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THE FOUR WAY TEST:

Of the things we think, say or do: -

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill & better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

BULLETIN NO: 17.

Thursday 27th October 2022.

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

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

Duty Roster: Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot fulfil your rostered duty & inform our Bulletin Reporter.

Date:	Thursday 3 rd Nov.	Thursday 10 th Nov.	Thursday 17 th Nov.
PROGRAMME:	Garth Perkin Coolamon Rotary	Dan Winson – Wireless Networking for farmers	TBA
ATTENDANCE:	Philip Cross Margaret Keys	Geoff Treloar Elle Palmer	Vicky Donoghue Philip Cross
GREETER:	N/R	N/R	N/R
SHORT & SWEET:	Peter Veerhuis	Tiffany Purvis	Margaret Everett
FINES-MASTER:	Don Pembleton	David Friedlieb	Lyndal Seymour
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Philip Cross	Graeme Callander	TBA
VOTE OF THANKS:	Shishir Bhengra	Margaret Everett	Bruce Barber
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Vida Smart	Vicky Donoghue	Kennedy, David
MEETINGS:	Board Meeting 8pm		

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

Registration For Meetings - From Thursday 3rd November meeting (at RSL Club),

Registration for meetings will change to OPT IN, and the deadline will change to MONDAY at noon.

Members are required to register their attendance/apology (as well as any guest details) using the link in an email they will receive each week.

Members without internet access, or those members who have lodged ongoing absence need to register their attendance by contacting Club Sergeant Graeme Callander by email before noon on Monday each week.

MEETING REPORT FOR 27th OCTOBER 2022

Attendance.

President David Wynne chaired the meeting and commenced with the Invocation and Toast. He then welcomed Bryan Short's wife, Sally, Nepal Ghosh's guest, Warren Flynn, and Club Guests, Doctors Celine Hamid and Abdul Latif. Ellen Brasier was welcomed back after her eventful Spanish holiday.

New Attendance Registration System.

Vicky Donoghue outlined a new apology registration system to operate at our new meeting site, the RSL Club. She told us that apology registration has been a bit of a problem in recent times, with the task requiring a fair bit of 'educated estimating', and sometimes our Club has been forced to pay for meals when the attendance fell short of the estimate. With the move to RSL Club, we need a better system to register apologies and attendance. She suggested a simple solution run using a \$150 software program that will bring huge efficiencies for our club; which will require ALL members to register their intentions i.e. register 'Yes' I will attend, or 'No' I cannot attend.



How does it work?

- Every week, members will receive an email reminding them to register for the week's meeting. **(This message for the meeting on 3rd November should be in your email inbox – if it is not, check your Spam, Junk or Other mailbox.)**
- In the email will be an RSVP button, which when pressed will take them to the meeting website, where they can register
 - Their own attendance/apology
 - Names and dietary requirements of any guests they wish to bring along. (The registration also requires their email and phone number, but you can fill in your own instead)
- Upon completion, members will receive a confirmation email.
- Club Sergeant logs in to retrieve numbers and requirements for submission to the caterer.

What if??

- I have RSVP'd but then circumstances change, and I need to change.
 - You need to contact Graeme Callander asap to make changes to your original choice.
- I don't have the internet...and hence don't do email etc.
 - You need to contact Club Sergeant to register your attendance.
- I am an honorary member and only attend occasionally.
 - You need to contact Club Sergeant to register your attendance.

Postscript:

The following issues were raised after some members tried the 'test run'...

1. Leaving the dietary requirements box empty is not an option..... so I will pre-enter members' dietary requirements, including 'nil' as appropriate.
2. When registering a visitor, it asks for email and phone number.... We don't need these, but they are compulsory boxes, so you can just enter yours if you like. (I'm still working on removing this requirement.....!)

Club Matters.

President David's Club Information and Director Reports:

- **Health.** While Alan Lean's health remains stable, he has been told that his fatigue is likely due to long-covid. Medical tests to continue.
 - Ellen Brasier is back and was able to attend the Social Lunch on Sunday , as was Terry Mecham. Both hope to return to this week's club meeting.
- Next week we have a **Board Meeting** following our dinner meeting. Please send any committee reports ASAP.
- The **Rotary District 9705 Conference** on 21st to 23rd October held here in Wagga was a great success, with our club represented by Elaine Almond, John Heazlewood and President David.
- The **Club's AGM** is on November 24. Nomination forms will be available at this week's meeting. Everyone was urged to put on their thinking caps and suggest ways in which we can make improvements to our club's overall performance.
- **Our Christmas Party** date is December 8 and the Galloways have once again generously offered their home for the event.
- **Rotaract Trivia Night** is on November 12 and we will have a table after a show of hands from those interested in coming.
- We have a new computer donated by Brad Bland. Thanks Brad.
- The **BBQ at the new PCYC** on Saturday November 26 will be an important occasion for our club to show strong support.
- The **RYPEN** program for Year 9 students. We are sending a student from Batlow as a gesture of support for an area recovering from the Black Summer bushfires.
- Mount Austin High School's **Clontarf awards night** is on November 15 at the music bowl where we will be providing BBQ meals. Their poster is attached.
- November is Centurion Month, so get your money to Philip Cross.
- There will be a **Polio Plus** story in the Daily Advertiser very soon following an interview with Elaine and President David.
- **The Clontarf Breakfast Roster** for fourth term is attached as is the poster for the end-of-year Awards night to be held at the Music Bowl, Botanic Garden
- **Gordon Saggars** advised that it is time for members and friends to plant their sunflower seeds, as the warmer weather (hopefully) approaches.



This Week's Meeting

This Thursday 3rd November, at the RSL Club, Dobbs St. the guest Speaker will be Garth Perkin from Coolamon Rotary Club who undertook the Larapinta Walk as a fundraiser for Shelterbox.

Events by Other Clubs

- **South Wagga Rotary Queens Jubilee Tree Planting Ceremony** is now being held on **Friday 4th November** starting 10:30am at Menzies Ave Park adjacent to the Amy Hurd Early Learning Centre, 2 Kulgoa St, Koorungal. Please RSVP by Wednesday 2nd November to: southwaggarotary@bigpond.com
- **Rotaract** are holding a **Trivia Night** on **12th November** at North Wagga Footy Club McPherson Oval, William St North Wagga. 5.30pm for 6pm start. BYO drinks and nibbles. Tables of eight \$20 per head. We will be organizing a table.



Short & Sweet:-

Vida Smart regaled us with another tale from her self-published autobiography, relating her mothers brushes with fate and how these could have affected her life and that of her family.



Finesmaster:-

David Wynne stepped in at the last minute to run another successful fines session. He continued an earlier account, recalling a recent cruise ship experience that involved way too many stupid people. He then told an interesting tale spun from the concept of a life lived backwards. Wallets and purses were duly fleeced, with chuckles galore.

Guest Speaker

Peter Smart introduced Doctor Celine Hamid, a paediatrician who works in Wagga and Canberra.

Doctor Celine named her talk "ROMAC and Me". ROMAC stand for Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children which was started in 1988 as an initiative of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand. The program was extended to involve Canberra Hospital in 2007. ROMAC offers surgical specialist treatment after referral from doctors in the cardiac, orthopaedic and general surgical fields.

Canberra Hospital has helped 25 children over the last 15 years, with the 26th child (who comes from the Solomon Islands) about to begin treatment. The problems treated over that time are:

- Sacrococcygeal tumours (tail-bone)
- Bowel conditions such as Hirshsprungs Disease
- Anorectal malformations
- Oesophageal atresia
- Kidney problems
- Bony tumours



2010 saw the arrival of Tavaleana from Solomon Islands. He had a case of oesophageal atresia, where his food tube that connects the throat to the stomach was missing much of its length. The cost blew out to \$300K, and the ACT Government kindly covered those costs, and then went on to agree to a Memorandum of Understanding with Rotary that four ROMAC cases per annum would be handled by Canberra Hospital, and the cost to Rotary would only be \$5000 per case. This MOU was renewed in 2022. The Canberra ROMAC team also travel to Honiara in Solomon Islands once or twice every year with two surgeons and two nurses to follow up patients and train local medical staff. Doctor Celine spoke about disability-adjusted life years (DALY), and the huge impact that ROMAC's work has on reducing this severe burden in Pacific nations. One DALY represents the loss of the equivalent of one year of full health. The international goodwill that is gained by ROMAC's work is immeasurable.

After answering several questions from the floor, Doctor Celine was congratulated by many for her fantastic work, and was thanked by Gary Roberts in the usual way.



CLONTARF FRIDAY MORNING BREAKFAST ROSTER.

Friday 4th Nov @ 0800 Hrs	Peter Olson	Graeme Callander
Friday 11 th Nov @ 0800 Hrs	Brad Bland	David Wynne
Friday 18 th Nov @ 0800 Hrs	Lyndal Seymour	Peter Smart
Friday 25 th Nov @ 0800 Hrs	David Cannon	David Kennedy
Friday 2nd Dec @ 0800 Hrs	John Heazlewood	David Friedlieb
Friday 9 th Dec @ 0800Hrs	Tony Hutchinson	Lyndal Seymour
	END OF TERM FOUR	

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. The BBQ itself is usually just outside the Clontarf Classroom.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(30th Oct to 5th Nov)

Birthdays: Nil

Rotary Anniversaries: Tony Hutchinson (1995)

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil



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

- Fri. 12th Nov. Rotaract Trivia Night , 5.30 for 6pm Nth Wagga Footy Club
- Tues.15th Nov. Clontarf Awards Night BBQ
- **Sat.26th November BBQ duty at the new PCYC**
- Thurs. 8th Dec. Rotary Club of Wagga - Christmas Party at Galloways
- Feb. 2023 Rotary Club of Wagga SHINE AWARDS (Def. from Dec. 2022)
- 20/21 May 2023 Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga BOOK FAIR

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RSL Club – Here we come!

The Week's Snaps



Sunday Social Lunch at Ashmont Inn

Clontarf Foundation
invites you as a
special guest to the

2022



clontarf
foundation

Mount Austin Clontarf Academy End of Year Awards

Join the boys, staff, teachers and community to celebrate the achievements
of the Mount Austin Clontarf Academy in 2022



Tuesday 15th November, 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Wagga Music Bowl, Botanical Gardens

All family and community members welcome!
We will have a BBQ dinner following the awards

Please RSVP to Nick Skinner - 0420 780 044