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Thursday 2nd Feb 2023

FEBRUARY IS PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION 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:	9th February.	16th February.	23rd February
PROGRAMME:	Rod Kendall	Dr Joe McGirr	Kieran Molloy/Ned Evans Wellways
ATTENDANCE:	Ellen Brasier Geoff Treloar	Margaret Keys Philip Cross	Jenny Masters Vicky Donoghue
SHORT & SWEET:	David Friedlieb	Paul Galloway	Nepal Ghosh
FINES-MASTER:	Peter Smart	Alok Sharma	Lyndal Seymour
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Bryan Short	David Cannon	TBA
VOTE OF THANKS:	Elaine Almond	Graham Russell	TBA
BULLETIN REPORTER:	David Kennedy	Gerry Page	Don Pembleton
MEETINGS:	Nil	Nil	Board meeting 8pm

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. Visitors who wish to join us please contact Club Sergeant Graeme Callander as early as possible. Details on our Club website (waggarotary.org).

MEETING REPORT: -

Attendance:

Thirty-six members were present at our meeting on February 2nd at the Wagga RSL Club.

President David welcomed all to this week's meeting and began formalities with the Invocation and a toast to the success of the Wagga Eisteddfod. He also gave a special welcome to our guest speaker Sophie Mason.

President David also congratulated Gerry Page on his 40 years as a Rotarian and Philip Cross on attaining 32 Years of Rotary Service.



Administration Matters.

- Our meeting of March 2nd will be a **Comedy Night**. Entertainers from within our Club are being called for. If you can recite a funny poem, sing a hilarious song, or make people laugh in any other way, please step forward and let President David know.
- Wollundry Rotary Club is once again conducting its **Photo Competition**. Total prizemoney is \$3500. Categories are Landscape, Portrait, Creative and General. Entries close 30th April and judging takes place on 7th May.

- **Community Involvement**

1. **Girls at the Centre** is an aspirational program that aims to counteract the high school absenteeism and school drop-out rates of teenage Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander girls. It helps them build constructive relationships with each other, their schools, families, and community members. It is sponsored by The Smith Family and operates at Mt Austin High School (along similar lines and with similar goals to the Clontarf Program for boys). As our Club is heavily involved with the Clontarf program, we have accepted an invitation to expand our role to include *Girls at The Centre*. Our involvement would consist of attending some of their meetings to provide encouragement and mentorship to the participants. To this end, our Club will participate in an event on **Wednesday 8th March** which coincides with a celebration of International Women's Day. It is envisaged that our female members would 'attend' the function, and some of our male members will contribute by providing a BBQ lunch. **The flyer for the function appears at the end of this bulletin**, and further details will be finalised closer to the date. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Club to further extend the relationship we have with the young people of our community.
2. **Clontarf Academy**: Vida Smart re-circulated the Friday morning breakfast roster. Whilst some members may prefer to attend in pairs, Vida let it be known that attending 'solo' is also possible. She reminded members who attend that they should make the effort to meaningfully engage the students and build positive relationships.



Thank you to all who have volunteered. Please note your date in your diary. If you wish to fill one of the empty spaces please let Vida know. Please arrange a replacement if you find you are unable to fulfil your commitment. No objections were raised when Vida asked permission to provide volunteers' phone details to the Clontarf Co-ordinator so that members can be advised of any changes to the scheduling of Friday breakfasts. This might eliminate the instances of our members arriving at the school unnecessarily.

Term 1 Clontarf Roster:

Date	Person 1	Person 2
10 February @0800hrs	David Kennedy	
17 February @0800hrs	Don Pembleton	Peter Olson
24 February @0800hrs	John Heazlewood	
03 March @0800hrs	Tony Hutchinson	John Studdert
10 March @0800hrs	David Wynne	Brad Bland
17 March @0800hrs	David Payne	
24 March @0800hrs	Graeme Callander	
	End of term1 is 6 April	

3. **Science & Engineering Challenge:** Members were reminded that this event will be held on **Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd March**. Anyone who wishes to attend as a volunteer assistant should liaise with Bryan Short in the first instance. Peter Olson has already indicated his interest.
4. **RYDA:** The Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program will run during the week of 8th -12th May. Our Club needs to provide at least six volunteers on **Thursday 11th May**. Secretary Ellen is heavily involved in organisation for this huge event, which is at present run by a very small number of people. There is an urgent need for a new Chairperson. Please contact Ellen if you think you are the person they need!



Our project to equip the Wagga's Women's and Children's refuge with toys is drawing towards completion. These plaques will be attached to the toybox constructed and donated by The Grange Men's shed and filled with children's toys by our Club.

- Graham Russell passed on greetings from past member **Charlie Blomfield** (who continues to be an interested friend of our Club). His Club down the coast (Bega) recently conducted its Book Fair in conjunction with an Art Show. They were very pleased with the outcome, raising \$12,500 from books and \$4500 from the sale of Art. Congratulations Bega!

Short & Sweet:



MaryAnn Kelly reminded us of how much things have changed over the years by relating some comments which date from 1955 (yes folks, that's 67+ years ago!!). Here are a few of the highlights

"I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$10".

"If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit smoking. 20cents a pack is ridiculous".

"I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet."

"I'm afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business".

Thanks for reminding us all just how old we are!!!

Fines:



Gordon Sagers was very successful in relieving us of our change to add to the club's coffers.

He started by informing us that \$450 of Sunflower money has been banked. Gordon then asked how many members had planted/grown sunflowers....and promptly fined all those who had not!

Gordon's ability to deliver a joke is unsurpassed, and he did not disappoint. Members happily parted with their cash in appreciation of his efforts.

Here is just one example:

A little old lady asked her friends to help her with a jigsaw puzzle.

They asked her what the picture was, and she replied that there was a rooster on the box.

When they came over to see her, she let them in and there were pieces of the puzzle spread all over the table. Her friends studied the pieces for a moment then looked at the box.

They turned to her and said, "No matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything that resembles a rooster". The girls took her hands and said, "We want you to relax. Let's have a cup of tea and the LET'S PUT THE CORNFLAKES BACK IN THE BOX."

Great job Gordon!!

Guest Speaker:

Peter Olson introduced our Guest Speaker, Sophie Mason. Sophie is a Music Therapist and Psychologist. She has been involved in the Wagga Eisteddfod since 2012. Sophie began her address by stating how important music is, and how it should be a central part of the school curriculum as kids benefit greatly from it and enjoy music. Sophie works in private practice which focuses on young people and people with disabilities. She performed as child in the Eisteddfod

and stated that the Eisteddfod gives children and adults the opportunity to perform in front of an audience.

Sophie has been with the Eisteddfod Organising Committee for 12 years. For some time, the Eisteddfod has been held in Joyes Hall at Charles Sturt University but this year they are hoping for a return to the centre of Wagga. They plan to use the whole Civic precinct for music, speech, drama, dance and public speaking, creating a festival atmosphere. Sophie exudes enthusiasm for the arts. It is wonderful to see people with her obvious talents stepping up to take active roles for the benefit of the community.



Sophie was thanked for her presentation by Bruce Barber.

District Event:

From the District web page:

Register for PETS and Learning & Development

This year we are combining both **PETS** (President Elect Training) and **Learning & Development** (previously known as **Club Assembly**). This will ensure more time for Club members to learn their individual roles within their Club, and provide an opportunity to build a strong team, within your Club members and with other Clubs. There is strength in unity. We are providing two opportunities to attend - one in Merimbula and one in Orange.

We encourage as many members of your Club as possible to come along.

PETS (President Elect Training) is an important event in your Calendar when you are coming into the **President** role in your Club. It is a requirement of Rotary International that you attend this training to prepare you for this important role. The responsibilities for Presidents Elect will be outlined and discussed in sessions separate to Learning and Development.

MERIMBULA

- Date: 17th to 19th March 2023
- Venue: Merimbula Services Club.
- [REGISTER FOR MERIMBULA HERE](#)

ORANGE

- Date: 31st March-2nd April, 2023
- Venue: Orange Services Club
- [REGISTER FOR ORANGE HERE](#)

This year we are combining PETS also with inviting **all your club members to attend - not just your Board but everyone and including new members to your Club.** All members will be working with their particular area of interest for the Learning & Development sessions.

We want to support preparing your Board and Club members for their roles. This will assist in providing a strong united Club, understanding each role and its place in the smooth running of your Club. It will also give you a chance to work with your Area Governor and understand how they are there to support and assist your Club.

And last, but not least is the camaraderie we always enjoy when we are all together!

So register now for one of these weekends!

Editor's Note:- PE John H and 'president-after-that' (I forget what it's called!) Peter O are going to Merimbula. Ellen and Vicky are going to Orange. Anyone want to join them???

Next meeting:

Next week, Rod Francis will be joining us. We look forward to a lively presentation. President David will be on 'rec leave' for the next two weeks and President Elect John will be chairing the meetings.

SOME 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(5th Feb – 11th Feb)

Birthdays: Rajinder Singh (10/2), Sheila Murray (11/2)

Rotary Anniversaries: Nil

Wedding Anniversaries: Shishir & Laxmi Bhengra (6/2), Allan & Marnie Duffus (9/2)



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

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| 23rd Feb 23 | Board Meeting |
| 26th Feb 23 | Wagga Peace Ceremony (Sunday) |
| 2nd/3rd Mar | Science & Engineering Challenge |
| 8th Mar 23 | 'Girls At The Centre' day (Wednesday) |
| 16th Mar 23 | Rotary Club of Wagga – SHINE AWARDS.
(In place of our regular meeting) |
| 17th/19th Mar 23 | P.E.T. Training/'Club Assembly' (Merimbula) |
| 31st Mar/2nd Apr 23 | P.E.T. Training/'Club Assembly' (Orange) |
| 11th May 23 | RYDA day (Our Club is Rostered) |
| 20/21 May 23 | Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga – ANNUAL BOOK FAIR. |
| 29th June 23 | Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga CHANGEOVER. |
| 12th Jul 23 | Lilier Lodge Casserole night. |
| 13th Sept 23 | Lilier Lodge BBQ night. |



Girls at the Centre

International Women's Day

**Mount Austin Primary Hall
Corner of Bourke Street and Mckell Avenue
Wednesday 8th March
12:00pm - 3:00pm**

Transport will be available.
Please get in touch with Maxine Honeysett by Wednesday 1st March
0466454257

The Smith Family
Learn today, change tomorrow.

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He's now 97 and we have no idea where he is!



Instagram!



I don't know. My 17 aunts and uncles won't answer my question.



I said, 'Who is this guy?' Grandpa replied: "That's my hip replacement!"

Yes, of course, I am athletic, I surf the Internet every day.

