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**BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA Inc. - CHARTERED 1930** 

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#### THE FOUR WAY TEST:

Of the things we think, say or do: -

- Is it the truth?
- > Is it fair to all concerned?
- > Will it build goodwill & better friendships?
- > Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

**BULLETIN NO: 20.** 

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

## **NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION 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:	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec.	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec.
PROGRAMME:	Annual General Meeting.	TBA.	Club Christmas Party.
ATTENDANCE:	Margaret Keys Geoff Treloar	Jenny Masters Vicky Donoghue	TBA
SHORT & SWEET:	Jenny Masters	Terry Mecham	TBA
FINES-MASTER:	Bryan Short	Peter Olson	TBA
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Not Required	TBA	Not Required
VOTE OF THANKS:	Not Required	Philip Cross	Not Required
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Peter Veerhuis	Don Pembleton	Bryan Short
MEETINGS:	Nil	Nil	Nil

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

## **Registration For Meetings -**

Registration for meetings has now changed to 'Opt-in'- and the deadline is now noon on MONDAY.

**IMPORTANT:** Members are requested to register their attendance/apology and any guest's details <u>using the link</u> in the email that they receive each week. Members without internet access, or those members who have lodged ongoing absence need to <u>register their attendance</u> by contacting Club Sergeant Graeme Callander (by email: - graeme.callander43@gmail.com) before noon on the Monday preceding the meeting.

#### **MEETING REPORT: -**

### Attendance.

The meeting was opened by chairman Dave with the Rotary Invocation plus a toast to Rotarians Worldwide.

Thirty one members were in attendance – plus Club Guest, Peter Ware (our Key-Note speaker), visiting Rotarian David Benn (Wollundry) and Alok's son Varoon, freshly returned from completing his VSC.

Celebrations of note included Birthdays – David Payne; Rotary Anniversaries, Lyndal Seymour & Ellen Brasier plus John and Jane Heazlewood celebrated a wedding anniversary. Congratulations all.



### Sick List.

Graham Russell has now contracted COVID whilst Tony Hutchinson is improving. Terry Mecham has suffered a minor relapse but is also on the recovery trail. Alan Lean is now slowly improving in health.

## **Administration Matters.**

President David's Club Information and Director Reports: -

- The financially destitute lady with the handicapped children has forwarded an email via her case worker expressing her thanks for the generosity of Wagga Rotary Club in buying, delivering and installing a **New** Clothes Dryer. Thanks to Vicky, John Heazlewood and Graham Russell for making this happen.
- 2. The **Wagga Christmas Carols** are proceeding and our club sponsorship has been paid. The carols are set for 10<sup>th</sup> December, the venue, the Memorial Gardens. We will be running our **BBQ** from 5.00 PM to around 10.00 PM. Thus two shifts of 2.5 hours will be organised. 6-8 members are needed for each shift so please LOCK IT IN your diary.
- 3. **PCYC Opening Day** Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 8.30 AM to 2.00 PM. Once again, there will be two **BBQ** shifts (8.30 AM to 11.00 AM & 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM). Many hands will be needed.
- 4. **Girls At The Centre**, at Mt Austin High is a similar concept to Clontarf however, it caters for disadvantaged girls, including indigenous students. It is funded by the Smith Family and sponsored by the Bomen Solar Farm. The program appears to be less funded than Clontarf, but equally stringent in



their expectations of the pupil's commitment (e.g. 90% attendance rate or you're out). The program draws participants from throughout the Riverina region - and there is already a waiting list. The movement is not looking for donations, but our members would be most welcome to occasionally act in a mentoring role.

- 5. Young Rotaractors are launching a new club initiative called "**Mental Health Matters**" on 28<sup>th</sup> November where they will be conducting training on Suicide Prevention looking at "QPR" (Question, Persuade, Refer), teaching people how to identify the warning signs and provide participants with the confidence to talk to persons at risk and connecting them with professional care. Additional information is available from the Rotaract Club of Wagga Wagga.
- 6. The Club Christmas Party is set for Thursday 8th December.
  - a) The cost is \$50 per person and pre-payment is required. EFPOS payments are preferred and can be processed at next Thursday's meeting. No bookings will be accepted after 1<sup>st</sup> December.



- b) Members are requested to bring along a Gift, Suitable for a Child Please wrap the gift appropriately, and label it with the recommended age & gender. The gifts will be forwarded to local charities for distribution to needy children.
- c) The venue is Paul and Judy Galloway's home 41 Plumpton Road Kooringal.
- d) Daryl and Doris Lamotte are catering.
- 7. The **Rotaract Trivia Night** will be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Why not make up a table??? Tickets are still available by 'clicking onto' this link: -

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trivia-night-tickets-442634059387

#### Short & Sweet.

This session was delivered by Margaret Everett who spoke about her greatgrandmother, Anne Charlotte Parks (called Charlotte)

On 1 May 1947, at the age of 87, she was interviewed on 2GB radio on a program called "Old-Timers' Hit Parade". On the program, she recalled her early days working in Wangaratta.



She covered many interesting matters, such as the first railway train coming from Benalla and the flooding of the Ovens and King Rivers, but one of the most interesting stories was the Kelly Gang who would regularly come from nearby Greta into town on Saturdays. Their final hold-up was at the Glenrowan Hotel and Post Office in June 1880, where Dan Kelly died and Ned was captured.

Charlotte was a dressmaker for a Miss Hanlon and helped make the mourning frocks for Ned & Dan's mother, aunt and sisters. They were typical mourning frocks of the era, with black crepe flounces on the blouse fronts



During Ned's trial the press commented on how attractive the sisters looked in their dark dresses & morning veils

On 11<sup>th</sup> November 1880, Ned was hanged, and three months later Ellen Kelly was released from prison and the family had their photo taken. It showed both Ellen and her daughters in their mourning frocks.

## Fines-Master Session.

David Friedlieb, noted that our speaker's presentation on Carbon Capture & Saving The Planet was imminent. Consequently, his fines were centred around the savings members have made – such as migrating to the RSL Club for our weekly meetings, resulting in our weekly dinner fees dropping from \$31.00 to \$25.00 – we were encouraged to share our windfall with the Club's Service Account.

Many other fines were handed out in a similar theme. Well done David.

#### Key-Note Speaker

Peter Ware was introduced by Brad Bland who has known Peter for many years.

Carbon Farming is a whole-of-farm approach to optimizing carbon capture on working landscapes by implementing practices that are known to improve the rate at which CO<sub>2</sub> is removed from the atmosphere and stored in plant material and/or soil organic matter. Carbon Farming is a framework for engaging with the agroecosystem processes that drive system change. It explicitly recognizes that it is solar energy that drives farm ecosystem dynamics, and that carbon is the carrier of that energy within the farm system. Carbon farming is synonymous with the term "regenerative agriculture" when that term is explicitly rooted in an

understanding of the underlying system dynamics and positive feedback processes that actually make a "regenerative" upward spiral of soil fertility and farm productivity possible.



Peter has a long history of working in the environmental sector and is self-employed in a company called Blackburn Agri and has a staff of four.

Their job is to re-assess farms using a separate database for each which involves mapping to assess and enable effective management.

The business advises each farm on various requirements such as Government legislation and what you can develop. There are many Government levels.

There is the Biodiversity Act from 2017, but this is proving inadequate and at present there are many 'holes' in the system which 'Corporate Shark' advisers are taking advantage of.

There are 26 processes and many of the methodologies are questionable and there are certified and uncertified carbon credits that can be sold on the market. There is an inquiry into the whole process at the moment.

If land owner receive money from the original assessment, a further assessment is undertaken some time later, and if there is less carbon saving than the previous time, then the difference must be refunded.

The Renewable Energy Commission is the body that is responsible for the cash flows and debits.

On our behalf, Bruce Barber moved the vote of thanks and presented the normal Polio Certificate.

#### **NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH: -**

'Service Above Self' and 'One Profits Most Who Serves Best', the Rotary official mottoes, can be traced back to the early days of the organization. In 1911, the second Rotary convention, in Portland, USA, approved the words 'He Profits Most Who Serves Best' as Rotary's official motto.

Soon after (1917), the Rotary Foundation was founded as a non-profit corporation that supports RI's efforts to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. The Foundation is supported solely by voluntary contributions.



The Foundation is s a non-political and non-religious organisation that is very highly regarded throughout the world. In fact, Charity Navigator sets The Rotary Foundation apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness – it has earned four stars (100%) for the Accountability & Finance beacon which provides an assessment of a charity's financial health (financial efficiency, sustainability, and trustworthiness) and its commitment to governance practices and policies.

Since 1965, the Foundation has expended in excess of US\$85 million supporting over 48,000 individuals in some 11,000 teams from more than 100 countries working to achieve the Foundation's objectives.



Tax deductible donations to the Foundation are highly recommended and can easily be achieved by supporting the Centurion Program currently being championed by Phil Cross.



#### **NEXT MEETING: -**

Next week we hold our Annual General Meeting to initiate incoming president John Heazlewood and his Board. Please ensure that you are in attendance to show your support. The venue is the Wagga Wagga RSL Club.

Acceptance/apology procedure is as previously explained – please ensure that you respond by the (noon) Monday deadline.



#### CLONTARF ACADEMY - FRIDAY MORNING BBQ BREAKFAST ROSTER.

Members' roster is printed below. Attendees should arrive in time to be admitted to the school security area at 8:00 AM.

Friday 25 Nov.
 Friday 2 Dec.
 Friday 8 Dec.
 David Kennedy & David Cannon
 John Heazlewood & David Friedlieb
 Tony Hutchinson & Lyndal Seymour.

Entrance to Mount Austin High School is via a Car Park in Leavenworth Drive (first 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 situated just outside the Clontarf Classroom.

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

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Nov.
 Club Annual General Meeting.

Sat. 26th Nov.
 BBQ duty at the new PCYC - Fitzharding Street

◆ Thurs. 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. Rotary Club of Wagga – Christmas Party at Galloway's

Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. Wagga Christmas Carols BBQ – volunteers required.

March 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 Rotary Club of Wagga – SHINE AWARDS.

◆ 20/21 May 2023 Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga – ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

### SOME 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -







Vida cooks for the Clontarf boys whilst the others offer encouragement.

Our 'scribe' - dutifully recording the notes for this Bulletin.

Peter, David & Mary Ann – seem to be happy with our new venue.

Birthdays: Nil

Rotary Anniversaries: Vicky Donoghue (23/11/17).

**Wedding Anniversaries:** David & Catherine Friedlieb (20/11).



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I had a lot of stuff to do today.

Now, I have a lot of stuff to do tomorrow.

Whoever put the "s" in fastfood, is a marketing genius.