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OF WAGGA WAGGA**



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BULLETIN NO: 31

Thursday 2nd March 2023

MARCH IS WATER & SANITATION 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:	9th March	16th March	23rd March
	RYLA & Ukraine updates	Rotary Shine Awards	TBA
ATTENDANCE:	Elle Palmer Margaret Keys	Awards Ceremony at Wagga Civic Centre In lieu of our normal meeting	Jenny Masters David Kennedy
SHORT & SWEET:	Not required		Neil Hilpern
FINES-MASTER:	Not required		Bryan Short
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Vida Smart (RYLA) David Wynne (Ukraine)		TBA
VOTE OF THANKS:	Brad Bland		David Payne
BULLETIN REPORTER:	David Payne	Vicky Donoghue	Peter Olson
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 or Vicky.

Visitors who wish to join us please contact Club Sergeant Graeme Callander (graeme.callander43@gmail.com), or phone Vicky on 0407 586186 as early as possible.

MEETING REPORT: .

Attendance.

President David welcomed 27 members to our Comedy Night as well as our special guest, Comedian Ben Atkinson.

David congratulated birthday people including Mike Murray and John Heazlewood and Rotary Anniversary members Jenny Masters and Geoff Treloar (1 year!)



Administration Matters.

- Next Wednesday 8th March is the Mount Austin High **Girls from the Centre** function for International Women's Day, to be held at Mount Austin Primary Hall, from 12 noon with a great line up of our lady members attending. Graham Russell and President David are manning the BBQ but would like at least one extra helper.
- Thursday 16 March our meeting will be **The Shine Awards** at the City Council Building. Details next week.
- David thanked **David Payne** for representing the Club at Peace Awards activities on 3 occasions during the past week – with Pole Planting, the Gala Peace Dinner and the Peace Ceremony. (See report & photos from the Peace Ceremony below.)
- On Sunday 19 March there will be a fund raising dinner for **Lilier Lodge** with a **High Tea** at Food I Am, Dunns Road. Cost is \$55/head, with a guest speaker, performance by Australian Army Band Jazz Ensemble and a raffle. David suggested Club members might form a table.
- **Elaine Almond** gave us a **Polio Plus update**, that there had been no new cases of polio reported in January and February in Pakistan and Afghanistan, the two remaining challenges for the program.
- **The Science and Engineering Challenge** was held this week, on Thursday with all Wagga High Schools plus Coolamon Central School, and on Friday, a new addition of a special day for Primary schools. Our Club was represented by Elaine, Peter Olson and Bryan Short.
- **A health update**, with **Graeme Callander** having had 3 stents inserted, and **Jane Heazlewood** having been taken to Sydney for surgery on a condition. We wish them both well for their recoveries.
- If it's not already in your diary, please 'block out' the weekend 20th - 21st May 2023 for our **ANNUAL BOOK FAIR**. More assistance at the Tuesday afternoon sorting would be much appreciated.
- Term 1 Clontarf Roster:

Date	Person 1	Person 2
10 March @0800hrs	David Wynne	Brad Bland
17 March @0800hrs	David Payne	
24 March @0800hrs	Graeme Callander	
	End of term1: 6 April	

Entrance to Mount Austin High School is via a Car Park in Leavenworth Drive (second gate on your left if travelling West 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.

Short & Sweet:

Bruce Heydon presented our Short and Sweet this week. Bruce entered into the spirit of our Comedy evening and gave us a bit of history of some of our better known Australian comedians. These included Paul Hogan where an introduction in 1971 on New Faces, led to his own TV show which ran for 14 years and multiple movies.

There was also Noelene Brown from the Mavis Bramston show, Magda Szubanski from Kath and Kim, Gary McDonald, (aka Norman Gunstan, or the Little Aussie Bleeder) from Aunty Jack, and the less politically correct, Rodney Rude and Kevin Bloody Wilson. Thanks Bruce - brought back a few memories!



Fines:

Fines Master was Peter Olson, who warned us of the approach of the Ides of March (the downfall of Julius Caesar), and his role many years ago as Flavius in a performance of the associated comedy – Rinse the Blood off my Toga.

He then moved onto 17th March, St Patricks Day and how the Irish would rather have a fight than a feed. This led into a long story about the Irish declaring war on France, but which ended in a peaceful settlement. The box carriers were very busy picking up fines. Thanks Pete.



Comedy Night:

The rest of the meeting featured speakers who carried on the Comedy Night theme.

Mike Murray wound the clock back about 50 years, telling us about his courting days when he met Carole who was working in a travel agency and Mike being the last resort! There were others about the odd argument and hiding under the bed.

Geoff Treloar told us a couple of stories including the one about an old man who ran into a Ferrari with a very angry and aggressive owner. The old man decided it might be a good idea to call in his son the Dolphin trainer. Well, he was actually a SEAL trainer and the matter was quickly sorted out in the old man's favour. **!**

Geoff then gave us a great rendition of one of his favourite Banjo Paterson poems, the Geebung Polo Club.

Graeme Russell told us about his academic achievements at that illustrious school, Bribbaree Primary (was he Dux?), where the learning of the alphabet, led to words, which led to stories, which led to poetry which led to bush ballads. And we have enjoyed many of them from him over the years. He also touched on people that get their words/turds twisted, and the existence of rag-doll kittens.



In between. **President Dave** chimed in with a few of his choice stories including one which gave new meaning to “dickhead,” and the loving relationship between his Aunt Ethel on the Ferris wheel and Uncle Wally in the helicopter.

Special Guest Ben Atkinson was introduced by his neighbour, President David. Ben has been carving out a career as a stand-up comic both regionally and in Melbourne and Sydney. Ben gave us an amusing spiel about his upbringing and the subsequent birth, toilet training and upbringing of his own children. After some graphic descriptions of toilet etiquette, the discussion touched on what would be more painful - childbirth for women, or for males getting hit in the crotch. The final word from the floor was it had to be a hit in the crotch because, given a choice, you would never go back and do it again. There were some wry smiles from the ladies present.



Upcoming meetings:

This week's meeting, March 9th will see us welcome back Damien Nye who will provide an update on the provision of aid to Ukraine after his recent visit; as well as hear from the two participants who were sponsored to attend RYLA by our Club.

On Thursday March 16, we will convene at the Wagga Civic Centre for the Rotary Shine Awards Ceremony.

And one for your diary..... there will be **NO ROTARY MEETING on Thursday April 6th** (start of the Easter long weekend.)

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

8 th Mar 23	'Girls At The Centre' day (Wednesday)
16 th Mar 23	Rotary Club of Wagga – SHINE AWARDS. (In place of our regular meeting)
17 th /19 th Mar 23	P.E.T. Training/'Club Assembly' (Merimbula)
30 th Mar 23	Board Meeting
31 st Mar/2 nd Apr 23	P.E.T. Training/'Club Assembly' (Orange)
Thursday 6 th April	NO WAGGA ROTARY MEETING
11 th May 23	RYDA day (Our Club is Rostered)
20/21 May 23	Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga – ANNUAL BOOK FAIR.
29 th June 23	Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga CHANGEOVER.
12 th Jul 23	Lilier Lodge Casserole night.
13 th Sept 23	Lilier Lodge BBQ night.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(5 March – 11 March)

Birthdays: Nil

Rotary Anniversaries: Paul Galloway (2003 + Wagga 1979-1991)

Wedding Anniversaries: Gordon & Margaret Sagers



RECENT EVENTS: -

Combined Rotary Clubs of Wagga Wagga 2023 Peace Day Ceremony.



Our Club nominee for the Community Service Award was Gabrielle Robinson a tireless worker for Amnesty International. She is pictured with her husband and family members, along with our Club Rep David Payne, his wife Fran, and Member for Wagga Wagga Dr Joe McGirr.



John Goldsworthy Scholarship Award

Don Pembleton recently represented the Wagga Rotary Club at the Riverina Conservatorium of Music (in their new building) and witnessed the awarding of the scholarship that we fund (The John Goldsworthy Award) to this young lady, Trang Nguyen, by Dr. Andrew Wallace.

She writes:- " My name is Trang Nguyen, and I have been playing guitar since I was ten years old, so that would be seven years now. Time has flown! During those seven years, I have won three other classical guitar scholarships, an intermediate gold scholarship, an advanced gold scholarship, and another open gold scholarship, the last of which was also generously sponsored by the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga. I go to The Riverina Anglican College, where I am in year 12, completing my last year of the IBDP course. Surprisingly, I do have a life outside of school and guitar, and that mostly consists of reading, swimming, tennis and going out and meeting with friends.



I would like to thank The Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga for their benevolent support, not just for me but for all young musicians they have supported over the years and will support for many more years. This award means a lot to me, as it has unlocked lots of opportunities and has made many of my musical dreams possible, so again, thank you so much!" We may have the pleasure of hearing Trang perform at a future meeting.

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Basically my wife was immature. I'd be at home in the bathroom taking a bath and she'd come in whenever she felt like it, and sink my boats. " (Woody Allan)

Middle age is when you go to bed at night and hope you feel better in the morning. Old age is when you go to bed at night and hope you wake up in the morning. (Groucho Marx)



District Event:

Register for PETS and Learning & Development

This year we are combining both **PETS** (President Elect Training) and **Learning & Development** (previously known as **Club Assembly**). This will ensure more time for Club members to learn their individual roles within their Club, and provide an opportunity to build a strong team, within your Club members and with other Clubs. There is strength in unity. We are providing two opportunities to attend - one in Merimbula and one in Orange.

We encourage as many members of your Club as possible to come along.

PETS (President Elect Training) is an important event in your Calendar when you are coming into the **President** role in your Club. It is a requirement of Rotary International that you attend this training to prepare you for this important role. The responsibilities for Presidents Elect will be outlined and discussed in sessions separate to Learning and Development.

This year we are combining PETS also with inviting **all your club members to attend - not just your Board but everyone and including new members to your Club.** All members will be working with their particular area of interest for the Learning & Development sessions.

We want to support preparing your Board and Club members for their roles. This will assist in providing a strong united Club, understanding each role and its place in the smooth running of your Club. It will also give you a chance to work with your Area Governor and understand how they are there to support and assist your Club.

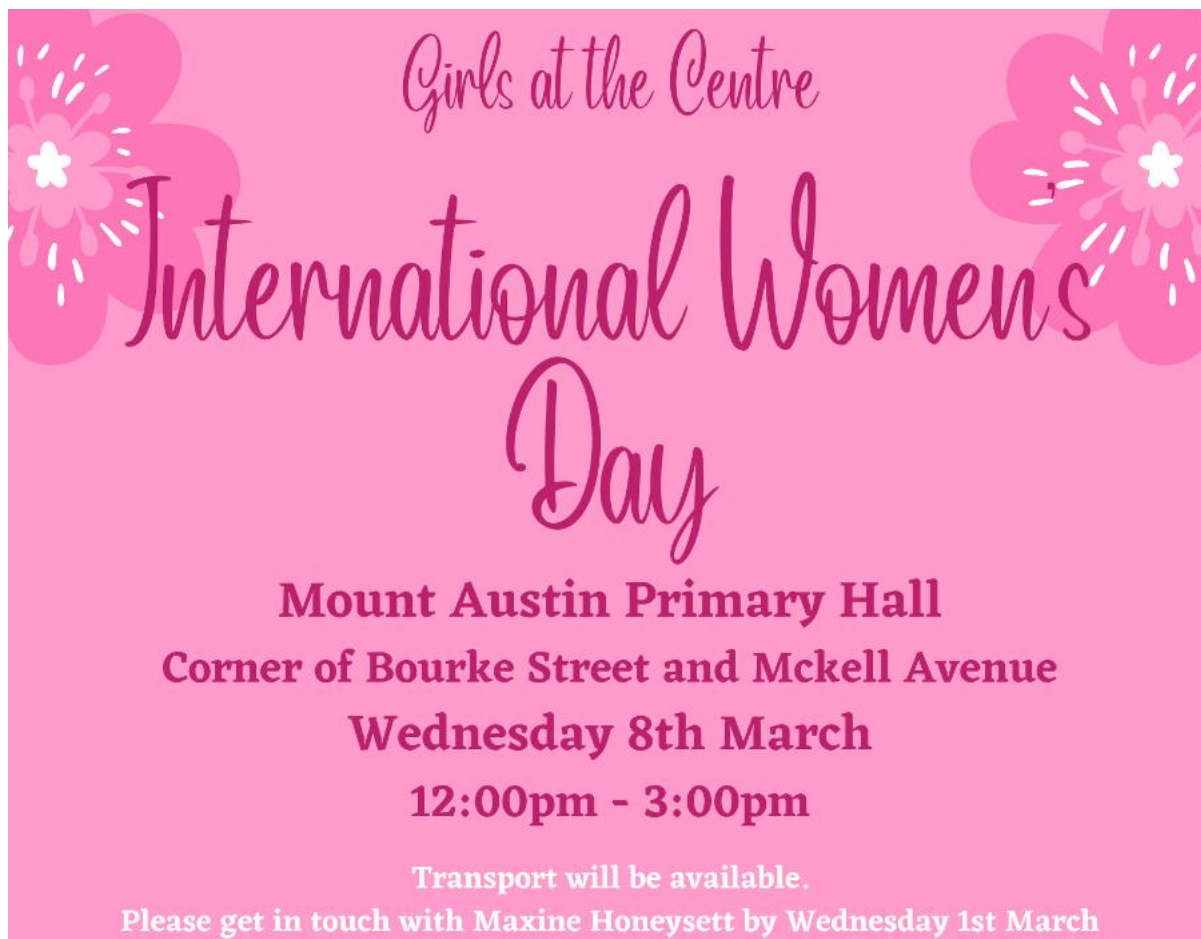
And last, but not least is the camaraderie we always enjoy when we are all together!

MERIMBULA

- Date: 17th to 19th March 2023
- Venue: Merimbula Services Club.
- [REGISTER FOR MERIMBULA HERE](#)

ORANGE

- Date: 31st March-2nd April,2023
- Venue: Orange Services Club
- [REGISTER FOR ORANGE HERE](#)



Girls at the Centre

International Women's
Day

Mount Austin Primary Hall
Corner of Bourke Street and Mckell Avenue
Wednesday 8th March
12:00pm - 3:00pm

Transport will be available.

Please get in touch with Maxine Honeysett by Wednesday 1st March