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BULLETIN NO: 36

Thursday 13th April 2023

APRIL IS ENVIRONMENT MONTH

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

Duty Roster: *Please record known future absences in the apologies book displayed at meetings, and these will be taken into account when framing duty rosters. Otherwise, IT IS IMPORTANT that you arrange a replacement if you can't fulfil a listed duty, and advise the Bulletin Reporter*

Date:	20 th April	27 th April	4 th May
	Medical Scholarship Recipients	Social Night	TBA
ATTENDANCE:	Margaret Keys Philip Cross	RSL unavailable	Jenny Masters Ellen Brasier
SHORT & SWEET:	Graham Russell	Venue and Format to be decided	Margaret Keys
FINES-MASTER:	Gary Roberts		Mike Murray
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Alok Sharma		TBA
VOTE OF THANKS:	Peter Olson		Peter Veerhuis
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Vicky Donoghue		Gerry Page
MEETINGS:			

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.

Upcoming meetings:

Next Meeting 20th April at RSL Club will feature an address by Medical Sponsorship Recipients.

The RSL Club is not available to us for the meeting 27th April – alternatives sought.

MEETING REPORT Thursday 13th April: .

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President Dave welcomed thirty members and our visitors who included Club Guest and Key-Note Speaker, Grant Harper – plus Joan Veerhuis, and grand-children Brendan Mahoney & Alex Mahoney (all guests of Peter Veerhuis); before inviting us to join him in a toast to Rotary International and to the memory of Thomas Edison (1847-1931), an American inventor and holder of 1,093 patents which include the incandescent light bulb, the phonograph and the motion picture camera.



Veerhuis Family Members

Administration Matters.

The following matters were discussed: -

- The 'Sick List' includes Alan Lean, Jane Heazlewood and Margaret Everett.
- **The RSL Club is not available** to us for the meeting 27th April. Pres. David is seeking recommendations for an alternate venue. Please phone him with any suggestions.
- The BBQ Team generated net income of \$860 at the Pro-Patria 'Show & Shine' two weeks ago. This amount has been donated to that organisation.
- Members were reminded of the BBQ this coming weekend (Saturday 15th April) at the Pro-Patria Open Day.
- Six volunteers are sought for the Anzac Day Service. They will distribute programs to the audience. Names to Pres. Dave please.
- Our thanks go to Elaine Almond for championing our *Sisters Housing* project.
- A vote on the District 9705 budget was held. Whilst not unanimous, it was passed.
- The Rotary Club of Parkes have uploaded an impressive video to YouTube. Members are encouraged to review it – see: - <https://www.youtube.com/@rotaryparkes8570>
- Vicky thanked members for supporting the Event RSVP system. Just a little 'fine tuning' please - she requested that members: -
 - Always respond to the request for RSVP with either a 'Yes I will Attend' or 'No I cannot attend'. Both options are shown when you enter the Event invitation.
 - Nominate 'Small Meal' requirements (if applicable) when registering your RSVP.
 - Record extended absences in the **Apology Book** that will be reintroduced at the Attendance Table from now on. This will only be used by the Bulletin Committee for allocation of weekly duties.



Short & Sweet.

David Kennedy transported us down 'memory lane' with the recollection of his days in the cockpit of a 'high-tech machine', competing in the annual Apex Billy Cart Derby – which was one of the major events in the city calendar between 1941 and 1953. These events were very popular and attracted huge crowds.



The highlight of David's racing career was in 1951 when he 'piloted' a vehicle sponsored by Hockings Capital Butchery. It was adorned with a real bullock's head, complete with horns, on the bonnet. There were 58 entries and competition was intense. His main rivals included names that are well-known to the longer-serving members of this Rotary Club. They included Great Southern Motors (the Condon family) and Wagga Motors (the Braid family).



The flimsy vehicles raced at break-neck speeds down the hill alongside Wagga High School finishing just below Erin Street. David's brakes consisted of an external lever that pushed a pad down to scrape against the pavement. David won the race because he refused to apply the brake until he was over the finish line – and fortunately so, because when applied, it pushed the vehicle side-ways and tore the tyres off the rear wheels.

An interesting and amusing presentation supported by some historic photographs – thanks David.

Fines-Master Session.

It was most interesting to see **David Friedlieb** resort to the Wagga Rotary Club publication of our favourite jokes. This publication was a successful fundraising project advocated by Mike Murray some decades ago. Copies are now very rare and probably very collectable.

David's themes were wide and varying; ranging from the Victorian Government repealing the Public Drunkenness legislation in time for this year's Melbourne Cup (makes one wonder doesn't it!) to politically incorrect blonde jokes.

All in all an entertaining and financially productive session. Thanks David.



Key-Note Speaker

Yet another example (of the familiar reality) that everybody has an interesting life story to tell. Our Key-Note Speaker tonight was **Grant Harper** who was introduced by David Cannon. David came to know him through Grant's propensity for ice bathing (and there could well-be another story there – no doubt David will illuminate us on this at an appropriate time).

Grant captivated us with his life story. He is a 'native of Wagga Wagga' where he resided, initially until the age of eighteen. But read on; the story unfolds further.

He attended St Michael's Regional High School where he realised that he wasn't cut out for an academic career. But of greater value at this stage of his life, was the experience he gained whilst working part-time for his grandfather, a taskmaster operating a well known and successful local business trading in wool, skins and hides. The qualities instilled by his grandfather have served Grant well through his life to-date.

He embarked on a trade in the building industry which allowed him to travel far and wide, including a number of years working in England. Upon returning to Australia he lived in the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney and accumulated a reasonable property portfolio. A marriage breakdown and divorce saw him relocate back to Wagga to start life all over again.

Back in Wagga, he volunteered as a part-time firefighter and quickly realised that this was the calling he had been seeking – so he signed up for full-time duty. This necessitated relocating back to Sydney for initial training and posting; however, Wagga kept calling him back – and after only two years he gained a transfer to the Turvey Park Station, where he served for over eighteen, very stimulating years.



Outside of work, Grant was a keen motorcyclist and was also developing an interest in video and the related information technology. A serious motorcycle accident necessitated four months of special duties at work – and during this period he developed training modules using his video/IT skills. He was fortunate in being awarded a Churchill Research Scholarship in 2010 which allowed him to travel to USA to develop these skills still further.

He excelled at the training tasks, to the extent that, following his medical discharge from NSWFB, he started a business known as Livestream Australia Pty Ltd, a company still based in Wagga Wagga today, where it trades out of the basement in the Australian Arcade as The Streaming Guys. There is a team of six, specialising in webcasting solutions to sporting bodies, government departments, business corporations, educational institutions, churches and the like. They also supply the necessary equipment. They have many high-profile clients, both throughout Australia as well as internationally.

During the visit to USA (as mentioned above), Grant became acquainted with the people behind Air B&B – and this kindled an interest in their activities. As he is now semi-retired from The Streaming Guys, (having passed operational control over to his two sons) he is developing interests in Air B&B, both in this region as well as in Northern Thailand. He is working towards 'following the seasons' in his semi-retirement and spending half of his time in Wagga Wagga with the other in Thailand, developing his property business there.

Peter Smart eloquently thanked Grant on our behalf, and his comments were robustly supported by acclamation.



FURTHER MEETING NIGHT EXCITEMENT

The excitement continued following the club meeting. The RSL Club is conducting their \$90,000 Bonanza promotion and Alok Sharma was named as the inaugural winner of a finalist position in the big draw to be held later in the year. Still in the meeting room, Alok had to be given a 'heads up' by Vicky Donoghue, as the spot needed to be claimed within 5 minutes. Alok won \$500 and a place in the final draw. The next draw wasn't claimed within the time and those present were invited to check their membership number as the closest number would win. Amazingly, this was Vicky, who, being only 33 off the drawn number, won \$250, but doesn't go in the final draw.



BOOK BOOK BOOK FAIR COUNTDOWN

Uplift is only 4 weeks from this Thursday. We'll have flyers and posters available from the meeting on 27th April, and will circulate the Book Fair Roster the following week



PRO PATRIA OPEN DAY BARBEQUE

Pro Patria held an Open Day as a promotion and fund-raiser on Sunday 15th April, and our club participated via a Barbeque. A huge crowd attended and our barbeque was staffed by a large group of Club members. The amount raised for Pro Patria will be learned at the next meeting.



BBQ at the ProPatria Open Day



The Crowd

PLEASE BLOCK-OUT THE FOLLOWING DATES IN YOUR DIARY:

11th May 23

Our Rostered RYDA day

20/21 May 23

BOOK FAIR

24th June

Multi-Cultural BBQ at Henschke School – 11am–3pm

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: -

(16 April to 22 April)

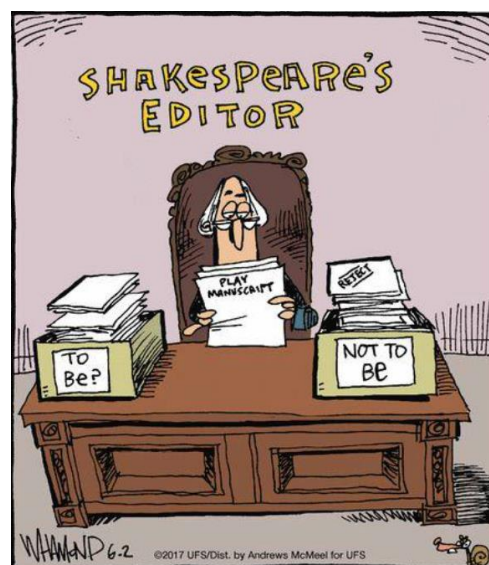
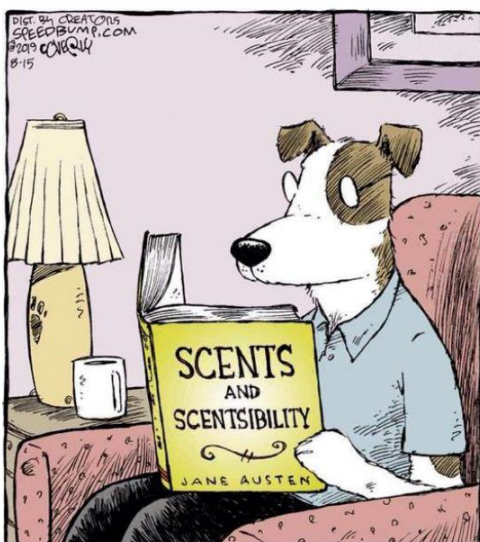
Birthdays: Meena Sharma (16/4), Judy Galloway (22/4)

Rotary Anniversaries: Neil Hilpern 16/4/1992, Shishir Bhengra 22/4/2021

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil



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