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BULLETIN NO: 06.

Thursday 11th 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 18 th Aug.	Thursday 25 th Aug.	Thursday 1 st Sept.
PROGRAMME:	Adam Drummond	Club Night	TBA
ATTENDANCE:	David Kennedy Brad Bland	Geoff Treloar Margaret Keys	Elle Palmer Jenny Masters
GREETER:	Mike Murray	Gerry Page	Don Pembleton
SHORT & SWEET:	Gary Roberts	Graham Russell	John Heazlewood
FINES-MASTER:	Peter Olson	Peter Olson	David Friedlieb
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	David Cannon	Not required	TBA
VOTE OF THANKS:	Philip Cross	Not required	MaryAnn Kelly
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Peter Olson	David Payne	Vicky Donoghue
MEETINGS:	Nil	Board Meeting 8pm	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.

President David opened the meeting with the Invocation and a toast to the lives of three famous Australians who passed away this week: Olivia Newton John, Judith Durham and Johnny Famechon. There were 34 members in attendance this evening, with apologies received from 11 members. Guests Reece Coulls (Graham Russell) and Bobita Das (Elle Palmer) were warmly welcomed, as was returning guest Tiffany Purvis.

A special welcome was made for Skye Lewington, tonight's Guest Speaker, a friend of Lyndal Seymour.



Health Updates.

Terry Mecham's fractured ribs are healing well and reports that he now has his appetite back, which is a good sign.

President David was about to give the club an update on Bill Prest since his discharge from hospital, but then spotted Bill sitting at the back of the room. Welcome back Bill!

Club Matters.

- ◆ A reminder that the Art Auction of quadriplegic Chris Campbell is taking place on Sunday 28th August at the Curious Rabbit Coffee Shop in Johnston Street. President David put forward the suggestion that the club as a whole buy a painting, which can then be raffled off within the club one evening, with the winner receiving the painting. This would support Chris Campbell and at the same time give our club some exposure in the community.
- ◆ On 15th September the Ukraine Embassy representative will be attending our meeting and giving a presentation. We will be sending out invitations to any Non-Rotarians who are interested in attending e.g. to civic/community representatives. Members' guests are welcome, however numbers are required ASAP. The event will be opened to other Rotary clubs in Wagga if there is space available. Prime 7 will be covering the event.
- ◆ Brad Bland has a 'Golf Day' coming up on 29th September 2022 at Narrandera. Speak to him for details.
- ◆ The Miss Wagga Wagga Quest is having a Masquerade Ball on 27th August at the Wagga RSL. Tickets are \$100/per head, and the event supports many local charities including Pro Patria.
- ◆ Pete Smart attended a reception with the Directors of Angel Flight this week. They gave an update of their activities in the last couple of years. The event was well attended by Country Hope, Wagga Council, Michael McCormack etc. Pete also updated the club on a conversation he had with Dr Celine Hamid who was one of the surgeons involved in ROMAC.
- ◆ Gordon Sagers showed club members a new information card he is getting printed to put in with the sunflower seeds. (Sunflowers for Ukraine project). He had the thought that members might sell the seeds to neighbours in their streets and when they flower at Christmas, whole streets would look supportive and would be making a statement. We could suggest \$5 a packet initially, but happy to accept a gold coin if that's what the person could afford. He also suggested involving other Rotary Clubs in the Wagga area, and asking them to get involved with selling the seeds.



- ◆ Graeme Callander asked those members who were keen to attend the 'Biggest Ever Blokes Lunch' which is on Friday 2nd September 2022. Tickets are \$130/each, and he needs to know tonight if anyone is interested in going.
- ◆ President David once again reminded club members that if they haven't read anything about the **Regionalisation of Rotary** proposal that is coming up, they REALLY need to do this ASAP. This is an important vote that is coming up that will affect every Rotarian. To find the information just google 'Rotary Regionalisation'. Our meeting of 25th August will feature two short videos on the proposal, followed by a discussion.
- ◆ The Board will meet on 25th August. Committee Chairs are asked to please give their reports to the appropriate Board member before this date.



Short & Sweet.



Don Pembleton entertained and educated us with some personal and Australian history. Upon his early retirement, he was invited to become a volunteer walker for the 'Hume and Hovell' Track. The track stretches over 440 Kms between Yass and Albury in NSW. Hamilton Hume and William Hovell were not great mates, but together in 1824 as the first Europeans they led an expedition that took an overland route from Sydney to Port Phillip, overcoming huge obstacles such as the Great Dividing Range, Murrumbidgee River etc

Don showed photos from the track at Tumbarumba, the Boardwalk across Chinaman's Creek and Cooma Cottage in Yass where Hamilton Hume lived, and which is now a museum.

Fines Session.

In memory of the two losses to the music world this week, Vicky Donoghue commenced her fine session by fining those born BEFORE Judith Durham (1943), then those born AFTER ONJ (1948). To get further inspiration for her fines, Vicky had looked up commemoration days for the previous week and found some hilarious examples of commemoration days run amok. She started with International Beer Day (lots of fines there), Dash Cam Day, UNDERPANTS day (?), Digital Nomad Day..(using data on your phone apparently), Tarantula Appreciation day (Yikes), and finally her favourite National Lazy Day....to name but a few of the 'Days' read out and fines that followed.



A final fine was made for a certain member of the club who left his covid-recovering wife at home whilst he went out of town, and forgot to move the cows, which resulted in some energetic rescuing of said cows from the flooded river, gate now underwater etc. You know who you are...

David Payne then won the raffle, a tiny bit too late to be excluded from paying any fines. Maybe next week David.

Guest Speaker.

Lyndal Seymour introduced her long-time friend Skye Lewington to the club.

Skye opened her presentation describing how she and her husband Derek had first met at Romano's and fallen in love almost at first sight. Despite her Mother's hope that Skye never end up marrying a farmer, that's exactly what happened. She and Derek have now been happily married for 16 years and have three children.

Skye has had a lot of experience with grief in her family and that plus the strong female role models in her life helped shape her into the determined, strong woman she is today.

Derek, Skye and their children were living 'their dream life' until 3.25pm on 30th June 2019 when Skye received a phone call to tell her that Derek had had a motorbike accident. He was talking but could not move his body.

In those few seconds their lives changed inexorably and completely.

Skye described to us those next few hours, days, weeks and months.

Derek was air-lifted to Sydney immediately and was initially at North Shore Hospital. He was on a ventilator for 11 long days, when it was not known if he would be able to come OFF the ventilator and breathe for himself.

He did.

However, he was a high-level quadriplegic, unable to move or feel any part of his body except his head and both Derek and Skye had to learn to live with this new reality.

Skye was determined that she was going to care for her husband, and she learnt how to become a Nurse, Respiratory Therapist, Physio, OT, Psychologist...to name but a few of the roles she had to learn in the next few months and years. Skye stayed in Sydney for 6 months with Derek. Their children took it in turns to visit overnight each month.

The couple's friends all rallied around them from the second of Derek's accident onwards.

Skye credits the strong connection that she and Derek share which enables her to be able to understand his needs the way she does, even from early on in his recovery when he was not able to talk for 6 weeks, and they used an alphabet board to communicate.

In the 3 years since his accident, Derek has adjusted to living at home and Skye has now learnt to be a hands-on farmer, (amongst her many other new jobs), though certain activities like welding, were quite challenging.

The whole family have learnt how to care for Derek, and it has become a normal part of their lives. When Derek had a



cardiac arrest over Easter 2021, it took 45 mins for the ambulance to get to their farm. Skye and the children saved his life because they initiated CPR immediately, and without that, Derek would not have survived.

Skye is an inspirational woman who finds strength and resilience every day to do what must be done.

To Skye, there has never been an option of giving up, no matter what the universe was going to throw at her and Derek.

Elaine Almond gave the vote of thanks and Skye was given a standing ovation from the members of our club as a mark of respect for her humility and dedication.



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: -

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Account Number: 03739311

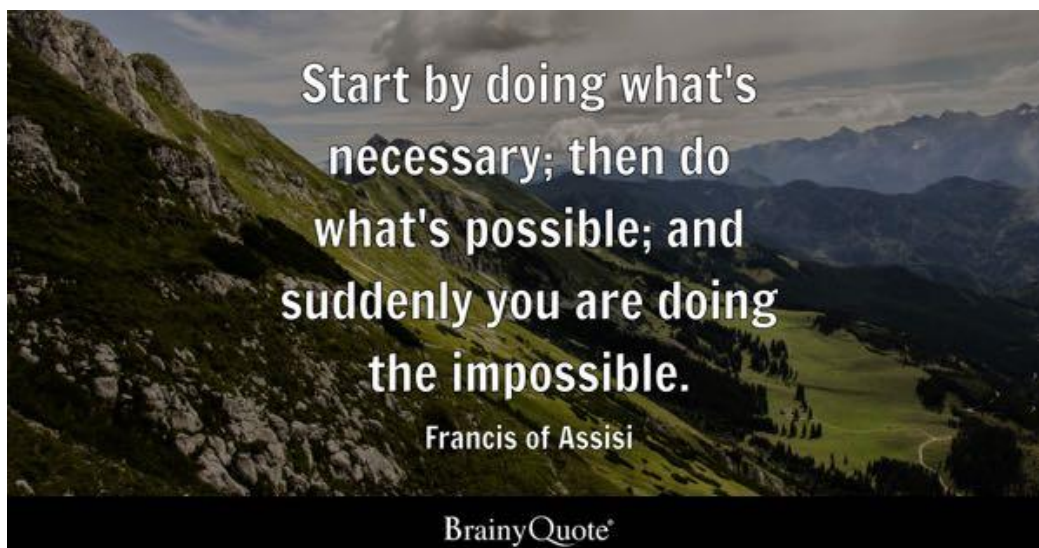
PLEASE BLOCK-OUT THE FOLLOWING DATES IN YOUR DIARY: -

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(14th Aug – 20th Aug)

Birthdays: Vicky Donoghue (18/8)
Rotary Anniversaries: Nil
Wedding Anniversaries: Nil



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KEG	EKG
Acid rock	Acid reflux
Seeds and stems	Fibre
Hoping for a BMW	Hoping for a BM
Going to a new hip joint	Getting a new hip joint
Rolling Stones	Kidney stones
Disco	Costco
Whatever	Depends

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