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Thursday 12th Jan 2023.

JANUARY IS ROTARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE 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:	19 th January.	26 th January.	2 nd February.
PROGRAMME:	TBA	TBA	TBA
ATTENDANCE:	Geoff Treloar Jenny Masters	Philip Cross David Kennedy	Vicky Donoghue Elle Palmer
SHORT & SWEET:	Philip Cross	Tony Hutchinson	Mary Ann Kelly
FINES-MASTER:	Brad Bland	Graham Russell	Gordon Sagers
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	TBA	TBA	TBA
VOTE OF THANKS:	Ellen Brasier	Brad Bland	Bruce Barber
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Peter Olson	David Payne	Ellen Brasier
MEETINGS:	Nil	Board Meeting	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 our deadline is now noon on MONDAY.

IMPORTANT: Members are required to register their attendance (and that of any guests) **using the link** in the email that they receive each week. Failure to respond to the email by the deadline is treated as an apology.

Members who wish to advise an extended absence need inform Club Sergeant Graeme Callander (by email: - graeme.callander43@gmail.com)

The above action must be undertaken prior to the deadline (noon on the Monday preceding the meeting).

MEETING REPORT: -

Attendance.



Thirty-one members attended our first meeting for 2023. The meeting was called to order by President David, who, after the Rotary Invocation, proposed a toast to all those helping with the Ukrainian Humanitarian Effort/s brought about by the current conflict.

A warm welcome was extended to our guests, including Damien Nye (our Key - Note Speaker), Peter North-Ash (guest of Elle Palmer) and (a belated welcome to) visiting Rotarians Pat and David Morrison (RC Temora), who arrived slightly late due to a misunderstanding over the the meeting start time.

Administration Matters.

President David's Club information/report included: -

- The club had a very successful BBQ at the Christmas Carol Service raising \$1,200. It was a 'Tough Gig', with a couple of runs to the supermarket, but thanks to a great team effort by the club members who attended, it all went well.
- The Peace Ceremony is scheduled for Friday 26th February 23. Our club has not yet made a nomination, so all members are asked to put forward the name of any individual or group they would like to nominate. (Any suggestions for nominations, email President David or PP David Payne). From next year the Peace Ceremony will not be run by a single club, but rather a combined club event where each club will be expected to provide a committee delegate. David Payne has indicated he is happy to continue his work with the Peace Award and be our committee delegate next year.
- The Shine Awards will be on 16th March 23, and Alan Lean will provide further details next week.
- The Book Fair this year will be on the weekend of 20/21st May 23, and we will get progress reports over the next few weeks.
- The toy box has now been finished by the Wagga Mens' Shed, and is just waiting for a plaque to be added, then it can be donated to the Sisters Housing Project. Will need female Rotarians to take the box into the building, as males are requested not to enter the premises – but can be transported there in anyone's Ute. Whilst on this subject, President David showed a doll to members that had been made and donated by club member Jenny Masters. The doll is entirely knitted and is delightful in that it is 'a twin' - another doll under the skirt.
- Sect. Ellen read out a thank you letter from Abby Fellows who had received \$500 from our club to support a trip to Nepal to do volunteer work in schools.
- John Studdert welcomed back to the club as a full member.



BBQ Team News:



President David is contemplating an additional fundraising event – a BBQ at Bunnings Warehouse on a Saturday morning. Before lodging an application with Bunnings, he requested an indication of those who would be available to help. He was happy with the response.

Terry Mecham reported that Lillier Lodge events are again planned for this year. He recommends that the following be noted in member's diaries – 12th July 23 (Casserole night) & 13th Sept 23 (BBQ).

Short & Sweet.

This weeks Short and Sweet was presented by Ellen Brasier covering her trip to Europe last September. It transpired that her twice delayed (due to Covid), much longed for trip, was definitely SHORTened, but was in NO way SWEET.



Ellen and her friend Helen managed three days in Madrid before their bad luck hit them, starting with Helen contracting Covid and being unable to continue on the tour. After dealing with a few other little issues involving Passports etc, Ellen thought their bad luck was behind them. She had loved touring Spain and Gibraltar and was in Grenada when, an unfortunate simple slip down a staircase, found her in hospital requiring a hip replacement.

The stay in hospital was not pleasant, with language being a major problem – but food was not particularly appetising. Fortunately, the medical care was excellent.

Thanks to good travel insurance, Ellen was flown home business class along with her daughter Susan, who had flown over to assist and accompany her home.

Ellen's take home message is ALWAYS HAVE GOOD TRAVEL INSURANCE.

Area Governor's Address.

AG Elaine Almond spoke of the following matters: -

- President Elect Training and the Learning Assembly, is for Incoming Presidents (John Heazlewood) and anyone new to the board (Peter Olson) and other interested club member will be held twice this year. First at Merimbula on 17th/19th March 2023. Then in Orange on 31st March/1st April 2023. Attendees are required to register.
- Regionalisation is moving forward, but no updates are available at this time.
- The District AGM was held and our vote was lodged.
- Elaine has held this AG position for two years now, and is hoping to step aside. If there is a club member who is interested in taking on the role please consult with Elaine.
- RYLA is on this week. Elaine attended the dinner in Murrumbateman on Monday evening. There are 42 attendee's this year, 11 of whom were from Area 3. Our club sponsored two candidates; Gabrielle Hewson and Celine Sharp. We hope to soon welcome them both to attend one of our meetings so that they can inform us of their experiences.
- Sadly a few clubs in the area are closing; Sussex Inlet, Grenfell and Bomaderry. Two clubs in Goulburn are merging into one club.



At the conclusion of Elaine's update, Bryan Short came forward to congratulate Elaine for her contribution to Rotary at District level. He acknowledged the work involved in the position and thanked her for her service.

Key-Note Speaker

President David introduced the evening's Key-Note Speaker, Damien Nye. Our club member Gary Roberts met Damien through the Ukrainian Embassy last year, and after introducing Damien to some of our club members, our Board voted to donate \$5000 to Damien's charity, which also came under the International Service auspice.

Damien opened his presentation by saying that he was not one for speeches, and preferred action. This became clear as he went on to tell us how he became involved in the Ukrainian War Effort.

Damien was in the ADF for 14 yrs which included combat duty. His career in the military ended in 2014 due to injury, and he has since been involved with Pro Patria in raising funds, and general assistance where required.

On 24th February last year, like most of us, he watched on TV as Russia attacked Ukraine. He felt compelled to do something, from a humanitarian perspective. With the support of his family, withdrew his superannuation and went to Ukraine to render humanitarian support.

When he returned to Wagga, he met Mr Volodymyr Shalkivskyi, the Deputy Head of Mission for Ukraine. As a result of that meeting, Damien and Volodymyr have stayed in touch, and though Volodymyr can not direct Damien (due to our Government laws), he suggested contacts and the result is a charity organisation which provides humanitarian support in Ukraine. Damien is in constant contact with aid workers in Ukraine who are using the funds donated to provide aid exactly where it is needed.

Damien thanked our club for the donation and assured us that the money is being used exactly where it is needed. He finished by saying that he was going back to Ukraine soon, and while he was there, his first grandchild was due to be born. He then presented to President David, a 'Humanitarian Aid' patch, as is worn by all their volunteer workers in Ukraine,.

Gary Roberts gave the Vote of Thanks, saying that he has come to know Damien well over the last few months, on our behalf, thanked him for coming along to talk to us tonight. He added that Damien's willingness to put his 'life on the line' to help others, epitomises the Rotary motto 'Service Above Self'. A fine example for all.



JANUARY IS ROTARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH: -

The stated 'Object of Rotary' is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:



1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
3. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

The concept of vocational service is rooted in the Second Object, which calls on Rotarians to "encourage and foster".

Those objectives include:

- To encourage and foster high ethical standards in business and professions, to recognise the worthiness of all useful occupations, to dignify the Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

- To apply the ideal of service in personal, business and community life.
- To advance international understanding and goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of businessmen and professional men and women united in the ideal of service.

Paul Harris wrote: "**Every Rotarian is a connecting link between the idealism of Rotary and their trade or profession**".

Vocational Service is the way Rotary fosters and supports the application of the Ideal of Service to the pursuit of all vocations.

The role of the Club is to implement and encourage the objectives by its own actions in dealing with the community and by the development of projects that enable members to use their vocational talents in the service of the community. The role of members is to conduct themselves and their businesses in accordance with Rotary principles, and support the Vocational Service projects that the club has developed.

During January, Rotarians are encouraged to focus on this important avenue of Rotary service. Discussions on vocational service can lead to projects that not only develop the ethical consciousness and vocational skills of Rotarians but also the talents within their communities. Vocational Service Month is an opportunity to begin year-long vocational service activities, ranging from Rotary discussions to awards to community projects.

NEXT MEETING: -

The next Club Meeting will be hosted by the Wagga Wagga RSL Club as usual.

Please confirm your attendance (or apology) in the established manner.

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



- **26th Jan 23** **Club Board Meeting.**
- **26th Feb 23** **Wagga Peace Ceremony.**
- **16th Mar 23** **Rotary Club of Wagga – SHINE AWARDS.**
- **17th/19th Mar 23** **P.E.T. Training (Merimbula)**
- **31st Mar/1st Apr 23** **P.E.T. Training (Orange)**
- **20/21 May 23** **Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga – ANNUAL BOOK FAIR.**
- **12th Jul 23** **Lillier Lodge Casserole night.**
- **13th Sept 23** **Lillier Lodge BBQ night.**

SOME 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



Our visiting Rotarians, David & Pat Morris from RC Temora.



The workers! Elle and Margaret looking after our attendance table.



Peter Olson shares a joke with Elle's visitor Peter.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(15th Jan – 21st Jan)

Birthdays: Dorothy Prest (15/01).

Rotary Anniversaries: Nil.

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil.



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My emotional support dog after one day with me



My boss calls me "the computer".
Nothing to do with intelligence, I go to sleep if left unattended for 15 minutes.



Early bottles of Coca-Cola contained 2.3 grams of cocaine; possible explains why our parents & grandparents could walk to and from school, uphill and barefoot on the frosty grass!