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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: 2**

**Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017.**

Club meets at the WAGGA WAGGA COUNTRY CLUB, 6pm for 6.30pm (unless stated below).

### **Duty Officers' Roster: -**

Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot fulfil your rostered duty. Also inform the Bulletin Reporter.

DATE: -	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> July
PROGRAMME:	<b>BROOKE VEASEY</b> Goldsworthy Scholarship	<b>KEN GRIMSON</b> Retired Journalist.	<b>ANNUAL VISIT TO RIDING FOR DISABLED</b>
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker Nepal Ghosh	Karel Bijker Nepal Ghosh	Karel Bijker Davis Cannon
GREETER:	Barry Francis	David Friedlieb	Laurie Fromholtz
SHORT & SWEET:	Bruce Heydon	Neil Hilpern	Tony Hutchinson
FINES MASTER:	Bill Prest	Graham Russell	Gordon Saggars
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Gordon Saggars	Graham Gorrel	Bill Prest
VOTE OF THANKS:	Neil Hilpern	Tony Hutchinson	Mary-Ann Kelly
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Bryan Short	David Payne	Peter Veerhuis

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

If you can't attend a meeting, please lodge your apology with THE COUNTRY CLUB ☎ 6922 6444 by 2.30 pm Wednesday (or pre-record it in the apology book provided at the meeting attendance table – **IN BLOCK LETTERS**).

Also, for catering purposes, please advise if bringing a guest to a meeting.

## ATTENDANCE: -

Twenty-one members (54%) were in attendance.

Apologies were recorded from Alan Lean, Alok Sharma, Brad Bland, David Friedlieb, David Payne, Graeme Callander, John Studdert, Margaret Everett, Paul Galloway, Peter Smart, Rob Sharkie, Terry Mecham & Vida Smart.

We were also pleased to welcome Vicky Donoghru, a guest of our Secretary Ellen.

## MEETING REPORT: -

President Elaine declared this Club meeting open with an apology for having been slightly disorganised due to problems encountered in connecting her home computer to the NBN. The problem has now been resolved and things will improve.



She then invited David Kennedy to the podium to be presented with his 2017/18 Director's Badge (David had been an apology at the Changeover meeting due to commitments overseas).

## ADMINISTRATION.

The following matters were brought to members' attention: -

(a). The Rotaract Club of CSU Wagga Wagga are again hosting their **Bowling Competition**. We have received an invitation from Clare Lawlor to field teams of three (partners, friends etc welcome). The event will be held at the Wagga Bowl & Diner (Trail Street) on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July – commencing around 6:00 PM. Further particulars are available from Clare (0468 372 773) and she will also accept your RSVP. President Elaine is keen to support this outing and invites members to form teams and notify Clare by the RSVP date of 21<sup>st</sup> July.



(b). Gerry Page was nominated to represent Elaine and our Club at the 29<sup>th</sup> **Inner Wheel Change-Over** meeting next week. We look forward to a report from Gerry next week.

(c). We have received an invitation from The Rotary Club of Bathurst to attend a special function honouring **Emergency Services Personnel** to be held at Panthers Bathurst on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. This is a fund-raising event with the recipients being Aust Rotary Health and Lifeline Bathurst. President Elaine has full particulars of this event. RSVP due 17<sup>th</sup> July.

(d). We have received an email from **Terry & Fran Mecham** who are 'Grey-Nomading' in sunny outback Queensland after a short stay in Lightning Ridge where Terry discovered an opal the 'size of a pea', reported to be valued around \$30,000. Unfortunately, he had to hand it back to the museum.

(e). Outgoing District Governor has provided a succinct summary of the D9700 performance over the past twelve months. Increasing membership and our focus on the educational, vocational & humanitarian service through The Rotary Foundation are areas that will require better attention going into the future.

(f). Darren Wallace, the D9700 **RYPEN** coordinator advises that applications for this year's camp will be accepted next month. The camp will be staged at Borambola over the week-end 24-26<sup>th</sup> November. Additional information is available from Darren (0409 120 108). Start considering potential attendees now.

(g). Tony Hutchinson sought numbers by a 'show-of-hands' for those available to answer phones at the **Winter Warmth** event on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Two shifts are required, 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM and 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Those who are volunteering, please note this in your diaries.



(h). The Wagga based Rotary Clubs have been requested to consider taking over the planning and administration of Wagga's **New Years Eve** celebrations. Last year, the event reportedly raised \$45,000. Your Board will consider this request. To accept this task will require strong support from the membership. If you have opinions on this proposal they should be made to one of our directors.

## **SHORT & SWEET.**

John Heazlewood outlined his recent efforts in tracing his family history. His great, great grandfather left the United Kingdom in 1832 and settled in Australia. Many of his descendants moved over to Tasmania.

On a recent visit to the UK John sought out the details of his family, a task made difficult by the various spellings of his family name; a situation that he likened to the Rotary Bulletin Committee. Let's hope that we have it correct this time.



## **SERGEANT AT ARMS.**

David Kennedy was once again called to the podium to conduct the fines session. With a quirkie twist to the norm he entertained us with Blonde Mens' Jokes. As a sample of these, Barry Francis was reported to observe that Christmas this year falls on a Friday; Barry responder "I hope it's not on the thirteenth"!

He also provided our new president with some of his wisdom by reminding her the Romans did not create their empire by having meetings....they did so by killing those who opposed them.

At the conclusion of the session, our resident Bush Poet, Graham Russell entertained us with the story, in prose, of 'Poor Old Granddad' who died 'on the dunny'. This poem is worthy of reproduction and hopefully we will do so in a future edition of this publication.

## **PROGRAMME.**

And yet again, David Kennedy was called to the podium to lead us in a review of the administration of our Club and the weekly meetings. The views of all in attendance were 'taken on board' and we wait with anticipation the recommendations that might eventuate.

## **BIGGEST EVER BLOKES LUNCH: -**

This function raises funds for prostate cancer research. It is on again on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> September, at the RSL Club. Each year since its inception our club has had a table. Big improvements in PC care and treatment have been made during this period. This year the cost is \$130 (including tickets in the major raffle) with an improved three-course lunch and all drinks provided. The table elimination raffle, usually worth \$3000 to the winning table is extra. You can book for our club's table by contacting and paying David Cannon. Guests this year are comedian-entertainer Mick Colliss who David personally recommends as an excellent performer and Lex Marinos as compere. The show starts at midday. Tables are filling fast.

## **NEXT WEEK: -**

Next week our Key Note Speaker is Brooke Veasey who is the current recipient of the annual scholarship that we award in memory of John Goldsworthy. The awarding of this scholarship each year not only fulfils our objective of supporting and encouraging youth but also honours a fine Rotarian and friend who was our President in 1998/99 and an active member of our Club until ill health dictated otherwise.

Brooke will provide an insight into her academic pursuits and aspirations.

This should be a stimulating presentation that may appeal to partners, friends and/or colleagues. Why not invite them along – but don't forget to advise numbers for catering purposes.

## INTRODUCING OUR NEW DISTRICT GOVERNOR: -



Our District Governor for the Rotary Year 2017/18 is **George Weston**. George has been involved in many facets of Rotary within District 9700 and probably needs little introduction.

George is a partner with his brother Lionel in the family business of Weston & Weston Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Pty Ltd. The business started in 1971 and now has premises in Leeton and Wagga Wagga employing approx 30 employees including his son Murray, his grandson Ryan and 2 nephews.

George has served on the committee of

Refrigeration, Air Conditioning Contractors Association of NSW (RACCA) for 25 years.

George has been a Leeton Shire Council since 1995 and has held the position of Deputy Mayor for eight years.

George joined the Rotary Club of Leeton in 1983 and has held many board positions and served as President 1993-1994. At district level he has participated in three RAWC's projects- Papua New Guinea, East Timor and Vanuatu. He has been Chairman of RYPEN, MUNA and Youth Exchange twice and was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship for his work with Youth and served as Assistant Governor twice for Group 3.

Carol has managed the office of the business but has recently retired. They have hosted many youth exchange students over the years.

They have raised one daughter Helena along with son Murray and have 5 grandsons ranging in age from 18-1year old and they have one granddaughter aged 3years. All family resides in Leeton.

George's hobbies are motorcycling, mountain biking, meeting people. Carol enjoys walking, reading and relaxing. They both enjoy travelling in Australia and overseas.

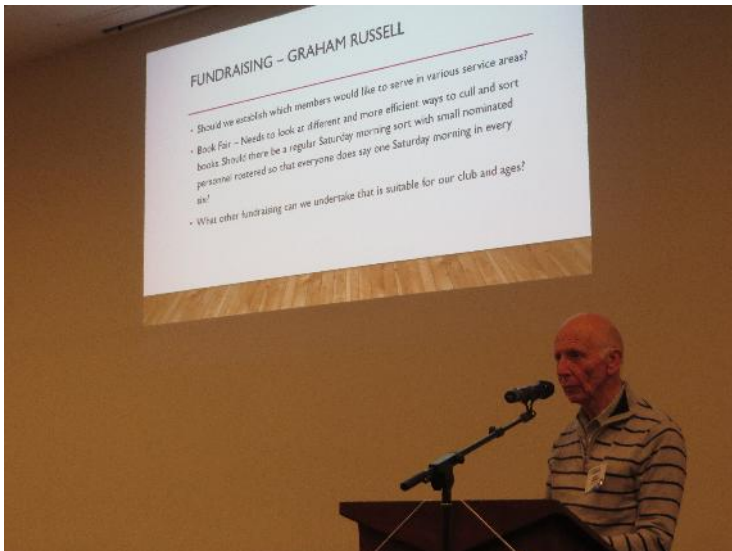
As District Governor of D9700 George (and hopefully Carol) will be paying an official visit to our Club on the evening of 3<sup>rd</sup> August. We look forward to that evening.





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

- ◆ July 2017 Annual Subscriptions Due.
- ◆ 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017 Inner Wheel Changeover Night (Gerry Page our official representative).
- ◆ 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017 Lockhart Rotary Club Changeover meeting
- ◆ 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017 Wagga Winter Warmth.
- ◆ 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2017 Emergency Services Celebration (Bathurst).
- ◆ 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017 Rotaract Club Ten-Pin Bowling Night.
- ◆ 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017 DG George Weston visits Wagga Rotary.
- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2017 Wagga – Big Blokes Lunch
- ◆ 5<sup>th</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> May 2018 D9700 Conference (Leeton)



David leads the Administration review.



Tony wins the door prize (again).



Our own Bush Poet.



A sorrowful Mike explained that he is returning to the UK (but will be back in August).

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES (15<sup>th</sup> July – 21<sup>st</sup> July): -

Birthdays:

Nil

Rotary Anniversaries:

Nil

Wedding Anniversaries:

John & Carol Studdert (17/7) Phil & Merryll Cross (17/7) & Graham & Lyn Russell (19/7).



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A man asked his daughter if she had seen his newspaper. She told him that newspapers are old school. She said that people use tablets nowadays and handed him her iPad. That fly didn't stand a chance.

