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Thursday 16th 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:	23rd February	2nd March	9th March
PROGRAMME:	Kieran Molloy/Ned Evans Wellways	Comedy Night	Gabrielle Hewson & Celine Sharp (RYLA)
ATTENDANCE:	Jenny Masters Vicky Donoghue	David Kennedy Ellen Brasier	Elle Palmer Margaret Keys
SHORT & SWEET:	Nepal Ghosh	Bruce Heydon	Bruce Heydon
FINES-MASTER:	Lyndal Seymour	Peter Olson	Bryan Short
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	David Kennedy	Not required	Vida Smart
VOTE OF THANKS:	Terry Mecham	Not required	Brad Bland
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Don Pembleton	Bryan Short	David Payne
MEETINGS:	Board meeting 8pm	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 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:

President Elect John Heazlewood invited all present to rise for the invocation and toast. Thirty-two members were present. Our speaker Dr Joe McGirr MP was warmly welcomed.



Administration Matters.

- **Change in seating arrangement** seems to be well received.
- Term 1 Clontarf Roster: (8am Fridays)

Date	Person 1	Person 2
24 Feb	John Heazlewood	
03 Mar	Tony Hutchinson	John Studdert
10 Mar	David Wynne	Brad Bland
17 Mar	David Payne	
24 Mar	Graeme Callander	
	End of term1 is 6 April	



Don & Peter attended on 10 March

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.

- Preparations for the Book Fair continue. It is estimated that we now have approximately 2/3 of the required amount of stock boxed and on palettes. We anticipate that the amount of stock we receive will increase during the ten weeks which remain, so any members who wish to join the Book Sorters from 2pm Tuesdays will be very welcome.
- Alan Lean appeared in the DA with an accompanying article about the Rotary Shine Awards. This event is set down for Thursday 16th March at the Civic Centre and will take the place of our usual meeting. Further details will be provided by Alan in coming weeks.
- The Rotary District Peace Communities Program is celebrating its 30th year. Activities will take place on the weekend of 25/26 February. They consist of
 - Handover of the Peace Pole (Saturday afternoon)
 - 30th Anniversary Gala Dinner (Saturday evening)
 - Peace Day Ceremony (Sunday morning)

Full details of these events appear as separate documents which arrived with this bulletin. Our Club representative David Payne urges members to participate in these events where possible.



WAGGA WAGGA - Rotary's First Peace City - 1993

Peace begins with ME + YOU making a difference

Short & Sweet:

Paul Galloway managed to take all members on a trip down memory lane to the golden era of his childhood. The carefree days spent 'terrorising' his Athol Street neighbourhood were fondly recalled. The endless 'wars' between rival groups of youngsters led to creative uses of any materials that came to hand. Did you know that if you carefully peeled a golf ball, a huge length of elastic could be harvested.... and this could be stretched across a path/road at 'just the right height' so it would cause



a sudden stop/fall!! Bike tubes and forked sticks made great sling shots.... and the most skilled makers of these weapons could shoot marbles onto the grumpy neighbours' roofs from safe hiding places at a good distance. Sometimes they were spotted by their victims, who gave chase. Some of the culvert drains had gaps big enough to allow the escapees to roll into them and hide. Billy cart construction and racing was also high on the list of fun

activities. Not a thought of any safety precautions entered their heads..... but they somehow survived!!! There were many nodding heads from those present. Childhood seemed so much simpler 'back then'!

Fines:

Vida Smart managed to fine almost everyone in the room as she cast her net wide to scoop up 'offenders'. Some examples include:

- If you wanted to visit a different Australian beach each day, it would take you 29 years!! (There are 10,685 of them!) *Anyone who had recently been in a coastal area was nabbed.*
- *Dog owners* had to pay after Vida shared this gem: 'Taking a dog named Shark to the beach is a very bad idea.'
- After water, the most commonly consumed drink in the world is *Tea*. Anyone who is 'guilty' of being a tea drinker was required to kick the tind.

Vida also managed to target blood donors, people with poor mobile phone etiquette, and those who eat chicken. Several members managed to get caught multiple times and the moneyboxes were well stocked before she finished with **'A wise man once said—nothing.'**



Guest Speaker:

Our speaker for the evening needed no real introduction, but David Cannon formally welcomed Dr Joe McGirr MP to the rostrum, reminding members that Dr McGirr has represented us as the member for Wagga Wagga in the NSW Parliament since he won a by-election in September 2018 and a subsequent State election in March 2019. He has worked in regional NSW for more than 30 years, firstly in emergency medicine, then in health and hospital management, followed by time in university administration before entering politics.

Dr Joe began by referring to Vida's last statement and suggested that for the sake of his reputation he should perhaps decline the invitation to speak!

Staying away from all things political (with a state election looming), Dr McGirr spoke to us of his love of living in Wagga Wagga. This city is booming, and with increasing population comes the demand for improved infrastructure. We currently have very low unemployment which means we are seeing a shortage of workers in several key areas, including health, hospitality, transport, and trades. Clearly we need to attract more people to come and live here. Attracting extra workers increases the need for housing and health services and recreational opportunities. Careful management and development of these services will see Wagga maintain its attractive status.

Dr McGirr continued by pondering this question: 'What factors contribute to making a place attractive for people to move to?' He suggested there are three.

- It needs to be a good place to work. There need to be jobs available and the support systems to facilitate work (e.g. housing, childcare,).
- There needs to be opportunity for career progress/pathways. Wagga has great schools, TAFE, CSU, and a local Medical School.



- There needs to be a sense of 'community'. People prefer to live in places where they feel welcome and supported. A sense of 'belonging' often rates highly when people are asked why they like living in a particular place. Dr McGirr finished by commending Rotary for its strong contribution to the 'liveability' of places like Wagga.

Several questions from the floor touched on a variety of subjects, including the changing role of GP's, pharmacists as prescribers, support for veterans and the need for swimming lessons. Graham Russell moved a vote of thanks which was heartily endorsed by all present.

District Event:

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.

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!

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](#)

Next meeting:

On Thursday 23rd Feb we will welcome **Kieran Molloy/Ned Evans** from **Wellways**, which offers tailored services designed to support people affected by mental health issues or disability, as well as their families, friends and carers.

Don't forget: 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.

