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**BULLETIN NO: 05.**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2022.**

**AUGUST IS ROTARY MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION MONTH MONTH.**

Club meets at the **WAGGA WAGGA COUNTRY CLUB**, **6:00 PM for 6.30 PM** (unless stated otherwise below).

**Duty Roster:** Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot fulfil your rostered duty & inform our Bulletin Reporter.

Date:	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug.
<b>PROGRAMME:</b>	Skye Lewington	Adam Drummond	TBA
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Vicky Donoghue Shishir Bhengra	David Kennedy Brad Bland	Geoff Treloar David Cannon
<b>GREETER:</b>	Marion Moran	Mike Murray	David Payne
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	Don Pembleton	Gary Roberts	Graham Russell
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>	Vicky Donoghue	MaryAnn Kelly	Peter Olson
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b>	Lyndal Seymour	David Cannon	TBA
<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>	Elaine Almond	Philip Cross	Lyndal Seymour
<b>BULLETIN REPORTER:</b>	Vida Smart	Peter Olson	David Payne
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil

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

**IMPORTANT:** *If you are unable to attend a meeting:*

Please lodge an apology with **THE COUNTRY CLUB OFFICE 6922 6444 (Ext. 1)** by **NOON on TUESDAY** (or pre-record same in the book provided at the meeting attendance table).

*Also, for catering purposes, please advise if bringing a guest to a meeting.*

## MEETING REPORT:

### Attendance.

Our meeting this week was held at the Country Club. President David Wynne called all those present to stand for the Invocation, followed by a Toast to Rotary International, to our Club, and to the memory of Archie Roach. He then welcomed 27 members plus Guest Speakers Mark Horton (CEO Sunflower House) and Sandra Kirk, plus Shane Carroll, guest of Margaret Everett.

### Club Matters.

From the President: -

- ◆ **Regionalisation of Rotary.** President David gave a brief outline of a comprehensive proposal about something he considers extremely important. He said “There is a vote coming up in September by all Rotary Clubs in a pilot program for the regionalisation of areas. This has been in the wings for 6 years that I know of, and I might add, rather covertly at times. Well, it’s exploded onto the scene like a bushfire. The program would include Australia, New Zealand, Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, New Caledonia, Norfolk Island, PNG, Timor Leste, Tonga, and Vanuatu combining into one region! The overarching aim of it is to provide better and more direct support to the Clubs through a less layered and more devolved contemporary approach. They then go on to list what they hope to achieve by it all, but essentially governance will be the main issue. A paid Administrator will take over the Zone and all communications and a reduction of the burden placed upon past and present Club leaders. After reading all information I could on it, and believe me there’s quite a bit available, I for one still have reservations on how this new hierarchy could be more effective. My main concern is the loss of identity to our area when we are lumped together in a quarter of the world. The lessening of the tiered present structure will rob us of an Area Governor, who is our closest contact to the ‘head sherangs’ and likely a local who knows and has a feeling for their area. A Regional Governor will be installed on a 2 to 3 year term. The region covered would be massive. PDG roles will eventually peter out – and those most respected Rotarians will be moved to the backbenches over time and will merely become the custodians of Rotary history and play a small advisory role.”

Future meetings of our Club will include video presentations about this issue so that members can make informed decisions when it comes time to vote on the proposal.

**Editor’s note:** Members should have received an email from Judy Ford (District Regionalisation Representative D9705) inviting them to participate in one of three information sessions in the lead-up to the vote. Here are the details:

Thursday 18 August 6pm <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86857956265>

Wednesday 24 August 6pm <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86732185564>

Thursday 8 September 6pm <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86254919762>

- ◆ **Science and Engineering Challenge:** The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Science and Engineering Challenge, held last week, with 8 schools and 200 students participating – was an overwhelming success thanks to the volunteers from various Clubs who helped out. The RAAF School of Technical Training provided 17 Trainees to help and by all reports, they were an absolute pleasure to work with. Next year the Committee is hopeful of staging the event back into the normal time slot of early March.



◆ **Rotary Youth:**

- Vida Smart informed members that due to a prior commitment by students, there would be no Clontarf breakfast on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August. Peter Smart and David Wynne are rostered for Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August.
- We are still seeking a suitable candidate to attend RYLA, as previously identified candidates have withdrawn. Vida indicated that ideally a RYLA candidate would be a young person who is working full or part time, and has their employer's support to attend RYLA.

The Handbook can be downloaded using this link: <https://rotary9705.org.au/page/ryla/>

- ◆ Graeme Callander informed members that Legacy is in urgent need of volunteers to assist with their fundraising activities.

**HONESTY IS ALIVE!!** To our surprise, two staff members of the Country Club “borrowed” the microphone to tell us that a substantial quantity of money (in notes) had been found in the male facilities. Several members, including some who have NO reason to be in the ‘male facilities’ volunteered to have lost it. It was suggested that serial numbers might need to be quoted to ensure the funds were returned to the rightful owner. After much laughter, honesty prevailed, and it became obvious that a non-Rotarian had been counting his loot in the loo!

**Short & Sweet.**

One of our resident musicians, David Kennedy, provided an introduction to ‘Syncopation’, and within seconds had all those present clapping along to the ‘off beat’ (with varying degrees of success). He told us that the origins of the ‘off-beat’ date back to the development of Jazz in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century. He provided examples of how this ‘off beat’ is commonly used in rock and roll today. We look forward to further musicianship lessons in future!!

**Fines Session.**

Lyndal Seymour stepped up to collect coins wherever they could be found. Several Rotarians were victims of Lyndal's excellent ‘listening skills’ and were fined for ‘certain admissions’. In order to protect the reputations of those members, none of these admissions will be published here!



**Guest Speaker.**



Sunflower House was established with the aim of providing a community mental health service in Wagga Wagga. It is a shining example of local people coming together to make something happen when there is a perceived need. We were privileged to have the company of **Mr Mark Horton** (President of Sunflower House) and **Ms Sandra Kirk** (Senior Mental Health Officer at Sunflower House) as our guests. Mark spoke about how he became involved with Sunflower House, and how he has assisted its growth and development into a sophisticated NDIS-compliant service provider for the local community. Sandra spoke

passionately about her work with the clients of Sunflower House, and how vital this service is in providing support for people with lived experience of mental health issues.  
Sunflower house welcomes support and involvement from community members.

After questions from the floor, David Friedlieb thanked our guests on behalf of all those present.

### **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW OVERDUE: -**

Annual subscriptions are now overdue. Facilities exist for paying six-monthly if required. Talk to Nepal if you wish to avail yourself of this option.

The preferred method of payment is via electronic transfer to the Club's General Account: -

Acc Name: Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Inc (General Acc)  
Bank: Beyond Bank – BSB: 325 185  
Account Number: 03739311

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

- **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Aug** Art Auction – works by quadriplegic Chris Campbell.
- **Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Sep** Club Meeting – featuring Ukraine Embassy representative.
- **Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Sep** Narrandera Golf function
- **Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Oct** E-Club Brindabella Trivia Night (Wagga RSL Club)
- **21/23 Oct** D9705 Conference (Joyes Hall, CSU Wagga Wagga)
- **Thu 1<sup>st</sup> Dec** Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga SHINE AWARDS
- **20/21 May 2023** Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga BOOK FAIR

### **A SAMPLE OF THE 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -**



## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -**

(7<sup>th</sup> Aug – 13<sup>th</sup> Aug)

- Birthdays:** Peter Veerhuis (09/08), Wendy Bijker (09/08) & Lynne Olson (12/08).
- Rotary Anniversaries:** Nil.
- Wedding Anniversaries:** Mike & Carol Murray (09/08).



## ≈ KOOKABURRA ≈

A man goes to a pet shop and tells the owner he wants to buy a pet that can do anything. The shop owner suggests a loyal dog. The man replies 'Come on....a dog???' The owner says 'How about a cat?' The man replies 'No way! A cat certainly can't do everything!'

The shop owner thinks for a minute and then says, 'I've got it! A centipede!'

The man says 'A centipede? I can't imagine a centipede doing everything, but okay....I'll try a centipede.'

He brings the centipede home and says to the centipede, 'Clean the kitchen.' 30 minutes later, he walks into the kitchen and.....it's immaculate! All the dishes and silverware have been washed, dried and put away, the countertops cleaned, the appliances sparkling and the floors waxed.

He is absolutely amazed. He says to the centipede, 'Go clean the living room.' Twenty minutes later, he enters the living room to find the carpet vacuumed, the furniture cleaned and dusted, the sofa pillows plumped, and the plants watered.

The man thinks to himself, 'This is the most amazing thing I have ever seen. This really is a pet that can do everything!'

Then he says to the centipede, 'Run down to the corner and get me a newspaper.'

The centipede walks out the door.

10 minutes later.....no centipede.

20 minutes later.....no centipede.

30 minutes later.....no centipede.

At this point the man wonders what is going on. The centipede should have been back within 5 minutes.

So he goes to the front door, opens it.... and there is the centipede sitting on the front step.

The man says 'Hey, I sent you down to the corner 45 minutes ago to get me a newspaper. What is happening?'

The centipede says, 'I'm going! I'm just putting my shoes on!'

*(And that was five minutes of your life that you won't get back!!)*

