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BULLETIN NO: 22.

Thursday 1st December 2022.

DECEMBER IS ROTARY DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT 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 8 th Dec.	Thursday 15 th Dec.	12 th January.
PROGRAMME:	Club Christmas Party.	No Meeting	TBA
ATTENDANCE:	Please Note Alteration of Venue: - Paul & Judy Galloway's home 41 Plumpton Road, TATTON.	Next Meeting Date: - 12 th January 2023	Elle Palmer Margaret Keys
SHORT & SWEET:			Ellen Brasier
FINES-MASTER:			Gary Roberts
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:			TBA
VOTE OF THANKS:			Graeme Callander
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Bryan Short		Vida Smart
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 **MONDAYS**.

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

MEETING REPORT: -

Attendance.



President David welcomed everyone to the meeting including Key-Note Speaker and visiting Rotarian (Coolamon), Garth Perkins. Our attendance was thirty seven members, plus our Key-Note Speaker.

David welcomed back a couple of members who have not been travelling all that well. It was great to see Tony Hutch and Graham Russell and to see Alan Lean a bit more regularly. Mike Murray let us know that Bill Prest looked like he was going to spend a few days in hospital.

Elaine Almond was back after a holiday in New Zealand.

Sick List.

Mike Murray reported that Bill Prest is in hospital with a complaint that appears to be relatively minor.

Administration Matters.

President David's Club Information and Director Reports: -

1. Last Saturday, we hosted a BBQ at the official opening of the new **PCYC** building. We did not sell a lot of sausage sandwiches – but it was a good relationship building exercise; and all in attendance had a tour of the new premises which are very impressive.
2. Saturday 10th December is the **Combined Churches Christmas Carols** at the Victory Memorial Gardens and we will be providing a BBQ from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Graham Russell volunteered to deliver the BBQ trailer and we need volunteers to help with the cooking. With Terry and Hutch on light duties, Elle Palmer has volunteered to help sort out supplies and organising. Thanks Elle.
3. **Club Christmas Party** numbers have been finalised, with helpers required to assist with the set-up at Galloways' between 2:00 and 3:00 PM on Thursday afternoon. A few flowers to decorate tables would be appreciated. In regard to children's gifts, we have been asked **not to wrap** them to enable the distribution to appropriate children. Also, if you are struggling to think of something appropriate, gift vouchers for 12-14 year olds might be an easy alternative.
4. This was our last formal meeting for 2022, with our Christmas Party next Thursday at Galloways' and then resumption of normal meetings back at the RSL on **12th January 2023**.
5. Sunrise Rotary will be selling real **Christmas Trees** at Bunnings carpark this Saturday from 8:00 AM.
6. **Rotaract Trivia Night** is on this Saturday and some tickets are still available. We need to support President Matt Crouch and his team.
7. The **Peace Ceremony** is locked in for Friday 26th February 2023. Our Club is seeking nominations of both individuals and groups to receive acknowledgement for their contribution to making Wagga Wagga and the world more peaceful.
8. Pres. David would also like to receive nominations for non-Rotarians to receive Paul Harris Fellowships.
9. Phil Cross presented Foundation Pins to new Club Centurions – Mike Murray, Jenny Masters and Geoff Treloar.
10. Phil also advised of the recent passing, in Canberra, of the mother of our first female president, Leone Harvey Smith at the age of 94.



Short & Sweet.

Terry Mecham presented our Short and Sweet this week. Terry had been a bit concerned about not being well and that his memory might be starting to wane. So he decided to test it out and took us down memory lane to where he grew up in inner western Sydney – Petersham, Summer Hill and Lewisham. This was in the early to mid-1940s. He told us about the crash of a Mosquito bomber doing war training over his school, Petersham Public School, in May 1945, with the death of the two pilots, and debris being strewn across the area including the school playground. Luckily no one else was injured.



Then in February 1946, a Royal Navy Firefly aircraft crashed into the Lewisham Hospital with the navigator and two of the hospital kitchen staff being killed. The Pilot managed to survive a parachute jump. Terry's memory of these couple of incidents was very vivid, and proved to us that there is still a bit of power left in that well matured brain.

Thanks for that interesting bit of history Terry.

Fines-Master Session.



Fines Master was Peter Olson, who collected from the usual birthday and anniversary celebrants. He then moved on to those who did not make it to the PCYC BBQ.

He then moved onto sporting activities, particularly soccer and cricket with fines for devotees of the Football World Cup and watchers of the Australia vs West Indies Test Cricket.

To finish up there were a number of 'Dad Jokes' and a few well-chosen one liners. Thanks Pete.

Key-Note Speaker:

Our Key-Note Speaker was Coolamon Rotarian Garth Perkins; he was introduced by President David.



Garth saw a Rotary Down Under advertisement, seeking participants for a fund-raising event supporting Shelter Box a RI program that provides emergency accommodation following disasters. The event was a Trek in Central Australia - walking the Larapinta trail. With almost no knowledge of what was involved, Garth signed up. Little did he know what was involved.

The trail extends for 223 KM, but could be done in shorter sections. A few of his fellow Coolamon Rotarians decided to go along and keep any eye out for him. In the end there were eight participants, four from Coolamon. The base cost was \$3,000 per person, but ultimately the group raised \$30,000.

In the end the group completed five days and covered 86 km, with 5:00 AM wake-ups, 6:00 AM departures then stopping at 2: PM. They slept on the ground in swags (temperature down to 2C at night) and had to carry four litres of water each, per day as part of their supplies.

Garth was usually 'dragging the chain' and finished significantly behind all the others, but although it was a most interesting and rewarding experience, but he did appreciate his bed when he got home.

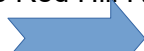


Garth was thanked by Phil Cross

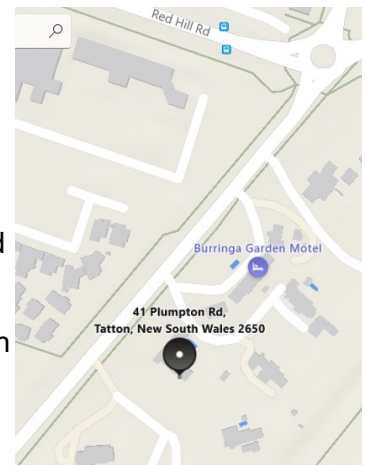
NEXT MEETING: -

Acceptances for next week are now closed. We meet at Paul & Judy Galloway's home, 41 Plumpton Road, Tatton for our

Annual Christmas Party.

Paul's house is on the eastern side of Plumpton Road, past the Red Hill Road roundabout and just south of the Burringa Motel (See map). 

Don't forget the dress in your most outrageous Christmas attire – and bring an **unwrapped** gift for a young child. The gifts will be delivered to local charities for distribution to local disadvantaged children.



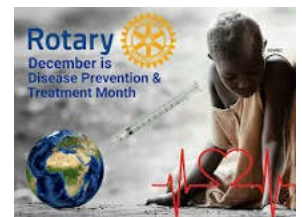
CLONTARF ACADEMY – FRIDAY MORNING BBQ BREAKFAST ROSTER.

The final event for this school term is next Friday (9th Dec) - Tony Hutchinson & Lyndal Seymour are the members nominated to attend. You arrive in time to be admitted to the school security area at 8:00 AM.

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 just outside the Clontarf Classroom.

DECEMBER IS ROTARY DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH: -

The work of Rotary begins in the community, and every community has its own unique needs and concerns. While we serve in countless ways, through The Rotary Foundation we've focused our efforts in six key areas to maximize our impact. These areas encompass some of the world's most critical and widespread humanitarian needs, and we have a proven record of success in addressing them. One of them is **Disease Prevention and Treatment.**



Rotary's top priority is the eradication of polio, but our members take on far greater responsibilities to fight disease. We set up health camps and training facilities in undeveloped countries and in communities struggling with HIV/AIDS and Malaria. We design and build the infrastructure for doctors, nurses, governments, and partners to reach the one in six people in the world who can't afford to pay for health care.

Disease prevention and treatment takes on many forms, from supporting studies to helping immunize people to improving drinking water and the sanitation infrastructure. The world relies on Rotary to tackle these global challenges, and to set an example for others to follow.

Here are some suggestions on how Rotary clubs, Districts and our service partners can address these needs both locally and internationally: -

- ◆ Support health education programs that explain how diseases are spread and promote ways to reduce the risk of transmission.
- ◆ Help immunise people against infectious diseases.
- ◆ Support continuing education and training for health workers through scholarships, and public recognition.
- ◆ Improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in underserved areas.

- ◆ Improve sanitation facilities by providing toilets and latrines that flush into a sewer or safe enclosure.
- ◆ Promote good hygiene habits through education.
- ◆ Develop or support programs that provide immunizations and antibiotics.



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

- **Sat 3rd Dec,** **Rotaract Trivia Night**
- **Thurs. 8th Dec.** **Rotary Club of Wagga – Christmas Party at Galloway's**
- **Sat. 10th Dec.** **Wagga Christmas Carols BBQ – volunteers required.**
- **16th March 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: -



Key-Note Speaker Garth takes us on a trek to the Red Centre.



Terry relates tales of the Bermuda Lewishman Triangle.



Members 'hanging onto' Garth's stories.



John welcome Elaine back from that land 'over the ditch' NZ.



Mike – England must be doing well in the cricket.



Philip thanks Garth for his presentation.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -



(4th Dec to 21st Jan)

Birthdays: Carol Murray (7/12), Gordon Saggars (7/12), Yvonne Pembleton (10/12), Bryan Short (14/12), Tiffany Purvis (17/12), Brad Bland (21/12), Allan Duffus (27/12), Bruce Barber (30/12), Neil Hilpern (8/1), Lyndal Seymour (9/1) & Dorothy Prest (15/1)

Rotary Anniversaries: Elle Parker (9/12/21 + 2 years Wagga).

Wedding Anniversaries: Don & Yvonne Pembleton (4/12), David & Fran Payne (7/12), Nepal & Dipa Ghosh (12/12), David & Josephine Cannon (22/12), David & Ruth Kennedy (31/12), Bruce & Ruth Barber (2/1), Peter & Joan Veerhuis (8/1) & Brad & Jacqui Bland (14/1).

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**My kids and grandkids
keep laughing about
me losing my memory.**

**They won't be laughing at
Christmas when there's no
eggs under the tree!**

**I'M HAVING PEOPLE
OVER TO STARE AT
THEIR PHONES LATER
IF YOU WANT TO COME
BY...**

Paddy says to Mick, "Christmas is on Friday this year". Mick said, "Let's hope it's not the 13th then."