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BULLETIN NO: 26.

Thursday 26th Jan 2023.

JANUARY IS ROTARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE 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:	2 nd February.	9 th February.	16 th February.
PROGRAMME:	Sophie Mason	Rod Kendall	Dr Joe McGirr
ATTENDANCE:	Vicky Donoghue Elle Palmer	Ellen Brasier Geoff Treloar	Margaret Keys Philip Cross
SHORT & SWEET:	Mary Ann Kelly	David Friedlieb	Paul Galloway
FINES-MASTER:	Gordon Sagers	Peter Smart	Alok Sharma
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Peter Olson	TBA	David Cannon
VOTE OF THANKS:	Bruce Barber	Elaine Almond	Graham Russell
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Ellen Brasier	David Kennedy	Gerry Page
MEETINGS:	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. Visitors who wish to join us please contact Club Sergeant Graeme Callander. Details on our Club website (waggarotary.org).

MEETING REPORT: -

Attendance.



President David Wynne chaired the meeting and commenced with the Invocation and a Toast to Australia (the greatest place on earth) on this Australia Day. He then welcomed back Geoff Treloar and Jenny Masters, and Renas Bari, joining an attendance total of 25 members.

He followed with a poem:

Australia, Australia
Land of the waratah and dahlia.
If you land in gaol I'll bail ya, Australia.
Two arms, two hands, two steely bands
Beneath the Southern Cross I stand
A sprig of wattle in my hand
A true son of my native land
Australia – you bloody beauty.

David then waxed lyrical on the modern world, the rise of “wokeness”, and the decline of common sense. Having got all of that off his chest, he then proceeded to more prosaic matters (see below).

Administration Matters.

- The lazy Sunday lunch is at 1pm at Turvey Park Hotel.
- Volunteers are needed for the Science and Technology Challenge on Thurs/Friday 2-3 March at Kyeamba Smith Hall. Bryan Short has details.
- Mount Austin High School's Clontarf roster will be passed around for members to volunteer for Friday mornings.
- Our Peace Ceremony nominations are in. The event will be on Sunday morning, 26th February at the Victory Memorial Gardens. Thanks to PP David Payne for putting our Club's nominations together. Closer to the day DP will be asking for volunteers to help with the Peace Event (Koorngal Club is taking overall responsibility for it this year). Renas volunteered to help on the day with reading one of the inscriptions on the Peace Pole that is in Arabic.
- Reminder about the Shine Awards on 16th March – please be prepared to help Alan Lean for this very important event. Also please spread the word and encourage nominations.
- PHF nominations – two have been received. Please forward others to President David.
- Programs for upcoming meetings:
 - February 2nd: Sophie Mason – eisteddfod and other things musical.
 - February 9th: Rod Kendall
 - February 16th: Dr Joe McGirr
 - February 23rd: Kieran Molloy and Ned Evans from Wellways. They support individuals who are experiencing suicidal ideation/crisis, as well as free training to community members on what to look out for.
 - March 2nd: Comedy Night. There are a few 5-minute gigs up for grabs. We will also have a guest local comedian on the night.

Short & Sweet:

With no guest speaker this evening, several members got a go at the mike.

Mike Murray



Each Australia Day for Mike is an anniversary of his becoming an Australian citizen in 1990, having come to Australia from the UK in October 1987. Mike reflected gratefully on his decision to settle here, and notes that friends and relatives in the UK envy him. He passed around his Citizenship Certificate.

David Kennedy

Showed us a video made by Volkswagen that graphically demonstrated the dangers of using mobile phones while driving.

Want to see it again?? Or do you need to share it with someone??

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7Nh7IAIOVA>

Philip Cross

Over his many years as a member of our Club's board, Philip has found great satisfaction in making this form of service his contribution to our Club. He then reminded members of the origin of a trophy known as the Giffu(?) Cup. Philip passed around a framed displays of his Director pins and the 'theme' pins for many of those years.



Fines:



Peter Smart ran another successful fines session. The show-and-tell centred around the small statue of a cow that Peter had hand-painted at a Burning Man Festival "Farmers' Market", with a florid description of said cow. He then stripped to reveal a recently gifted t-shirt bearing the cow's front and behind (yes, the sun was shining). Wallets and purses were duly fleeced, with chuckles galore. Thanks Peter.

Less Short But Still Sweet:

President David read an instalment of his epic poem (63 parts so far) that is currently at 43,000 words. He has based many of the characters on people he knows, including the main character, Big Jack, based on our very own Graham Russell. You can read the entire work on the Facebook page "Wynnie's Bush Poetry". If you are interested in becoming a part of this verse novel, talk to David.

A rousing rendition of the National Anthem concluded our meeting.

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

- **23rd Feb 23** **Board Meeting**
- **26th Feb 23** **Wagga Peace Ceremony. (Sunday)**
- **16th Mar 23** **Rotary Club of Wagga – SHINE AWARDS.
(In place of our regular meeting)**
- **17th/19th Mar 23** **P.E.T. Training (Merimbula)**
- **31st Mar/2nd Apr 23** **P.E.T. Training (Orange)**
- **20/21 May 23** **Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga – ANNUAL BOOK FAIR.**
- **29th June 23** **Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga CHANGEOVER.**
- **12th Jul 23** **Lilier Lodge Casserole night.**
- **13th Sept 23** **Lilier Lodge BBQ night.**



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(29th Jan – 4th Feb)

Birthdays: Nil

Rotary Anniversaries: 2 Feb: Gerry Page (1984),
4 Feb: Philip Cross (1999 + Deni 1992-1999)

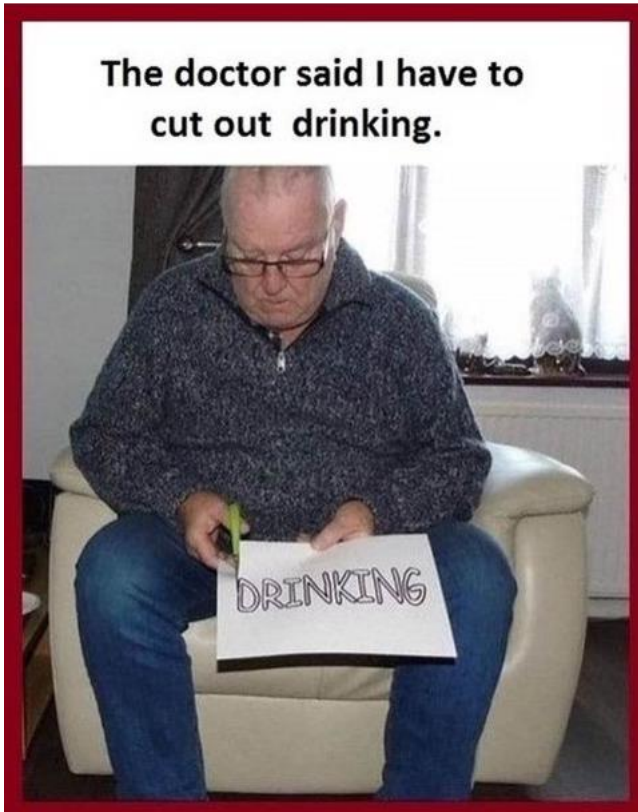
Wedding Anniversaries: Nil



SOME 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



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How many egomaniacs does it take to change a light bulb?

One. He holds the light bulb while the whole world revolves around him.

How many DIY buffs does it take to change a light bulb??

One, but it takes two weeks and four trips to the hardware store.

How many telemarketers does it take to change a light bulb?

One, but he has to do it while you are eating dinner.

Summer: the season when we try to keep the house as cool as it was in the winter, when we complained about the cold.

