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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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Thursday 19th Jan 2023.

JANUARY IS ROTARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE 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:	26 th January.	2 nd February.	9 th February.
PROGRAMME:	Social Night	Sophie Mason	Rod Kendall
ATTENDANCE:	Philip Cross David Kennedy	Vicky Donoghue Elle Palmer	Ellen Brasier Geoff Treloar
SHORT & SWEET:	Philip Cross	Mary Ann Kelly	David Friedlieb
FINES-MASTER:	Graham Russell	Gordon Saggars	Peter Smart
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Not required	Peter Olson	TBA
VOTE OF THANKS:	Not required	Bruce Barber	Elaine Almond
BULLETIN REPORTER:	David Payne	Ellen Brasier	David Kennedy
MEETINGS:	Board Meeting	Nil	Nil

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 is treated as an apology.

Members who wish to advise an extended absence need inform Club Sergeant Graeme Callander (by email: - graeme.callander43@gmail.com)

MEETING REPORT: -

Attendance.

Our meeting this week was held at our usual venue...the RSL Club. President David Wynne commenced with the Invocation and proposed a toast to 'Rotary worldwide'. He then welcomed 30 members and acknowledged our guests: Mr Paras SJB Rana (visiting Rotarian from Kathmandu Nepal) and his wife Nita, Gabrielle Prest (Bill's daughter), and David & Patricia Morris. David welcomed back Vicky D and Paul G, and acknowledged Neil Hilpern's 88th Birthday.

Members were informed that Geoff T and Jenny M were absent due to a family bereavement. The thoughts of all members are with them at this time.

Administration Matters.

From President David:

- A reminder to members that due respect and attention should be afforded to Guest Speakers in this room, which is considerably smaller than our previous venue.
- Next week – Australia Day meeting – we will have a social night, "Short and Sweet" talks of interesting tales, from members. A meeting of the Board will follow.
- Upcoming speakers: 2 February: Ms.Sophie Mason (Wagga's wonderful Eisteddfod using music as therapy).

9 February: Mr. Rod Kendall (travels and local issues).

16 February: Dr. Joe McGirr.

- President David will be absent on 2 and 9 February. President Elect John Heazlewood will be taking the reins.
- The **Peace Ceremony** is to be held on Sunday 26th February. Our Club is yet to put forward a nomination. If you would like to put forward anyone's name, please contact David Payne asap as time is running short.
- The **Clontarf Roster** will be circulated next week. It is important that we keep our commitment to them rock solid.
- "**Lazy Sunday Lunch**" will happen on **Sunday 29th January**. Venue is the Turvey Tavern. All members are invited to attend. Please indicate your attendance to **Lyndal** so she can book accurate numbers.



Book Fair Update:

Gerry Page gave a brief summary of the 'state of play' regarding preparations for the Book Fair.

- Sorting is happening every week (from 9am Tuesday mornings during January due to the heat), and any members who can spare some time are more than welcome to come and assist. Once the weather cools, we will revert to our afternoon timeslot.
- Book donations are coming in at a steady pace. A big thank you to Bruce Heydon for allowing 'drop-offs' at his Copland Street business. 'Pick-ups' are often requested, and if anyone is able to assist, Graham R, John H and Bruce B would probably appreciate a hand sometimes.
- We are always on the lookout for potential sponsorship opportunities—to offset the costs associated with staging the Book Fair. We want to approach sponsors in the near future. If you have suggestions, please let Vicky know.



Rotary Shine Awards:

Alan Lean spoke about the upcoming Shine Awards.

- Preparations are well in hand for this event which gives recognition to people with a disability who are employed and employers who support them.
- Its success relies on nominations from the community.
- A brochure has been produced. It outlines information about the Awards, how to nominate, and provides details of the Awards function on 16th March.
- Members were urged to encourage nominations whenever possible.



Short & Sweet.(1)



Tony Hutchinson gave an interesting talk on the C130 Hercules. He started by saying *'if Top Gun is the sharp end, then the C130 is the blunt end'*.

After the Korean War, the US military decided it needed an aircraft able to carry armoured vehicles, artillery and cargo, plus at least 92 passengers, 64 paratroopers and 72 combat troops. It had to land and take off from unprepared runways, fly with one engine shut down and have a range of at least 1100 miles.

In 1954 Lockheed got the contract, and has produced 2500 Hercs to date, with 70 variants. The RAAF took delivery of 12 A model Hercs in 1958, then 12 E model Hercs in 1966.

When Tony graduated from Forest Hill (RAAF) in 1969, he worked on all 24 Hercs at Richmond, where he was posted to 486 Maintenance Squadron. He outlined some interesting positions he had to place himself in and some tasks required of him to maintain the aircraft.

He described how Hercs were not built for comfort or speed:

- 4 x 9-hour legs to get to the Lockheed factory in Georgia, sitting sideways on hard canvas seats.
- An open urinal in the front and rear of the plane, with a "can" on a platform near the ramp.

The Herc is unbeaten in use as a military transport.

It was the first aircraft into Darwin after cyclone Tracy.

It is still in production 69 years after inception. In 2021 the Australian Mint manufactured a coloured commemorative 50 cent piece coin.

Short & Sweet.(2)



John Studdert talked about a family connection with construction toys. He informed us that in 1901 Frank Hornby from Liverpool in UK, invented a new toy called *"Mechanics made easy"*. It was a metal construction kit consisting of perforated metal strips, plates and girders, with bolts and screws, a screwdriver and spanner. All you needed to do was connect the pieces and make something. When it came to Australia it was **"Meccano"**

John said his father bought him a set when he was eight in 1950. He played with it for hours. Today, they are still made but in plastic. You can still buy Meccano sets. He believes they are now made in Canada.

John said he also had a **Hornby train set** and built a railway in his family room in Melbourne, but his wife was not happy. Mike Murray has a great railway set

up in his home. He gave Mike his "Spirit of Progress" train.

On the 10th of August 1932, a new toy was founded. Called **Lego**, it was introduced into Australia in 1962 and is now sold and played with in 130 countries.

John said, his grandson Louie started playing with Lego when he was eight. He had boxes of the toy. Now 16, Louie plays Rugby, much to John's disappointment.

Louie passed his Lego onto John's other grandson, Isaac when he was eight. He is now 14 and passed them to my grandson Sam, when he was eight. He is now 12 and has built some remarkable models out of Lego. John brought a number of them for display. Intricately built and proudly displayed by his grandfather, John.

Visiting Rotarian



Rotarian Paras SJB Rana is a member of the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town, in Nepal. He and his wife Nita are visiting Australia and Wagga Wagga for six weeks. He used the Rotary Locator to track down our club. He was invited to speak about his country and his association with Rotary. This is a summary of his speech:

- Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town was the 6th club to be formed in Nepal. There is one District, taking in clubs in Nepal and Bhutan.
- His Rotary Club is very successful. It is a breakfast club and counts among its members many of the country's Ambassadors from overseas, as it conducts its meetings in English.
- He served as Club President in 2015-16, when an earthquake struck, and many were killed. Rotary helped to rebuild and supplied many building materials.
- He also outlined a number of his club's projects, including early education, "snakebite" prevention and treatment, gift of eyesight and major surgery identification, free to the poor. They also raised \$150,000 in one month to supply oxygen concentrator machines to remote areas where needed when Covid hit.
- As a Rotary Club, they are interested in forming international partnerships, as Nepal is still a developing country, where there is always a need to help.
- When Mr Rana retired from Hotel Management, he decided to study for a PhD in the Culture and Heritage of Nepal.
- He is currently also studying a musical instrument called a 'Sarangi'. He gave our members a sample of what the instrument could do. It was akin to a squat cello but had a distinct oriental sound. A very interesting talk and concert.



President David thanked Mr Rana, Tony and John for their speaking endeavours.

To finish off the night, Club Sergeant Graeme Callander presented us with the short film in which Clem Renouf (RI President 1978-79) was talking about the birth of the oral Sabin immunization campaign started by RI to attempt to eradicate Polio.

JANUARY IS ROTARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH: -

The Object of Rotary is a philosophical statement of Rotary's purpose and the responsibilities of Rotarians. As alluded in this publication last week, the concept of vocational service is rooted in the Second Object, which calls upon Rotarians to "encourage and foster": -



1. High ethical standards in business and professions.
2. The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations.
3. The dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

As a Rotarian, how can you put these ideals into action? Why not consider these suggestions: -

- Practice your profession with integrity and inspire others to behave ethically through your own words and actions.
- Talk about your profession/vocation in our club (Short & Sweet sessions) and take time to learn about fellow member's vocations.
- Guide and encourage others in their professional development.
- Help a young person achieve his/her career aspirations (RYLA).
- Use your professional skills to voluntarily serve those in need within our community.

If you do any of these things, you are performing vocational service. And if vocational service motivates and energises you, then you're in the right place, because vocational service is the very essence of Rotary. It is what sets Rotarians apart from others.

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

- **26th Jan 23** **Club Board Meeting.**
- **26th Feb 23** **Wagga Peace Ceremony.**
- **16th Mar 23** **Rotary Club of Wagga – SHINE AWARDS.**
- **17th/19th Mar 23** **P.E.T. Training (Merimbula)**
- **31st Mar/2nd Apr 23** **P.E.T. Training (Orange)**
- **20/21 May 23** **Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga – ANNUAL BOOK FAIR.**
- **29th June 23** **Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga CHANGEOVER**
- **12th Jul 23** **Lillier Lodge Casserole night.**
- **13th Sept 23** **Lillier Lodge BBQ night.**



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(22nd Jan – 28th Jan)

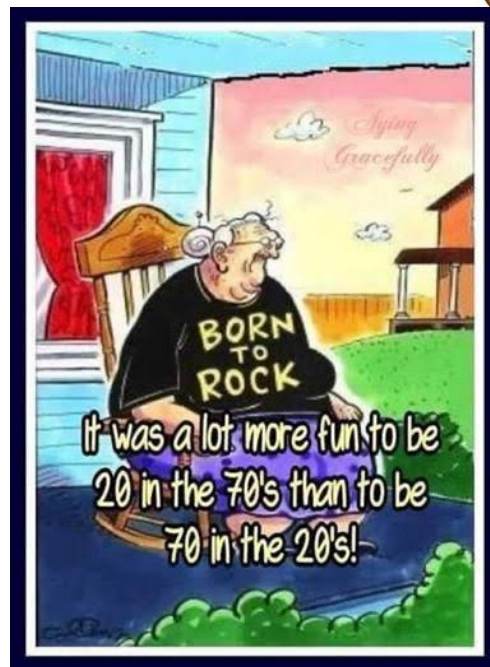
- Birthdays:** Karel Bijker (24/01) & Ian Gibson (26/01).
- Rotary Anniversaries:** Nil.
- Wedding Anniversaries:** Gary & Marilyn Roberts (28/01).



SOME 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



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I pretended to be asleep – and then I fell asleep. Now I'm going to pretend that I'm skinny.