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OF WAGGA WAGGA**

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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: 4

Thursday, 20th 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 27 th July	Thursday 3 rd August	Thursday 10 th August
PROGRAMME:	ANNUAL VISIT TO RIDING FOR DISABLED	George Weston D9700 Governor	Alok Sharma D2L Update
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker Nepal Ghosh	Karel Bijker Nepal Ghosh	Karel Bilker Margaret Everett
GREETER:	Graham Gorrel	Paul Galloway	Nepal Ghosh
SHORT & SWEET:	Tony Hutchinson	Mary Ann Kelly	David Kennedy
FINES MASTER:	Graham Russell	Bryan Short	David Cannon
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Graeme Callander	Elaine Almond	Gordon Saggars
VOTE OF THANKS:	Mary Ann Kelly	Graham Russell	Alan Lean
BULLETIN REPORTER:	David Payne	Don Pembleton	Neil Hilpern

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 nine members (74 % of our membership), plus Margaret Keys (guest of Marion Moran), Joan Veerhuis (guest of Peter Veerhuis) and Club Guest (Key-note Speaker) Ken Grimson attended our meeting last Thursday night.

Apologies were received from Brad Bland, David Kennedy, David Payne, Ellen Brasier, Gerry Page, John Heazlewood, John Studdert, Mike Murray, Phil Cross & Terry Mecham.

MEETING REPORT: -

President Elaine Arnold welcomed members and guests to our meeting.

Administration.

President Elaine noted with sadness that Rotary International's President-elect, **Sam F Owori**, passed away last week due to complications from surgery. Sam had been a member of the Rotary Club of Kampala, Uganda, for 38 years. Under Sam's leadership, the number of clubs in Uganda swelled from nine to 89 over the course of 29 years.

Twelve members attended the annual **Wagga Winter Warmth Club Project** at Elders on Sunday. Those who attended included Tony Hutchinson, Peter Smart, Barry Francis, Marion Moran, Mary Ann Kelly, Don Pembleton, Graeme Callander, Elaine Arnold, Bill Prest, Allan Duffus, Glendyn Groves and Rob Sharkie. As those 12 members averaged about 4 hours each, a total of 50 hours of voluntary contributions of time was entered into the Club's attendance book, as requested by our Rotary District!



In celebration of **Kurrajong Waratah's 60th Anniversary**, a "Long Lunch" will be conducted on Saturday 19th August from 1 pm at the Hildasid Community Farm, 24 Gregadoo Road, Wagga at a cost of \$ 125 per person. There will be an auction of 3 quality auction items:- A Fishing Trip for 4 or 6 participants in the Spencer Gulf, including flights from Wagga to South Australia; A Private Dinner Party for 10 to 12 guests from the deck of "Food I Am", 29 Kunzea Place, Springvale; A Cocktail Party for 50 guests at the Historic Riverine Club for a 3 hour duration (perfect for a Christmas Party or private celebration). PS: You don't need to be at the Long Lunch to place a bid. Proxy bids will be accepted. Please phone 0438 219 487. President Elaine has the details.



Alok Sharma reported on his recent travels to East Timor for "**Darkness to Light**", where 64 eye operations were conducted.

Past President Paul Galloway reported that eight computers had arrived in Dili, East Timor. A further five computers will now be forwarded – all intended for the School and pre-School in Tutuala, East Timor.

Short & Sweet.



Vida Smart told us three hilarious stories spiced with the clever theme "Don't make assumptions." A Moped racing a Porsche (any similarity between this event and any current Wagga Rotarians is purely coincidental); A missing Flight Instructor; and A Bagpiper bringing tears to the eyes of septic tank installers!

Very sweet indeed. Thank you Vida!

Subscriptions.

Payment of annual subscriptions is now over-due. If you haven't yet done-so please forward your remittance to our hard-working Treasurer without delay.

Don't forget the arrangements to pay by instalments is available. Consult Nepal for further details.

Sergeant At Arms.

Gordon Saggars has been a member of our Rotary Club for 42 years, and in that time he has accumulated a fine selection of quality yarns which he uses to grow the Club's coffers.

For example there is the story about the 99 year old Mother Superior who year after year counsels her nuns not to sell the cow which supplies milk - laced with Irish Whiskey!

Then there is the well-timed yarn about the Harley Davidson riding, conservative Royal Marine at the zoo who saved a little girl from being eaten by an African lioness. The reporting journalist (not related to Ken Grimson), published the story under the caption "Royal Marine assaults African immigrant and steals her lunch!"

Raffle Winner was Paul Galloway.

Personal Jottings.

We recall many of our past members with great affection. Recently honours were bestowed upon: -

1. Prof. **Peter Chenoweth**: has been awarded the Gilruth Prize which is the Australian Veterinary Association's most prestigious award. It recognises persons for outstanding service to veterinary science in Australia. Peter, who has worked in veterinary science for more than 40 years, is renowned for his knowledge and experience in animal reproduction and education. He is currently Adjunct Professor at James Cook University and has authored over 200 publications in animal reproduction, veterinary education and animal welfare.

2. **Paul Rafferty** recently retired from Rotary. The Rotary Club of Canberra is planning to recognise his service to Rotary and the community. This recognition will include Paul's eleven year membership of our Club – which included being elected as President for the 1994/95 term.

In addition, several of our members have undertaken the seasonal migration to warmer climates:

1. **David & Ruth Kennedy** have just completed a tour of the Northern Territory and are currently enjoying a cruise that includes a visit to Papua New Guinea.

2. The **Studderts** are currently in sunny Brisbane having a wonderful time with family and celebrating their grandson's 21st birthday as well as their own 52nd wedding anniversary. Weather is reported as having been 'absolutely beautiful'. John sends his regards to all looks forward to returning in time for the DG's visit

And finally, **Laura Forsyth** sends her regards to all. She is enjoying the Hobart winter – stated as being 'quite mild when compared to good old Fogga Fogga'. She enjoys the challenge of her work and is liaising with the Rotaract Club of Sandy Bay, but currently finding meeting times a problem fitting in with her work schedule – a situation that she hopes to remedy soon with a revised work schedule.

Programme.

Graham Gorrel introduced our Key-Note Speaker Ken Grimson, who recently retired as a Senior Journalist from the Wagga Daily Advertiser after 32 years. Ken was born in Orange but his family moved to Wagga when he was young.

In his riveting presentation, Ken shared with us the highs and the lows of being a dedicated reporter at a Country newspaper. Ken told us his experiences at District Court Trials, in murder investigations, at sieges, Inquests, Traffic Accidents, at Funeral services for victims; He related interviews with Spike Milligan, Doug Walters, John Howard, Paul Keating. He spoke of the collapse of Ansett Airlines, the milk war in Griffith, the building of the Gobba Bridge, and a personal threat to his own life!



He played an important part in the "Save the Base" campaign for the RAAF base.

Most interesting of all was to hear Ken's high regard for his colleagues at "the Advertiser", which certainly explains why he is so highly regarded in return.



Ken has now taken employment with the Member for Riverina Michael McCormack, a position which will involve a lot of travel and a whole lot of new challenges.

There were a number of members who asked questions about aspects of Ken's presentation. Alok Sharma asked how Rotary could better get its message across to the Public. Ken advised that the best way to achieve that is to focus on individuals!

The Vote of Thanks was moved by Tony Hutchinson on behalf of our members.

BIGGEST EVER BLOKES LUNCH: -

David Cannon reminded members that the Big Blokes Lunch will take place on Friday 1st Sept 2017. The MC will be Lex Marinos and comedian Rick Collis will feature. Cost of the lunch will be \$130.00 per head plus \$ 20 for a raffle ticket. A table in the name of the Wagga Rotary Club has been put forward. Hurry! Time is running out!



NEXT WEEK: -



Next week we are guests of the Wagga Wagga RDA so if you turn up at the Wagga Country Club through force-of-habit, you may find yourself all alone.

Every year we schedule a meeting at the RDA complex to review their activities, enjoy their hospitality and assist them with their much-needed fund raising. Please make a special effort to attend – and don't forget to advise any changes to numbers, in the normal way, for catering purposes.

The RDA is located at 321 Plumpton Road Lake Albert. The entrance is just south of the Country Club (and the Boat Club). The facility includes a large indoor arena, a sand arena, and a round yard, as well as stabling and yards for the horses – and an indoor meeting room where we will be entertained and fed.

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

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| ◆ July 2017 | Club Annual Subscriptions Due. |
| ◆ 29 th July 2017 | Rotaract Club Ten-Pin Bowling Night. |
| ◆ 3 rd August 2017 | DG George Weston visits Wagga Rotary. |
| ◆ 19 th August 2017 | Kurrajong-Waratah Long Lunch. |
| ◆ 1 st Sept 2017 | Wagga – Big Blokes Lunch. |
| ◆ 5 th - 6 th May 2018 | D9700 Conference (Leeton). |



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES (29th July - 4th Aug): -

Birthdays: Margaret Saggars (2/8).
Rotary Anniversaries: Nil
Wedding Anniversaries: Nil



KOOKABURRA 😊

Journalism in Russia.



A Russian journalist walks into the hospital and tells the desk nurse, "I want to see the eye-ear doctor."

"There is no such doctor" she tells him. "Perhaps you would like to see someone else?"

"No, I need to see an eye-ear doctor," he says.

"But there is no such doctor," she replies. "We have doctors for the eyes and doctors for the ear, nose and throat, but no eye-ear doctor."

No help. He repeats, "I want to see the eye-ear doctor."

They go around like this for a few minutes and then the nurse says: "Comrade, there is no eye-ear doctor, but if there were one, why would you want to see him?"

"Because," he replies, "I keep hearing one thing and seeing another."



And thanks to our 'Pommie Contingent' (in this case, Peter Smart) for unearthing this, possibly the greatest Aussie invention ever, the combined beer cooler & BBQ.



When the beer is drunk and the BBQ is finished, all you need do is pull the handle and the fire is extinguished! Just can't get much better – can it?