



**ROTARY CLUB  
OF WAGGA WAGGA**



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**Thursday 16th 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:** As we don't have foreknowledge of future apologies when drawing up the Duty Officer listing, it is important that you arrange a replacement if you can't fulfil a listed duty, and advise the Bulletin Reporter

Date:	23rd March	30th March	6th April
	<b>Social Night (at Book Sorting Shed)</b>	<b>Dr. Nitin Verma (East Timor Eye Project) (By Zoom)</b>	<b>NO MEETING EASTER</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Jenny Masters David Kennedy	Philip Cross Geoff Treloar	
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	Neil Hilpern	Vicky Donoghue	
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>	Bryan Short	Terry Mecham	
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b>	N/R	Alok Sharma	
<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>	N/R	David Payne	
<b>BULLETIN REPORTER:</b>	Vida Smart	Peter Olson	
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	Nil	Board Meeting	

**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](mailto:graeme.callander43@gmail.com)), or phone Vicky on 0407 586186 as early as possible.

## Upcoming meetings:

**On the 23<sup>rd</sup> March** the RSL is unavailable and the meeting will take the form of a **Social Night** – to be held at the **Book Sorting Shed**. Come and have a fun night among the book stacks.

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

## MEETING REPORT Thursday 9th March: .

### Shine Awards



This week, we gathered at the Wagga Civic Centre for a special occasion: the 8th edition of the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga *Shine Awards*.

A large crowd filled the venue and was called to order by Rotarian Alan Lean, MC for the evening.



The Mayor of Wagga (Cr Dallas Tout), his wife Janine, Member for Wagga Dr Joe McGirr, and RCWW's most recent Paul Harris Fellows Kim Errington and Jason Frost were welcomed as our distinguished guests.



Cr Tout and Dr McGirr were both invited to speak. Cr Tout commented that the Shine Awards are an important fixture on the Wagga calendar, as they provide tangible evidence that inclusion and diversity form part of the fabric of our community. He congratulated all the awardees, their supporters, and their employers, and thanked our Club for maintaining this initiative.

Dr McGirr, in his address, called on all those present (and the wider

community) to imagine the world a little differently to improve inclusiveness. He thanked all those present for the work they do in bringing the issues of diversity equity and inclusion to the minds of others. He called on the wider community to take up the challenge and 'get on board'....there is a whole workforce out there which is largely untapped, and the evening's awardees are proof that this workforce is valuable.

He added that all levels of government have a role to play in facilitating the employment of people with a diverse range of needs by providing resources, supporting employers and businesses, and ensuring that transition to the workforce is a smooth process for all.



### The Awards

A very diverse range of occupations were represented amongst the awardees.....from administration to dog grooming, to supermarket workers and even a museum assistant!

Alan Lean read a citation for each awardee, as they were presented with their certificates. Each citation emphasised the value that the awardee contributed to the workplace. The rousing applause from the audience supported those sentiments. In all, twenty-one employees were recognised.

Shine Awards were also presented to a number of employers and businesses, both large and small, who lead by example and provide the employment opportunities. Without them Equity and Inclusion would just be words on the page. A third category of award was made this year, and presented to Bradley Maynard, to mark the significant health challenges being successfully dealt with by armed services veterans in re-entering the workforce.

We were privileged to have the services of John Egan and his camera to capture the happy moment for each awardee. Alan especially thanked club member Lyndal Seymour and his daughter Sally Lean for their assistance.

### Vote of Thanks

Club President, David Wynne formally thanked all those present for their contributions to the evening. He made special mention of the efforts of Alan Lean, whose enthusiasm and drive have ensured the success of this worthwhile program.

The evening concluded with light refreshments, lots of smiles, and many happy faces. A display of art work by members of the *Art Factory* -a supported national studio network which supports development of artists with disability - was available for viewing.



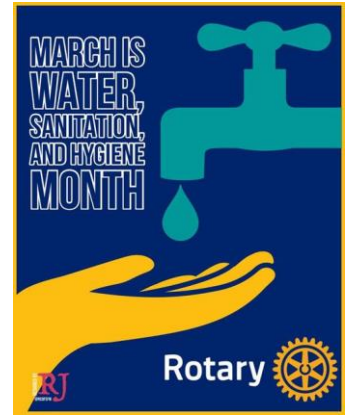
# MARCH IS WATER & SANITATION MONTH

## World Water Day – March 22

*The Rotary Foundation* is changing the world by providing grants for projects and activities around the globe and in your own backyard. The **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Rotary Action Group (WASH)** supports and ensures sustainable long-lasting clean water, sanitation, and hygiene programs to communities in need.

**WASH Global Grant Projects:** Since 2013, The Rotary Foundation has invested in more than \$130 million in over 2000 projects worldwide. Through this investment, our volunteers of action have improved access to safely managed and basic WASH services to communities, schools and healthcare facilities, while protecting and conserving water resources.

**World Water Summit 15 – ‘It All Starts With WASH!’** Invites us to join them in Melbourne on May 26, 2023 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM keynote speaker is Mark Balla, ‘the Toilet Warrior’ (who spoke at the District9705 Conference in Wagga last October.) You can register at <https://wash-rag.org/events/wws-15-it-all-starts-with-wash/>



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

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|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar 23                     | Board Meeting                                  |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar/2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr 23 | P.E.T. Training/'Club Assembly' (Orange)       |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April              | NO WAGGA ROTARY MEETING                        |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> May 23                     | RYDA day (Our Club is Rostered)                |
| 20/21 May 23                                | Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga – ANNUAL BOOK FAIR. |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> June 23                    | Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga CHANGEOVER.         |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Jul 23                     | Lilier Lodge Casserole night.                  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept 23                    | Lilier Lodge BBQ night.                        |

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

Birthdays: Ellen Brasier 21/3

(19 March – 25 March)

Rotary Anniversaries: Nil

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil



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It was great to see this 'Cool Doctor' among the troops on Thursday night – Welcome back Alok !



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Ophthalmologist  
AND MY JOKES  
JUST KEEP  
GETTING CORNEA  
AND CORNEA**