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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: 19.

Thursday 10th November 2022.

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION 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:	Thursday 17 th Nov.	Thursday 24 th Nov.	Thursday 1 st Dec.
PROGRAMME:	Peter Ware Carbon Farming & Beyond.	Annual General Meeting.	TBA.
ATTENDANCE:	Vicky Donoghue Philip Cross	Margaret Keys Geoff Treloar	Jenny Masters Vicky Donoghue
SHORT & SWEET:	Margaret Everett	Jenny Masters	Terry Mecham
FINES-MASTER:	Lyndal Seymour	Bryan Short	Peter Olson
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Brad Bland	N/R	TBA
VOTE OF THANKS:	Bruce Barber	N/R	Philip Cross
BULLETIN REPORTER:	David Kennedy	Peter Veerhuis	Don Pembleton
MEETINGS:	Nil	Nil	Nil

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

Registration For Meetings -

Registration for meetings has now changed to 'OPT-IN'- and the deadline is now noon on **MONDAYS**.

IMPORTANT: Members are requested to register their attendance/apology and any guest's details using the link in the email that they receive each week. Members without internet access, or those members who have lodged ongoing absence need to **register their attendance** by contacting Club Sergeant Graeme Callander (by email: - gbcallander@aapt.net.au) before noon on the Monday preceding the meeting.

MEETING REPORT: -

Attendance.



President David called the meeting to order and invited all present to stand for the invocation and a toast to all Rotarians worldwide. Thirty-three members were asked to welcome Dan Winson (our Key-Note speaker) and Shane Carroll (guest of Margaret Everett).

Special welcomes were extended to Alok Sharma, who is returning after extended absence, and to Honorary Member Peter Harding.

Sick List.

Hutch has gone down with the dreaded COVID. All members wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

Administration Matters.

President David's Club Information and Director Reports: -

1. President David reported the **Regionalisation Project** which was voted on in September has no real timeline at present. It rests in the hands of Rotary International.
2. District 9705 has several **Vacant Positions** at present – Will you put your hand up??.

- a) Environment Chair
- b) Youth Chair
- c) Area 3 Governor
- d) Assistant to District Risk Insurance Officer.



3. From our recent Board Meeting: -

- a) **Sisters Housing Project** – The shelter has received our donation of quality toys which were purchased by Elaine and Ellen using grant funds. The Men's Shed at The Grange has kindly offered to construct a purpose-built storage/toy box.
- b) **A family in need** – Correspondence from a Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Officer alerted us to a family in need. Our Club has purchased & delivered a much-needed clothes dryer. Big thanks to the Heazlewood/Russell delivery team.
- c) The Club has donated \$500 to support **Ms Abby Fellows** to undertake a period of voluntary work as an educator in Nepal in 2023. Ms Fellows is an outstanding young woman with a strong work ethic and a desire serve others. When informed of our support, she readily agreed to speak to us at a meeting after she returns.
- d) Gary Roberts reported that he attended the **Zone 8 Conference** in Canberra recently. He highly recommended that members consider attending future events, as it was most worthwhile. He also passed on 'many thanks' from ROMAC for our recent donation.



4. **CLONTARF ACADEMY:** -

- a) Members who are rostered on for the **Friday BBQ Breakfast** are listed in the table later in this Bulletin. Please note your assigned date in your diary.
- b) Members are reminded that the **Annual Clontarf Awards** event is planned for 5.30 PM, Tuesday 15th November 2022. The venue is now the Mount Austin High School (note change of venue). Members offering to assist will need to phone President David for updated information.

5. The **Club's AGM** is on 24th November – nomination forms are now available from Sect Ellen. President David expects a keenly contested election – so encourages all aspiring Board Members to act promptly to avoid disappointment – time is now short..

6. The **Club Christmas Party** is set for Thursday 8th December.

a) The great news is that once again, this function will be hosted by Paul and Judy Galloway at their home; and of equally delightful news, Daryl and Doris Lamotte will once again demonstrate their excellent culinary skills. Price is \$50-00 per person.



b) Members are asked to bring a (wrapped) **Gift Suitable for a Child** which will be donated to local charities for distribution.

c) **Bookings** for this event will be using the same system as we are using for the weekly meetings.... i.e. YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL SOON which provides details, and asks you to RSVP. You must also 'book in' your guests/partner so that we have accurate numbers for catering. Bookings must close at 4:00 PM on Wednesday 30th November. Payments can be made at meetings up to, and including, 1st December – via EFTPOS (or cash if you must).

7. As a result of the recent floods, **Rotaract Trivia Night** event has been postponed. It will now be held on Saturday 3rd December. Tickets are still available by 'clicking onto' this link: -

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trivia-night-tickets-442634059387>



Short & Sweet.

This week, we all learned more about our newest member Tiffany Purvis. Many already know that Tiffany is a qualified (but ex) chef, which she herself describes as 'the worst job I ever had, but the one which generates the best stories'.



After serving an apprenticeship doing the hard yards for several years, her qualification entitled her to 'very long hours and still minimal wages'. So, who decides to become a chef?? It seems that all sorts of 'interesting' people do! Among them are those who can't cope with normal daytime work hours, and people who find creative ways to cope with those unfriendly work hours of chefs. Some of these ways involve turning to drugs or alcohol. Tiffany is happy that there is now more support for people who find themselves in this situation and is keen to be part of a solution to this issue.

Tiffany remarked that it is hard work being a chef.... You rarely get a break. That is unless you're a smoker! Seems they always find a way!

She has left the commercial cookery world behind and now works in 'retail management'.

Fines-Master Session.

Lyndal stepped up to extract funds from members after swapping roster slots with David Friedlieb. Armed with a bunch of Quiz questions from the Sydney Morning Herald, members were left scratching their heads and paying for their ignorance, giving our Treasurer a big haul to cart off to our bank!

Upcoming BBQ events:

Saturday 26 November: new PCYC facility, Fitzhardinge St Wagga Wagga. This could be a big day requiring several shifts of volunteers. President David is on a mission to get more details.

Saturday 10 December: Christmas Carols in the Park. At its last meeting, the Board decided our Club would support this event with a small sponsorship and would conduct a BBQ on the night. It seems this event is struggling to attract enough sponsorship, so we have expressed our intention to support it with a promise of sponsorship when it becomes viable.



Key-Note Speaker



Introduced by Graeme Callander, Dan Winson is an entrepreneur who is rapidly making a mark in the world of Technology. His 'start-up' *Zetifi* was founded to overcome the connectivity challenges faced by farmers and those who live in rural areas. From very humble beginnings in a storeroom out the back of another business, Zetifi has grown into a company with twenty full time employees, with a head office in Wagga and a satellite office in Rochester, New York. Basically, Zetifi is inventing the technology which will enable Wi-Fi connection in areas where the major carriers (such as Telstra and Optus) have very poor coverage. This is typically in rural and farming

communities. Zetifi has managed to develop products which extend Wi-Fi coverage to over 3km with line of sight and is working on units which are small in size and able to be mounted on existing infrastructure, and even on agricultural equipment. Major machinery manufacturers have expressed interest in incorporating Zetifi technology into new equipment models.

The company holds a US patent for a concept called 'sleepy Wi-Fi', which means that a system will only 'wake up' when a signal is there to be received. This ensures that solar-powered systems can conserve energy.

With possible applications in all aspects of industry (but with their main focus on agriculture at present), the company has gained the benefit of several major innovation grants and continues to push the boundaries of what is possible.

This is just another example of the brilliant level of innovation which is occurring in our own back yard (FlipScreen being another) and putting Wagga on the map.

(For more information, check out zetifi.com)

Margaret Everett thanked Dan on behalf of all present, telling of her childhood experience of telephone communication which involved a 'party line'.

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH: -

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty. Members are encouraged to support the Foundation; and the easiest way to do this is by becoming a member of the 'Centurion Club'.

The Centurion Club was the brainchild of our own PDG Peter Walsh (D9700 1998-99), who saw the need to establish a program to encourage members to donate to Rotary's charity 'The Rotary Foundation'. District 9700 continued this on since his untimely death, and it is now spread across many other Districts.

Our Club supports this program, encouraging Centurions to donate at least AUS \$100 each year to The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust whilst ever they are able to do so. This ensures that the valuable projects supported by Rotary continue to change and improve the lives of people all over the world.



Centurion donations, which are tax-deductible, can be made at our weekly meetings.

NEXT MEETING: -

Next week we meet at the **Wagga Wagga RSL Club**, where we have an opportunity to learn the secrets of the topical (and complex) subject of **Carbon Farming**. Our Key-Note speaker is Peter Ware, who is a director of Blackburn AGRI – an organisation that has successfully negotiated licensing and clearing applications for many regional primary producers.

By the time you read this Bulletin, you should have received an email containing a link that will allow you to accept (or apologise) for the meeting – as well as nominate guests. Please respond in the manner specified in that email.

CLONTARF ACADEMY – FRIDAY MORNING BBQ BREAKFAST ROSTER.



Members' roster is printed below. Attendees should arrive in time to be admitted to the school security area at 8:00 AM.

- Friday 18 Nov Lyndal Seymour & Peter Smart
- Friday 25 Nov David Cannon & David Kennedy
- Friday 2 Dec John Heazlewood & David Friedlieb
- Friday 9 Dec Tony Hutchinson & Lyndal Seymour

Entrance to Mount Austin High School is via a Car Park in Leavenworth Drive (second 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.

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

- **Tues 15th Nov.** Clontarf Awards Evening BBQ - Volunteers required!!!
- **Thurs 24th Nov.** Our Annual General Meeting.
- **Sat. 26th Nov.** **BBQ duty at the new PCYC**
- **Thurs. 8th Dec.** **Rotary Club of Wagga – Christmas Party at Galloway's**
- **Feb. 2023** **Rotary Club of Wagga SHINE AWARDS (Def. from Dec. 2022)**
- **20/21 May 2023** **Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga – ANNUAL BOOK FAIR**



SOME 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



Peter & Graeme discussing the old times.



Vicki signs in at the attendance Table.



Welcome back Alok – after an extended absence.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(13th Nov to 19th Nov)

Birthdays:

David Payne (13/11).

Rotary Anniversaries:

Lyndal Seymour (2018) & Ellen Brasier (2009).

Wedding Anniversaries:

John & Jane Heazlewood (15/11).



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Apparently exercise helps you with decision making. It's true. I went for a run this morning and decided I'm never going again.

"The years between 50 and 70 are the hardest. You are always being asked to do things, and yet you are not decrepit enough to turn them down." - T.S. Elliot