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<p>RI President: Jennifer Jones</p> <p>Dist. Gov 9705: Geraldine Rurenga</p> <p>Area Three Gov: Elaine Almond</p> <p>Club President: David Wynne</p> <p>Club Secretary: Ellen Brasier</p>		<p>THE FOUR WAY TEST: Of the things we think, say or do: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it the truth? • Is it fair to all concerned? • Will it build goodwill & better friendships? • Will it be beneficial to all concerned?
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BULLETIN NO: 11.

Thursday 15th September 2022.

SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY MONTH

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

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

Date:	Thursday 22nd Sept.	Thursday 29 Sept.	Thursday 6 Oct.
PROGRAMME:	<p>Meeting Cancelled due to Public Holiday in honour of Queen Elizabeth II</p> <p>An informal get together at the Thomas Blamey from 6pm.</p> <p>Further details in this bulletin.</p>	Brenton Smith Riverina Fresh	Katrina Dorward Yoga talk & demo
ATTENDANCE:		Margaret Keys Philip Cross	Jenny Masters Vicky Donoghue
GREETER:		Lyndal Seymour	Peter Smart
SHORT & SWEET:		Peter Veerhuis	Elaine Almond
FINES-MASTER:		Graham Russell	Gordon Saggars
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:		Alan Lean	David Cannon
VOTE OF THANKS:		Bruce Heydon	MaryAnn Kelly
BULLETIN REPORTER:		David Kennedy	Bryan Short
MEETINGS:			

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

IMPORTANT: *If you are unable to attend a meeting:*

Please lodge an apology with **THE COUNTRY CLUB OFFICE 6922 6444 (Ext. 1)** by **NOON** on **TUESDAY** (or pre-record same in the book provided at the meeting attendance table).

Also, for catering purposes, please advise if bringing a guest to a meeting.

MEETING REPORT:

Attendance.

In the absence of President David Wynne, Past President Alan Lean opened this special meeting with the Invocation followed by a toast to the 62 Rotary Clubs in the Ukraine. Our numbers totalled 96, made up of Club members, their partners, and friends, as well a large contingent of visiting Rotarians from several neighbouring Clubs. All were warmly welcomed, with special mention of our guests Mr Volodymyr Shalkivskyi (Deputy Head of Mission, Ukraine Embassy Canberra), Ms Jenny McKinnon (Deputy Mayor of Wagga Wagga), and Ms Geraldine Rurenga (District Governor).



New Member Induction

PP Alan invited Assistant Governor Elaine Almond to conduct the induction of new member Tiffany Purvis who was proposed for membership by David Friedlieb. Tiffany has had Rotary mentors in her life, including her father, had attended a RYLA program as a young adult. Our Book Fair project motivated her to seek membership. Those present rose to greet the newest Rotarian.



Club Matters.

- **Lilier Lodge BBQ** evening is on this Wednesday September 21 from 4.30pm. Only 4 volunteers are permitted on the premises. **Tony Hutchinson** is coordinating and asks that those who nominated several weeks ago please **call him on Monday or Tuesday** to confirm their attendance. As well as cooking the BBQ, we also supply dessert. If you can contribute a dessert, please **call Vicky a.s.a.p. (0407 586 186)** to volunteer your (or your resident chef's) services.
- **District Governor Geraldine Rurenga** urged our involvement in the District Conference to be held in Wagga from October 21st to 23rd. Apart from keynote speakers, there will be Break-out Workshops on a number of fields of interest.
- **NO Club Meeting 22nd September.** Due to the public holiday next Thursday, the Country Club will close at 6pm, so our meeting has been cancelled. However, **an informal gathering** will be held at the Thomas Blamey Hotel, Lake Albert from 6pm for anyone who is interested. Enquiries have been made and their Bar and Bistro will be operating as normal. No booking will be made, and no numbers will be counted. Turn up if/when you wish, order a meal or a drink if/when you wish and enjoy the fellowship.
- Wollundry Rotary Club is seeking volunteers to assist with their Gears & Beers Festival which will run on the October long weekend. Traditionally, our Club has provided a lot of help, filling positions as checkpoint marshals and motorcycle escorts. This is a huge event on the Wagga calendar and puts Rotary out there in front of thousands of people. Wollundry relies on support from all the surrounding Clubs to ensure its success. If you can spare some time on the Saturday or Sunday, please contact David Byfield (djbyfield44@yahoo.com.au) to register.
- Our Club will vote on the Regionalisation Pilot Project soon. President David urges members to continue their own research about this proposal and be ready to vote when the time comes. For more info go the website: <https://www.rotaryzone8.org/page/rotary-regionalisation-project>

- PP Alan invited our special guest, Mr Shalkivskyi to come forward to receive a donation by Sam Turnbull, CEO of FlipScreen Australia (Wagga-based manufacturer of unique screening units for a wide variety of industrial applications), of a WL180 FlipScreen, one of their larger units, for use in Ukraine. These machines are capable of screening rubble and debris and will assist greatly in the recovery from the damage caused by the invasion. They are also useful in the clearing of landmines and unexploded bombs.

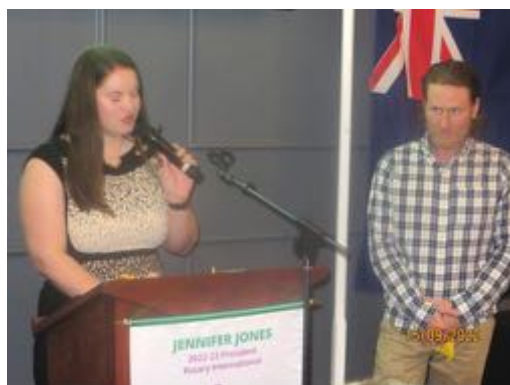
If you want to see a FlipScreen in action, click [here](#).



- **Mike Murray** reported that he has completed his *Long Run* fundraiser for the Prostate Cancer Foundation and welcomes any donations. He thanked the club for its contribution of \$300.

Paul Harris Fellow Presentation

PP Alan outlined the Australian military career of Jason Frost, which included service in hot spots such as Afghanistan, which left Jason mentally and physically shattered. He fought back, took control of his life, and became a strong advocate for the health and wellbeing of veterans, pushing for their access to modern treatments for their complex health issues. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Defence Shed in Wagga and is currently President. Jason is at the forefront of moves to acquire the former Carmelite Monastery as a venue for development of *Pro Patria* - a specialized treatment centre for veterans and first



responders. In recognition of his efforts, President Alan invited District Governor Geraldine Rurenga to present Jason with a Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship. In his acceptance, Jason expressed his gratitude to Rotary for its involvement in *Pro Patria*. Though funds are still being sought, he expects that it will be unique in Australia, providing holistic treatment for those who have served their country. All in attendance rose to acknowledge the new Paul Harris Fellow.

Short & Sweet.

In his inimitable fashion, Graham Russell told us the story of a 'young slip of a girl' who spent her early life in this area, in the 1880's teaching at Illabo and Wagga Public schools, before a stint at Silverton where she developed socialist views and started writing poetry. Moving to Sydney in 1890 she established a reputation as a fiery radical poet and joined a group who left to establish a communal settlement in Paraguay, which later failed. Her first volume of poetry was published in 1910 and for the ensuing half century she was regarded as one of Australia's most widely read poets. Her contribution to poetry and literature in general made her a household name in this country. In 1957 she accepted appointment as a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire. She was Dame Mary Gilmore, who died in 1962.

In 1940 during the Second World War, she wrote the poem; "*No Foe Shall Gather Our Harvest*" This poem was a "call to arms" to Australians, not in the sense of taking up weapons but more as a

call to stand firm in the face of foreign aggression. Graham thought in some small measure, it might have a degree of relevance tonight. Some of the final lines are below:

*“Our women shall walk in honour,
our children shall know no chain
This land that is ours forever,
the invader shall strike at in vain...
No foe shall gather our harvest
or sit on our stockyard rail.”*



Guest Speaker.

In introducing our distinguished guest speaker: Deputy Head of Mission, at the Ukraine Embassy in Australia, **Mr. Volodymyr Shalkivskyi**, Past District Governor **Gary Roberts** touched on Rotary’s involvement with Ukraine during its turmoil. The Rotary Foundation has distributed more than \$15 million in humanitarian aid in the form of essentials such as shelter, food, clothing medicine and water. The 62 Rotary clubs within Ukraine have provided shelter and hot food to many and some have travelled to border areas to assist displaced persons.



Gary told us of Mr. Shalkivskyi’s 20 years of diplomatic service in various countries, such as Germany, Sweden, and the United States, and invited him to address us about the current situation in Ukraine and prospects for the future.

Mr. Shalkivskyi thanked the Club for the invitation to visit, Gordon and Margaret Saggars for hosting him in their home, and all those Rotarians facilitated or accompanied him on visits to various industries throughout his stay. He has been impressed with Wagga’s facilities and location. Rotary support for his homeland has been much appreciated. Mr. Shalkivskyi showed a video which summed up the situation of a country with ordinary people having their lives completely trashed by an unprovoked attack from a neighbouring country led by a despot. They were warned but found it hard to believe that such an act could be perpetrated. Ukraine is multicultural with some areas having greater Russian links however there was no mistreatment of those residents. The invasion resulted in a mass exodus, though many prefer to stay and do what they can. Males are expected to stay – there is still the need to maintain key aspects of the economy/ agriculture, apart from the military activity which, with support from many countries, has shown cracks in the Russian offensive. Mr Shalkivskyi’s account was raw and real. He still has family members— including his elderly mother—living in Kiev.

As far as the future is concerned, key factors are the nature of the Russian leader/ control of the media, availability of exit strategies, the impending winter and its possible effects, continuation of western countries support etc.

The vote of thanks was given by Gordon Saggars, who mentioned the *Sunflowers for Ukraine* seed initiative. Seeds have been packed and are available. He urged us all to plant sunflowers to display our support for the Ukraine. There is no fixed cost to purchase the seeds, but any donations can be forwarded to Gordon. Funds raised will be contributed towards humanitarian relief in Ukraine.

The dinner meeting concluded in the traditional way, with all standing to sing the Australian National Anthem.

Civic Welcome and Visit to the Peace Monument.

The morning after the meeting Mr. Shalkivskyi was officially welcomed to the City of Wagga Wagga at a function held at the Wagga Wagga City Council Chambers. The Council was represented by Deputy Mayor Ms. Jenny McKinnon and Councilors Mr. Dan Hayes, Ms. Amelia Parkins, and Mr. Rod Kendall. The Federal Member for Riverina Mr. Michael McCormack was also present. Ten members and partners from our Club also attended.

Council Community Service Director Janice Summerhayes extended a warm welcome to Mr. Shalkivskyi. She mentioned there are about 280 people from Ukraine living in Wagga.

Mr. Shalkivskyi, in his address, reinforced his comments of the previous evening. The war in the Ukraine will go on for a long time, and the rebuilding after victory will be a huge undertaking. He believes that it is entirely appropriate for European and other countries to be supporting Ukraine. If Russia is successful in Ukraine, it will inevitably want to expand further. Ukraine does not want to claim new territory – they just want their country back. He spoke positively about the aims of Pro Patria and saw the need for a similar organization in his country.



At a small ceremony afterwards, Mr. Shalkivskyi placed a bunch of sunflowers at the base of the Peace Memorial.

PP David Payne, our Club representative on the Wagga Peace Committee, read a quote which he attributed to the Chinese philosopher Laozi, who lived 2500 years ago.

*"If there is to be peace in the world there must be peace in the nations.
If there is to be peace in the nations, there must be peace in the cities.
If there is to be peace in the cities there must be peace between neighbours.
If there is to be peace between neighbours, there must be peace in the home.
If there is to be peace in the home, there must be peace in the heart."*



WANTED!!! WANTED!!! WANTED!!!

A team of eight people to enjoy an evening of Trivia and fun
at the E-Club Brindabella

Trivia Night

Friday 7th October
at
Wagga RSL Club

A Club table has been booked.... *No experience or knowledge necessary!*
Secure your place now by calling Vicky (0407 586 186)

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

- Wed 21st Sep Catering BBQ at Lilier Lodge
- Thurs 29th Sep Narrandera Golf function
- 1 & 2 Oct Gears & Beers Festival (Wollundry Club)
- Fri 7th Oct E-Club Brindabella Trivia Night (Wagga RSL Club)
- 21-23 Oct D9705 Conference (Joyes Hall, CSU Wagga Wagga)
- 28-30 Oct Zone 8 Conference (Canberra)
- Thu 1st Dec Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga SHINE AWARDS
- 20/21 May 2023 Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga BOOK FAIR

IN PICTURES.....



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(18th – 24th Sept)

Birthdays: Peter Harding (H) 24/9, Bronwyn Callander (20/9),
Jacqui Bland (23/9)



Rotary Anniversaries: Brad Bland (2011 + Hay 2008-2010)

Wedding Anniversaries: Gerry & Joan Page (20/9)

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With age I realize.....

1. I talk to myself. Sometimes I need an expert's advice
2. Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.
3. I don't need anger management. I need other people to stop annoying me.
4. My people skills are just fine but my tolerance of idiots needs a little work.
5. The biggest lie I tell myself is 'Oh, you will remember'.
6. Nap time is not a punishment. It's a reward.
7. The day the world runs out of wine is too terrible to even think about.
8. Duct tape is stupid, but it can muffle the sound.
9. Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer and come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
10. 'Getting lucky' actually means walking into a room and remembering why I came in.

