSL Club) |
| Sat. 8th Oct. | Tidy up the gardens at Pro-Patria from 8.00am to 1.00pm |
| 21-23 Oct | D9705 Conference (Joyes Hall, CSU Wagga Wagga) |
| 28-30 Oct | Zone 8 Conference (Canberra) |
| Thu 1st Dec | Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga SHINE AWARDS |
| 20/21 May 2023 | Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga BOOK FAIR |

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(2nd Oct 8th Oct)

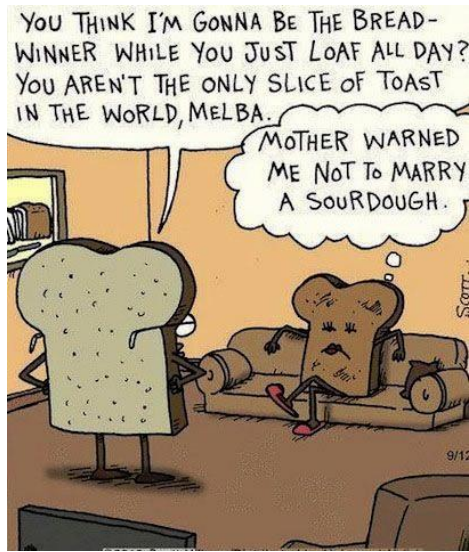
Birthdays: Jane Heazlewood 5th Oct

Rotary Anniversaries: Terry Mecham 1999 + Hay 1987-1991

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil



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This Weeks Snaps

