



**ROTARY CLUB  
OF WAGGA WAGGA**

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**BULLETIN NO: 09.**

**Thursday 1st September 2022.**

**SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY 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 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept.
<b>PROGRAMME:</b>	Nepal Ghosh <i>Cryptocurrency</i>	Special Ukraine Dinner	TBA
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Philip Cross David Kennedy	Margaret Keys Vicky Donoghue	David Kennedy Geoff Treloar
<b>GREETER:</b>	Gary Roberts	Graham Russell	Peter Veerhuis
<b>SHORT &amp; SWEET:</b>	Gordon Sagers	Lyndal Seymour	Bryan Short
<b>FINES-MASTER:</b>	David Friedlieb	Don Pembleton	Gary Roberts
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER:</b>	Shishir Bhengra	Gary Roberts	TBA
<b>VOTE OF THANKS:</b>	David Friedlieb	Gordon Sagers	TBA
<b>BULLETIN REPORTER:</b>	Ellen Brasier	Gerry Page	Don Pembleton
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	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.**

The meeting was called to order by President David, who, after the invocation, proposed a toast to Australia and to the Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing. RC Hoppers Crossing is part of District 9800 and is the home club of visiting Rotarian Khurram Khan who joined us for the evening. Tiffany Purvis joined us once again. A warm welcome was extended to our guest speaker, Dr Mark Wotherspoon, and his wife Clair.

### **Club Matters.**

#### **President David Wynne**

- The club meeting on September 15 will feature the representative from the Ukrainian Embassy. Club members should by now have either **booked and paid for dinner or registered an apology**. IF THIS IS NOT THE CASE, PLEASE ATTEND TO THIS MATTER, PLEASE ACT NOW. Places have now been offered to other clubs and the public. Bookings close 8 September. There will be an attendance cap on the night of 150 people.
- Lillier Lodge BBQ evening is on Wednesday September 21, and 3-4 helpers are required. A roster sheet was circulated.
- The E-Club of Brindabella Trivia Night is on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October at the RSL Club.
- The Rotary District 9705 Conference is on 21st to 23rd October to be held here in Wagga at Joyes Hall, Charles Sturt University. Our Club is rostered to assist with tasks for this event, including setting up furniture. Please be prepared to make yourself available when required. A roster sheet was circulated so members could register their availability.
- A reminder: The Amie St Clair Melanoma / Melanoma Institute of Australia is conducting a free skin check on **Mole Check for Amie Day**, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September at Riverina Day Surgery, 2 Meurant Avenue, from 9:00am until 2:00pm. To book your appointment, go to the website: <https://melanoma.org.au/event/mole-check-for-amie-day/>
- The Chris Campbell Art Auction was held last weekend, with several members attending and purchasing artworks. Special thanks to John Heazlewood who worked hard as the 'penciller' for the auctioneer (our own President David). In all, the event raised \$4500 which Chris will put towards the purchase of an updated wheelchair.
- Wollundry Rotary Club is seeking volunteers to assist with their Gears & Beers Festival which will run on the October long weekend. Traditionally, our Club has provided a lot of help, filling positions as checkpoint marshals and motorcycle escorts. This is a huge event on the Wagga calendar and puts Rotary out there in front of thousands of people. Wollundry relies on support from all the surrounding Clubs to ensure its success. Some members gave their names to Ellen on Thursday, and these will be passed on to Wollundry. More volunteers are needed. If you can spare some time on the Saturday or Sunday, please contact David Byfield ([djbyfield44@yahoo.com.au](mailto:djbyfield44@yahoo.com.au)) to register. (Ellen will be away after next week so is unable to pass on any further names.)
- Our Club will vote on the Regionalisation Pilot Project in the second half of September. President David has urged members to continue their own research about this proposal and be ready to vote when the time comes.

For more info go the website: <https://www.rotaryzone8.org/page/rotary-regionalisation-project>

#### **Peter Smart**

- Peter reported that the Pro Patria Centre is progressing well and is looking to open in four weeks. In preparation for this, the grounds need tidying up. Any workers would be greatly appreciated.

## Gary Roberts

Gary provided details of the agenda for the visit of the Deputy Head of Mission of Ukraine who will be our Club guest on 15th September.

Briefly, it is as follows:

**Thursday pm:** \*Visit RIFL Hub at Bomen

\*Visit Flipscreen

**4 members able to accompany. Talk to Gary.**

\*Rotary Dinner Meeting

**Friday 10.00am:** \*Civic Welcome.

**10-15 members are able to attend. Talk to Gary.**

followed by \*Visit to Peace memorial.

**David Payne** and **Philip Tome** will assist.

**Members are invited to attend**

## Dinner arrangements:

There will be three 'official' tables. General tables will be of 8 to 10 people. If you have a group which you would like seated together, please let Gary know. We will do our best to accommodate requests but cannot guarantee everyone's wishes.

If you or any of your guests have dietary requirements, please inform Vicky this week. Invitations to join us for this event have now been circulated in the community. At last count, more than 80 people have already booked and paid.



## Gordon Sagers

- In support of the 'Sunflowers for Ukraine' project, our Club will be assembling seed packages using the donated seeds and the cards which have been printed. Gordon asked for volunteers to undertake this task, and several members took supplies home. At the end of the evening, it was decided to conduct a '**WORKING BEE**'.

**WHAT:** Assemble seed packets for Sunflowers project

**WHO:** Any members.... *many hands make light work*

**WHEN:** **4.30pm Thursday 8th September** (i.e. before our next meeting!)

**WHERE:** Country Club

## Gerry Page

- Gerry stepped up to provide a glimpse into the past, informing members that it was 20 years ago this week that the proposal to conduct a Book Fair as a fundraiser was first proposed. Don Pembleton was the president at the time. The idea was adopted, and preparations began, with the first Book Fair (a much smaller event than the epic it has become) taking place on 10th May 2003.

## Mike Murray

- Mike invited members to sponsor him on 'The Long Run', which aims to raise awareness and funds to help men survive prostate cancer. The aim is to cover 72km (run, walk, wheel) in September, which is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. All donations will be gratefully accepted.

## Short & Sweet.



Visiting Rotarian **Khurram Khan**'s early interactions with Rotary came about because he saw Rotary as an organisation which provided opportunities, sponsorships, and scholarships..... 'a good source of charity'! As he found out more, he liked what he saw, and instead of just using the opportunities, he decided to become a member at the tender age of 19. That was eight years ago. He has since held a variety of positions within RC Hoppers Crossing, including a term as President. He is currently the Area Governor of the Calder cluster, in District 9800 (north of Melbourne). What he loves about Rotary is how easy it is to meet new people, particularly because Rotary meetings are always such welcoming gatherings. Khurram works in the Banking sector and is visiting Wagga to attend his brother's Marching Out Parade at Kapooka. He presented President David with the Club Pennant of Hoppers Crossing.

## Fines Session.

Peter Smart managed to extract funds from all and sundry by fining all those who had been diligent and had done some 'personal research' regarding the Regionalisation Pilot Project, and then fining all those who had been lazy and hadn't bothered! He tapped all those who had attended the Sydney Dance Company performance at the Civic Theatre and/or the Art Auction. There was a special fine for the lady who sat next to him and nearly fell asleep (*do we know her???*) Continuing the cultural theme, Peter then fined anyone who plays a musical instrument or does any form of 'arty farty stuff'.



On a more sombre note, he mentioned the passing of Mikhail Gorbachev, who had a very distinctive birthmark on his forehead. This is known as a port wine stain. Peter targeted anyone who had imbibed either port or wine in the last week..... needless to say, many were relieved of some coinage for that one!!

## Guest Speaker.

Gordon Saggars introduced the evening's Guest Speaker, Dr Mark Wotherspoon. Mark came to Wagga via military (dental) service at Kapooka and didn't really leave after that, having met his wife, Clair. His civilian career has seen him practise dentistry at Junee Jail and in Junee itself. He enjoyed 15 years working with Gordon at Best St Dental Surgery, where they pioneered the provision of after-hours emergency dental services. This sparked Dr Mark's interest in providing dental services to patients who could not travel to the surgery, namely those who are housebound, in nursing homes or in aged care.

Dr Mark showed us the portable equipment he uses in his travels as a mobile dentist. It is a well-equipped trolley which packs neatly and fits into the back of the car. He also introduced us to 'Gordon', the model he uses to instruct carers on the correct way to brush a person's teeth, and remove, clean, and replace dentures.



'Dentist To Your Door' has been running successfully for several years now and continues to develop. The vast majority of services offered are preventative, with anything requiring a local anaesthetic still being referred to a fixed dental practice. Dr Mark believes that maintaining the dignity of the patient is very important and his visits to aged care residents take place in the privacy of the person's room.



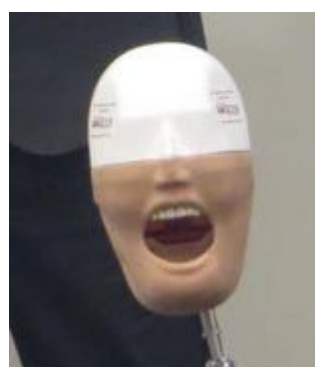
Dr Mark is also the inventor of 'Dr Mark's hygienie', a unique system for cleaning dentures.

His work also includes upskilling carers with regard to the daily dental care of their patients. He has even spoken to sporting organisations about how to correctly look after mouthguards.

David Kennedy thanked Mark for his comprehensive presentation. Mark was delighted to know that 'ten children somewhere in the world' will receive polio immunisations as a result of his visit.



Our members helping to raise \$30,000 at the Biggest Ever Blokes Lunch



'Gordon'

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

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| <b>Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Sep</b> | <b>Club Meeting – featuring Ukraine Embassy representative</b> |
| <b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Sep</b>   | <b>Catering BBQ at Lilier Lodge</b>                            |
| <b>Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Sep</b> | <b>Narrandera Golf function</b>                                |
| <b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>    | <b>E-Club Brindabella Trivia Night (Wagga RSL Club)</b>        |
| <b>21-23 Oct</b>                 | <b>D9705 Conference (Joyes Hall, CSU Wagga Wagga)</b>          |
| <b>28-30 Oct</b>                 | <b>Zone 8 Conference (Canberra)</b>                            |
| <b>Thu 1<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>    | <b>Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga SHINE AWARDS</b>                 |
| <b>20/21 May 2023</b>            | <b>Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga BOOK FAIR</b>                    |

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -**

(4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Sept)

**Birthdays:** Nil

**Rotary Anniversaries:** Bruce Barber (2009 +Griffith East 1983-2009)

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Bryan & Sally Short, Peter & Lynne Olson



**IN PICTURES.....**



## ≈ KOOKABURRA ≈

It's Fathers' Day this week, so here they are.....DAD JOKES!



Q Where does a three-legged horse live?

A In an unstable.

Q What did the drummer call his twin daughters?

A Anna one, Anna two!

Q Why don't tuna swim north past Townsville?

A Because they're scared they might end up in Cairns.

Q What do you call a postman on the dole?

A Pat

Q Why does the Norway navy have barcodes on the side of their ships?

A So when they come home they can Scandinavian.

Q What did the buffalo say to his son as he left for school?

A Bison



Everyone has heard of the historical figure Karl Marx.

But no-one has heard of his sister Onya, who invented the starting pistol.

Two goldfish in a tank!

They both looked at each other and said, 'Do you know how to drive this thing???'

I used to be a tap dancer, but I had to give it up.

I kept falling into the sink.

I saw a TV on sale, but the volume was stuck on loud.

I couldn't turn it down.

Today my son asked, 'Can I have a bookmark?' and I burst into tears.

11 years old and he still doesn't know my name is Brian!!!

