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President of RI	Ian H S Riseley		<p>THE FOUR WAY TEST</p> <p>Of the things we think, say or do: -</p> <p>Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill &amp; better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?</p>
Governor District 9700	George Weston		
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**BULLETIN NO: 5**

**Thursday, 27<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 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> August
PROGRAMME:	George Weston D9700 Governor	Alok Sharma D2L Update	Miss Wagga Wagga & Community Princess.
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker Nepal Ghosh	Karel Bilker Margaret Everett	Karel Bijker Barry Francis
GREETER:	Paul Galloway	Nepal Ghosh	Glendyn Groves
SHORT & SWEET:	Mary Ann Kelly	David Kennedy	Alan Lean
FINES MASTER:	Bryan Short	David Cannon	Peter Smart
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Elaine Almond	Gordon Saggars	Rob Sharkie
VOTE OF THANKS:	Graham Russell	Alan Lean	Marion Moran
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Don Pembleton	Neil Hilpern	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-six members (67% of our membership), plus Margaret Keys (guest of Marion Moran) and Club Guest Megan Lloyd (Key-note Speaker) attended our meeting at the Riding for the Disabled function room last Thursday night (27<sup>th</sup> July).

Apologies were received from Brad Bland, Bruce Barber, David Friedlieb, David Kennedy, Gerry Page, Glendyn Groves, Gordon Sagers, John Studdert, Mike Murray, Peter Smart, Phil Cross, Terry Mecham & Vida Smart.

## **MEETING REPORT: -**

### **Administration.**

1. **Shine Awards** will be held this year on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November.
2. Please note that on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September the Country Club is unavailable to us so obviously our club will NOT be meeting at there. The 7<sup>th</sup> annual **Wagga Wagga Rotary Royce Abbey Peace Oration** will be presented on that evening at a venue yet to be advised (probably the Commercial Club). Members are encouraged to attend the Oration which will take the place of our regular Thursday night meeting. RSVPs will be required by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Deirdre Tome (Sunrise Club) is the event coordinator.

### **Read To Me Program.**

Ellen Brasier is seeking assistance from members and partners/friends to assist students from Mount Austin Public School with their reading. Wednesday mornings, from about 10 am (exact time to be confirmed) is the designated time and the commitment involves a couple of hours in one-to-one reading with children for the rest of this school term. If you are willing to be part of the program, and can spare an hour or so please let Ellen know as soon as possible.



### **Short & Sweet.**



Tony Hutchinson told us about his son, Danny, who was born with fused fingers and toes which were fairly well repaired after several operations. His story was about disability and opportunity, and how Danny was determined to be a locksmith, in spite of his lack of dexterity. Ian Measday from Riverina Safes and Locks recognised Danny's determination, and took him on as an apprentice. After four years, with regular sessions at Sydney TAFE College as part of his training, Danny graduated with the award of Country Apprentice of the Year. He now works for Corrections Victoria, where there is no shortage of locks for him to maintain.

### **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.

Graeme Russell told a delightful poem about boys, dogs and lies, wherein the truth catches up with the local reverend. Fines also caught up with all members who were either dog-lovers (or not), and admitted liars (at least once). Rob Sharkey won the raffle with a lovely bottle of red wine.



## Programme.

Don Pembleton introduced the evening's key-note speaker, Megan Lloyd, who is the volunteer Publicity Officer and trainer for RDA Wagga Wagga. Megan is a young mother and grew up in the RDA family because her mother, Jenny Davis, has been a stalwart of RDA for 42 years.



This year, the Wagga Wagga Riding for the Disabled Association's focus has been to find new ways of meeting the needs of their community.

Using the motto, "Developing Abilities One Obstacle at a Time", RDA has been developing an obstacle course. It uses a combination of natural and man-made elements (the Ashmont Men's Shed has helped in the fabrication), and helps to develop many skills and strengths in the riders.

The Mounted Games were held at this year's Sydney Royal Easter Show, and Wagga RDA sent six riders and their horses to compete. All six were successful in gaining a place. It was a

big logistical effort that required months of planning, practice and fund-raising.

RDA opened up its facilities during the recent school holidays to children from the general Wagga community. With eighteen 6-10 year olds, and seven 11-14 olds paying for the privilege, the coffers were added to during a quiet period in the RDA calendar. A good time was had by all, and this initiative will be repeated in the future.

There were a variety of questions from the floor, and Megan explained that the range of disabilities of the RDA's clients is very wide, with physical and mental disabilities, mobility issues, intellectual disabilities and epilepsy, delayed learning and autism. Examples of the amazing relationships between horses and riders were discussed. Megan ended by noting that the demand for RDA's services outstrips their ability to provide, and put out a call for more volunteers and horses.

Mary-Anne Kelly gave the usual thanks to Megan for a beautiful talk, and presented her with a cheque for \$2000 from the Club.



## **NEXT WEEK: -**

Next week's meeting is a highlight of the Club Year, with a visit from District 9700 Governor, George Weston and his wife Carol. Members are encouraged to bring their partners and/or friend(s).

## **AUGUST IS ROTARY MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION MONTH MONTH: -**

Alok Sharma is our director responsible for this important area. He encourages members to **invite friends and colleagues** to one of our weekly dinners as their guest.

Experience tells us that this is the most effective way to increase our membership in a sustainable way.

## BIGGEST EVER BLOKES LUNCH: -

David Cannon reminded members that the Big Blokes Lunch will take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 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. Two tables in the name of the Wagga Rotary Club has been put forward, but this may need to be reduced to one table as, to-date, only five members have reserved their seat.



Hurry! Time is running out! Phone David on 0419 216 955.



Don't forget **Kurrajong Waratah's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, "Long Lunch" to be conducted on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August at the Hildasid Community Farm (24 Gregadoo Road, Wagga) at a cost of \$ 125 per person. Please phone 0438 219 487 for further details.

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

- ◆ **19<sup>th</sup> August 2017**      **Kurrajong-Waratah Long Lunch.**
- ◆ **1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2017**      **Wagga – Big Blokes Lunch.**
- ◆ **21<sup>st</sup> Sept 2017.**      **Royce Abbey Oration.**
- ◆ **28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017**      **Shine Awards.**
- ◆ **5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018**      **D9700 Conference (Leeton).**



## PHOTOGRAPHS FROM LAST MEETING: -



Members Listening Attentively to Megan's Presentation.



RDA Volunteers 'Clocking Off'.



The RDA Volunteers preparing a fine 'home-cooked' meal for us.



## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES (5<sup>th</sup> Aug – 11<sup>th</sup> Aug): -

### Birthdays:

Graham Gorrel (6/8), Peter Veerhuis (9/8)  
& Wendy Bijker (9/8).

### Rotary Anniversaries:

Nil

### Wedding Anniversaries:

Mike & Carol Murray (9/8)



## KOOKABURRA 😊



I was standing at the bar of Terminal 3 at the Mascot International Airport when this small Asian guy comes in, stands next to me, and starts drinking a beer.

I asked him, "Do you know any of those martial arts things, like Kung-Fu, Karate, or Ju-Jitsu?"

He says "Now why the hell would you ask me that - is it just because I am Asian?"

"No", I said, "It's because you're drinking my beer, you bas%ard"



Two Mexican detectives were investigating the murder of Juan Gonzalez.

'How was he killed? asked one detective.

'With a golf gun' the other detective replied.

'A golf gun! What is a golf gun?'

'I don't know. But it sure made a hole in Juan'



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