



**ROTARY CLUB  
OF WAGGA WAGGA**

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**BULLETIN NO: 15.**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 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 20 Oct.	Thursday 27 Oct.	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov.
<b>PROGRAMME:</b>	Discussion: New Venue and Regularity of Meetings.	Celine Hamid Romac Surgeon	New Venue & Prog. TBA
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Elle Palmer Jenny Masters	Vicky Donoghue David Kennedy	Philip Cross Margaret Keys
<b>GREETER:</b>	Elaine Almond	Mike Murray	Bruce Barber
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	Geoff Treloar	Vida Smart	Peter Veerhuis
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>	Bill Prest	Paul Galloway	Don Pembleton
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b>	N/R	Peter Smart	TBA
<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>	N/R	David Friedlieb	Shishir Bhengra
<b>BULLETIN REPORTER:</b>	John Heazlewood	David Payne	Vida Smart
<b>MEETINGS:</b>			

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.*

## **This Week's Meeting**

**This Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October** our club meeting will be a Social Night with a business session devoted to a **Discussion: New Venue and Regularity of Meetings.**

### ***MEETING REPORT FOR 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022***

#### **Attendance.**

President David Wynne commenced with the Invocation, & a Toast to Rotary worldwide. He then welcomed 28 members with apologies from 16. Guest was Wayne Flood from PCYC.

#### **Club Matters.**

##### **President David's Club Information and Director Reports:**

- **Alan Lean**, who has been ill, reports feeling a bit better and is awaiting a diagnosis.
- **Shine Awards have been deferred until February.**
- **Ellen Brasier** is in good spirits. She and daughter Susan are on a flight back home from Spain on Monday.
- David reported that **RYPEN applications** close on 28<sup>th</sup> October.
- **Rotary Zone 8 Conference** is still open for starters and is free! Held in Canberra on 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October.
- **District 9705 Conference in Wagga** this coming weekend. David asked for more volunteers for Friday (Joyes Hall 1.00pm) on 21<sup>st</sup>. He had several members indicate that they were attending.
- David Byfield – from the committee for **Gears and Beers**, thanked our club for the support by some of our members and said that \$1300.00 was coming our way for our efforts.
- Please get RSVPs in to Lyndal for the informal **social lunch** at Ashmont Pub on 30<sup>th</sup> October.
- More volunteers are needed for attendance at 4<sup>th</sup> term **Clontarf breakfasts** at Mount Austin High School - 8am to 9am on a Friday. Vida passed the schedule around for nominations.

#### **Short & Sweet:-**

Peter Smart came out last night! Yes, dressed as a Blue Smartie! He then proceeded to expound upon the history of Smarties. Smarties started as “chocolate beans” in 1882, were made by Rowntree's of York. (Now made by Nestles.) They were renamed “Smarties Chocolate Beans” in 1937. However, trade standards restricted the name, so they became “milk chocolate in a crisp sugar shell”. They were later rebranded as Smarties and were first sold in cylindrical cardboard tubes, with coloured plastic lids. The lids bore a letter and were promoted as a teaching aid.

Packaging changed over the years, to a hexagonal design in 2005. In Australia they are sold in rectangular boxes. Their colours varied across time using natural dyes. The blue dye was the hardest to reproduce, hence was absent from 2006 to 2008, and then removed again in 2010 due to an incorrect link of the blue dye to ADHD. Peter finished up by revealing to us his pride and joy, his SMARTIES letter box! Good one Blue Smartie.



## Finesmaster:-.

Fines Master David Cannon got stuck into those celebrating, including Bill Prest for his and Dot's 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, plus all of Terry Mecham's mates for his 32 years in Rotary. He praised Elaine for her Short and Sweet last week about volunteering and then fined those who had not yet volunteered for Clontarf duties. David then decided to collect some fines via jokes about growing old. "I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later!" He fined all those over 60 years old.

He went on to fine those who go to a gym, talk to themselves, and forget where they were when they walked into the Club. All married men, all the girls. And all those who have afternoon naps. He even got those who are aged under fifty! That didn't pay well!



## Guest Speaker

**Guest Speaker 1 : Wayne Flood** filled us in on the PCYC. He said building fit out should be completed by 27<sup>th</sup> October. A "soft" opening will occur on 7<sup>th</sup> November, with the formal opening scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> November. He also said that there is an abundant amount of memorabilia, especially photos available for viewing. He has asked Fred Lonregan, a past manager of PCYC to assist. He also mentioned that 3x3 special Basketball matches were planned for 26<sup>th</sup> November and invited our club to put on a BBQ, where we could earn some money.



**Guest Speaker 2. Bryan Short** recounted to us all a recent trip with Sally, planned after having been locked up and discouraged from travelling for such a long time and the chaos of air travel needed to be avoided; so, they went entirely by car. The plan was to be away for three weeks, see some family and some friends, pursue some interests like golf and wineries and visit some places of interest. Restrict driving to 3-4 hours a day and stopover for 2-3 days. So, mid-June they headed south then west. Melbourne first to visit family, then the Great Ocean Road and the 12 apostles. Get there soon as there are only seven left! Drove along the Coorong Lagoon and National Park, about 140 km long, sheltered from the Southern Ocean by a narrow-vegetated sand bar.



Adelaide was next, where they spent five days. They visited local attractions and dropped in on McLaren Vale and Langhorne Creek wineries, visited the mouth of the Murray River at Goolwa. .Saw engineering works at the northern end of the Coorong and observed the dredging of the opening to the sea.

Flinders Ranges visit included accommodation in an eco cottage, a flight over the ranges, including including Wilpena Pound. and a 4 wheel drive tour of Flinders National Park along ridges then the floor of several gorges and creek beds, formed for thousands of years. A magnificent piece of work by Mother Nature! Should be on everyone's bucket list.

They then headed home via the southern side of the Murray. Through Renmark, Mildura , Yarrawonga , with some golf along the way. Overall, an enjoyable and stress-free trip, to mark the end of the COVID lockdown era.

### Guest Speaker 3. David Payne.

David decided to tell us about a book he was reading, about people who have supported great or famous people. He chose to talk about John Greenwood (1760-1819), George Washington's dentist.

George Washington was 57 when he made his Inaugural Address on April 30, 1789. He smiled at the crowd that day with only one real tooth! John Greenwood made it possible for him to have a confident smile, as his favourite dentist.

David described how Washington's "feeblest physical characteristic" were his teeth, for a man with such intellect, work ethic and physical stature. George at 26 had survived smallpox, malaria, pleurisy and dysentery. The treatments of blood letting and ingesting mercurous chloride led him to significant tooth decay. After several attempts, John Greenwood was the dentist chosen who could help change things for him.

Greenwood was born in 1760, was surrounded by dentistry in his family, but at fifteen joined the Revolutionary War, as a fife player. Later, in New York, he opened a machine shop making nautical and mathematical equipment. He was untrained but he started in dentistry with a tooth extraction. By 1786, he was running newspaper ads for his own dental practice. Greenwood's skill and ingenuity as an instrument maker helped make him the preeminent denture maker of the time.

David recounted that Greenwood made four sets of dentures for President Washington from 1789 till his death in 1799. To modern dentures they may look barbaric, but his contraptions of lead, gold, hippopotamus tusk and real teeth were pioneering for the time. He even used the teeth of horses and cows as well as humans. Greenwood practised absolute discretion, so as not to embarrass Washington. When he lost his last tooth, Washington gave it to Greenwood. He cherished it and kept it in a special case. When he died, Washington was buried with a set of Greenwood's dentures.



### **Club Business**

President David Wynne had one more topic to discuss. **He has been advised by the Country Club management that after the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> October, they can no longer provide a venue for our meetings.** We have two meetings left!

A discussion session examined aspects of our recent relationship with the Country Club but as it is clear we need to move on, elicited info about other clubs current venues, including Carriage house Motel, Rules Club Jezza Room; and suggested other possibilities RSL Club , Melbas Bake House, Uneke Warehouse, and others.

David formed a small committee to investigate a solution. The committee consists of Graham Russell, John Heazlewood, Philip Cross, Vicky Donoghue, Graeme Callander and himself. They will meet first at the Rules Club to assess that venue.

Aspects which will need to be examined are:- cost of venue hire and catering, availability for our usual meeting night, whether we may need to consider other meeting nights or formats, importance of fellowship/ meeting regularity etc etc. **A discussion session is programmed as part of this week's club meeting to consider the matter.**



## Events by Other Clubs

- **South Wagga Rotary invite us to attend** South Wagga Rotary Queen's Jubilee Tree Planting Commemorative event to be held **Friday 21st Oct** starting 10:30am at Menzies Ave Park adjacent to the Amy Hurd Early Learning Centre, 2 Kulgoa St, Koorringal. Please RSVP by Wednesday 12th Oct with names of those attending to South Wagga Rotary [southwaggarotary@bigpond.com](mailto:southwaggarotary@bigpond.com)
- **Rotaract** is running a **Trivia Night** on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November and we are invited.

## **OCTOBER IS COMMUNITY ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT MONTH.**

**World Polio Day is coming up on 24<sup>th</sup> October.** At the same time as District 9705 holds its conference at Wagga, Rotary International and the World Health Organization's [World Polio Day 2022 and Beyond: A healthier future for mothers and children](#) two-day conference in Geneva begins Friday, 21 October.

**WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and Rotary International President for 2022-2023 Jennifer Jones** will discuss the work the two organizations have done together for decades to eradicate polio and how they continue to work together on a healthier future for mothers and children. Experts in polio, vaccines, and maternal and child health will present the many opportunities for children who have been saved from polio and, along with their mothers, other vaccine-preventable diseases, to benefit from the preventive and life-saving services associated with it. This will allow mothers to have a positive pregnancy experience and young children to reach their full developmental potential.



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

- **21-23 Oct** **D9705 Conference (Joyes Hall, CSU Wagga Wagga)**
- **28-30 Oct** **Zone 8 Conference (Canberra)**
- **30th October** **Sunday Social Lunch at 1pm Ashmont Hotel.**
- **12<sup>th</sup> Nov.** **Rotaract Trivia Night**
- **Feb. 2023** **Rotary Club of Wagga SHINE AWARDS (Def. from Dec. 2022)**
- **20/21 May 2023** **Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga BOOK FAIR**

### ***BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -***

(16<sup>th</sup> Oct to 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct)

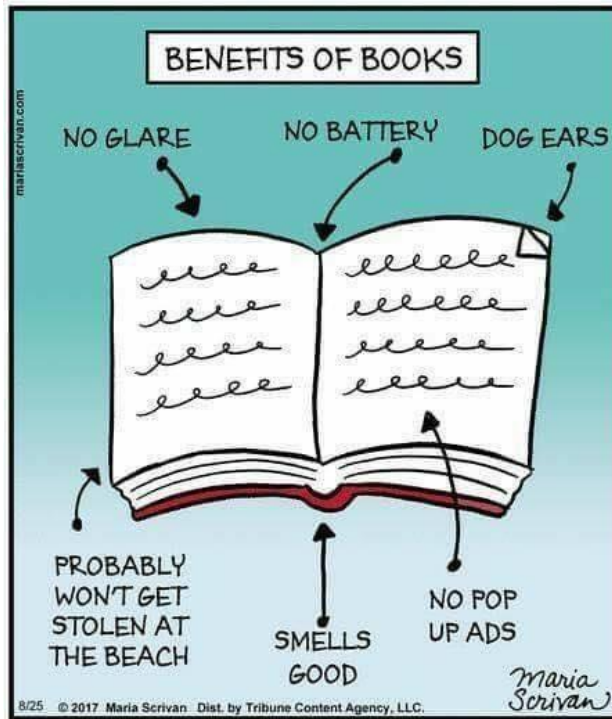
**Birthdays:** Nil

**Rotary Anniversaries:** Peter & Vida Smart (2014), Elaine Almond (2013), Alf Barzen (2018)

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Nil



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That smart letter box