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BULLETIN NO: 23.

Thursday 8th December 2022.

DECEMBER IS ROTARY DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT 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 15 th Dec.	12 th January.	19 th January.
PROGRAMME:	No Meeting	TBA	TBA
ATTENDANCE:	Next Meeting Date: - 12 th January 2023	Elle Palmer Margaret Keys	Geoff Treloar Jenny Masters
SHORT & SWEET:		Ellen Brasier	Shishir Bhengra
FINES-MASTER:		Gary Roberts	Brad Bland
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:		TBA	TBA
VOTE OF THANKS:		Graeme Callander	Ellen Brasier
BULLETIN REPORTER:		Vida Smart	Peter Olson
MEETINGS:		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: - graeme.callander43@gmail.com) before noon on the Monday preceding the meeting.

MEETING REPORT: -

There was no formal meeting this week. Members and their guests enjoyed the hospitality of Paul & Judy Galloway at their home – along with the culinary delights of Daryl & Doris Lamont and their willing band of helpers.

Members and guests, dressed in a wide variety of Christmas attire (see a sample in the photos below), were greeted at the front gate by a couple of the Lamont's 'little helpers', who served a welcoming and invigorating beverage, and then directed us to the pool area to meet and greet our fellow guests.

After some fellowship and Paul's formal welcome to his and Judy's home, we were invited by Sgt. Graeme Callander to take our places at the tables – where a traditional Christmas roast, as well as a true Aussie ham salad was enjoyed by all (other than the pig that is). This was followed by plumb pudding with all the trimmings – or fruit salad for those of us on special diets. We do miss Daryl and Doris and their culinary creativity.

In the course of our Christmas fellowship and feasting we were entertained by a delightful young vocalist named Maddi Popple – we should remember that name; this young lady is destined to 'go places'. Under noisy and somewhat difficult circumstances she demonstrated her musical abilities with some background entertainment.

Following the meal, with Paul's encouragement, she initiated some community singing of Christmas songs. Fortunately, she retained control of the microphone so our finite vocal skills didn't overwhelm; and a jolly good time was had by all (other than any of Paul's neighbours who may be cursed with perfect pitch).

Members donated gifts that will be bound to put a smile on any young person's face on Christmas morning. A fine array of gifts appeared under the Christmas tree; these were forwarded onto local charities for distribution to underprivileged children and youths.

And now, as we come to the conclusion of our Rotary Calendar, President David (Wynnie), wishes all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. We all look forward to a bigger and better 2023.



ADMINISTRATION MATTERS: -

Please don't forget: -

1. Saturday 10th December is the **Combined Churches Christmas Carols** at the Victory Memorial Gardens and we will be providing a BBQ from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Graham Russell volunteered to deliver the BBQ trailer and we need volunteers to help with the cooking. With Terry and Hutch on light duties, Elle Palmer has volunteered to coordinate the supplies and rosters.
2. This is our last formal meeting for 2022. - Lyndal is investigating a **Sunday Lunch**; watch your In-Box for any email relevant to this.
3. The **Peace Ceremony** is scheduled for Friday 26th February 2023. Nominations are sought for notable individuals and/or groups to be acknowledged for their contribution to making Wagga Wagga and the world more peaceful. Please 'put your thinking caps on' – notify Pres David of any suitable awardees.

CLONTARF ACADEMY – FRIDAY MORNING BBQ BREAKFAST ROSTER.

By the time that you read this, the Clontarf programme at Mount Austin High School, for 2022 will have been concluded.

The Clontarf Foundation exists to improve the education, discipline, life skills, self-esteem and employment prospects of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men – and by doing so equip them to participate more meaningfully in society.

It commenced in 2000 with a single academy located in Western Australia. At that time, the programme catered for 25 students and was operated by two staff members. Since then, the programme has expanded throughout Australia and now operates 139 academies and supports in excess of 10,000 participants.



The local academy is staffed by full-time dedicated mentors who come from diverse backgrounds and possess a wealth of life experience.

This is one Rotary Project where we can witness the benefits to our local community and it is a credit to Vida Smart and her team for the leadership and ongoing support of this project. Additional members will be provided an opportunity to participate in this project in 2023.

DECEMBER IS ROTARY DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH: -

Here is an edited version of a recent internet post by Axel von Bierbrauer (Rotary Club Neunkirchen/Saar, Germany), titled '**Lessons learned in Rotary's fight against malaria in Zambia**': -

“Malaria is one of the most common and threatening infectious diseases worldwide, with over 220 million cases each year. Over 400,000 people die from malaria worldwide each year, 94% of these fatalities occur in Africa.



I met Najuma in July 2022 during a visit to the 'Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia' program. She had been working as a community health worker in malaria control for eight months, having received her certificate of completion at the end of an exhausting training week.

The training, along with Najuma's work, is funded by The Rotary Foundation together with World Vision and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Dedicated Rotarians are working to fight malaria in hard-hit areas in Zambia - this initiative in Zambia was started ten years ago by a Seattle USA Rotarian group, led by Rotarian Bill Feldt.

Najuma is trained to identify the warning symptoms of a malaria episode, especially in young children, and she carries out a rapid test on-site. If the test is positive, she immediately administers the malaria medication. In life-threatening cases, she arranges for prompt transport to a Health Facility Center.

Lessons learned

The site visit to the 'Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia' program provided me with valuable lessons that can be of use to others working on Disease Prevention and Treatment projects. These are:

- Consistently trained and supported community health workers are ideal for closing medical supply gaps, especially in rural underdeveloped regions of the world.*
- The principle 'The treatment comes to the patient' instead of 'The patient has to travel long distances for treatment' ensures that potentially life-threatening diseases are controlled in a timely manner.*

- The intelligent use of modern information technology, here using the example of a malaria reporting app developed specifically for the project, enables efficient project management to ensure timely reporting of cases and malaria commodity supply needs.
- Through continuous and shared learning, a powerful, large-volume project can be developed from the experience of implementing, monitoring, and evaluating prior smaller local projects.”

The entire blog makes very interesting reading and can be accessed by ‘clicking on’ the following link: -

<https://rotaryserviceblog.org/2022/12/08/lessons-learned-in-rotarys-fight-against-malaria-in-zambia/>

NEXT MEETING: -

There is no meeting now until **Thursday 12th January 2023**. A reminder will be issued to members in a timely fashion. We anticipate that it will be at the Wagga Wagga RSL Club.

We are hopeful that a Sunday lunch might be arranged early January for those members not travelling away.

Please watch your emails for details of any extracurricular activities planned over the next few weeks.

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

- **Sat. 10th Dec.** **BBQ – Wagga Christmas Carols – volunteers required.**
- **16th March 2023** **Rotary Club of Wagga – SHINE AWARDS.**
- **20/21 May 2023** **Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga – ANNUAL BOOK FAIR**



SOME ‘HAPPY SNAPS’ FROM THIS WEEK: -



Enjoying Fellowship; with Mike (at rear) sneaking into the frame.



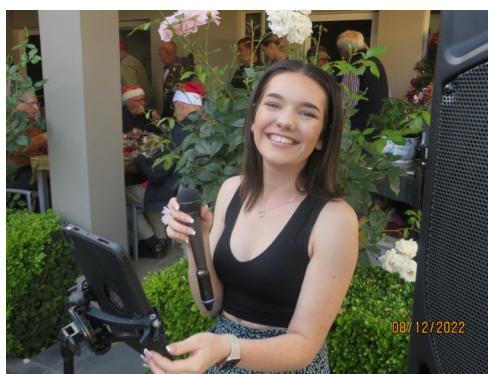
Lyn, Jane, Fran & Bronwyn enjoying the evening.



Tony displays his favourite Christmas hat.



Daryl at work – a rare sight?



Maddi leads the community Christmas songs.



Ellen & Vicky delivering the donated toys.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(21st Jan – 28th Jan)

Birthdays: Karel Bijker (24/01) & Ian Gibson (26/01)

Rotary Anniversaries: Nil.

Wedding Anniversaries: Gary & Marilyn Roberts (28/01).



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What's the absolute best Christmas present? A broken drum — you can't beat it!

