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**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

**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: 13**

**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2017**

## **SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH**

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 can't fulfil your rostered duty. (Also inform the Bulletin Reporter)

Date	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Programme:	Visit to Docker Medical (Day Surgery)	Gary Gaffney – his Indonesian exploits.	Mad Hatter's Night
Attendance:	Karel Bijker Graham Gorrel	Karel Bijker Neil Hilpern	Karel Bijker Margaret Everett
Greeter:	N/R	Alan Lean	Mary Ann Kelly
Short & Sweet:	N/R	Bryan Short	Terry Mecham
Sergeant:	N/R	David Friedlieb	Paul Galloway
Introduce Speaker:	N/R	David Cannon	TBA
Vote Of Thanks:	Mary Ann Kelly	Alok Sharma	TBA
Bulletin Reporter:	Neil Hilpern	Peter Veerhuis	Ellen Brasier

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

**Don't  
forget!**

If you can't attend a meeting, please lodge your apology with **THE COUNTRY CLUB** on 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.**

## **DISTRICT 9700 PEACE ORATION: -**

The seventh Royce Abbey Peace Oration was held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 at the Wagga Commercial Club in observance of the UN International Day of Peace, which was established in 1981 by the UN General Assembly. The 2017 theme is **"Together for Peace; Respect, Safety and Dignity for All"**.

Attendees at the function were asked to remember that the concept of the District 9700 Peace Communities Program was initiated by Rotarian Tony Quinlivan, who is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Koorungal. The concept came to fruition in 1993 when Royce Abbey (Past Rotary International President) unveiled the Peace Symbol in Wagga Wagga making this city the world's first Rotary Peace City.

The topic of the seventh Royce Abbey Peace Oration was **"Making Women's Safety a Man's Business"**. The orator, Det Sgt Phil Malligan is a well know and respected member of our local constabulary. Phil spoke eloquently about a subject that he is extremely passionate about and his comments were very well received.

Phil has recently been awarded a scholarship to study with a Canadian Police Force with significant issues of systemic family and domestic violence in their community. Phil indicated his increased skill-set will benefit him in his role as a White Ribbon Ambassador – a role that he actively promotes within our local community.

In his closing words Phil said "Violence against women is not OK. It is not acceptable; it is the responsibility of every good man to help stamp out violence against women, making women's safety every man's issue"

Credo of the Rotary District Peace Communities Program: -

- Respect for the life and dignity of every person, without discrimination or prejudice.
- Rejection of violence towards all people, in all of its forms.
- Resolution of conflict among people within local and global communities.
- Reconciliation of differences and the pursuit of harmony.
- Freedom of expression and cultural diversity.

Those members who were unable to attend the Peace Oration gathered at the Riverina Australian Rules Football Club to welcome home our own 'grey nomad' Terry Mecham – recently returned with wife Fran, from his extensive outback travels.



## **NEXT WEEK: -**

Our next Club meeting sees us away from our regular meeting venue once again – so if you turn up at the Country Club you may be a bit lonely. There will be a vocational visit to the recently constructed **Docker Medical Clinic** (Day Surgery) situated (as you might expect) in Docker Street (between Meurant Avenue & Chaston Street). Those attending should meet at 6:00 PM in the reception area. The tour will take approximately one hour.

No meal has yet been arranged; it is suggested that, after the visit, those present might adjourn for a meal and associated fellowship to a nearby hospitality establishment – the Turvey Tavern has been suggested but this will be confirmed following consultation with those in attendance.

## COMING UP: -

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October** – Wollundry Rotary Club is staging the fourth annual Gears & Beers Festival in Wagga. Phillip McIntosh is the coordinator for this years event.

Phil has invited all local Rotarians and family members to this fun event which, in addition to attracting cyclists from far & wide, is dedicated to cycling, and the bike riding culture that involves **Coffee, Craft Brewing & Fine Food**.

More information on the festival is available from Phill (Mob: 0429 200 310) or from the event website: [Gears and Beers website](#)

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October** – Will see us back at our normal venue, The Wagga Country Club. Well known local engineer, and associate of Karel Bijker, **Gary Gaffney** will be our key-note speaker. Gary will speak on his experiences in Indonesia and how it might be associated with our own projects in Timor-Leste.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October** – We will host the annual **Mad Hatter's Night** in support of Rotary Mental Health Research. So 'dust off your craziest hat and go for it!' This will be a Partner's Night – come along for some fun while 'Shining a light on Mental Health'.



## SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH.



*“As we observe Basic Education and Literacy month this September, let's think about the millions of people whose chances for success remain blocked by illiteracy. Our Foundation is helping many of them, but with Rotarian support and involvement, we can do so much more”.*

**Kalyan Banerjee (RI President 2011/13)**

As observed above, literacy is a significant and specific goal for Rotary International. It is so important that it is one of the six areas of focus for The Rotary Foundations Future Vision – basic education and literacy.

Literacy is at the heart of basic education for all, and is the major factor in eradicating poverty, reducing child mortality, curbing population growth, achieving gender equality and ensuring sustainable development, peace and democracy.

Did you know that throughout this world, in excess of sixty million children have no access to education, and more than seven hundred & fifty million people over the age of fifteen are illiterate. Rotary International supports educational projects that provide technology, teacher training, vocational training teams, student meal programs, and low-cost textbooks to communities. The goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

## SHINE AWARDS 2017: -

The **ROTARY SHINE AWARDS** will be hosted by our club at the Wagga Wagga City Council Chambers precinct on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

The organising committee is currently seeking nominations for: -

- Persons with a disability achieving in their vocation.
- An organisation that employs persons with a disabilities.

Contact Alan Lean (Home: 6926 3423) for more details.



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

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| ❖ 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2017                   | Gears & Beers Festival     |
| ❖ 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2017                  | Lillier Lodge Dinner       |
| ❖ 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2017                      | Shine Awards.              |
| ❖ 5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2018     | Book Fair                  |
| ❖ 5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2018     | D9700 Conference (Leeton). |
| ❖ 23 <sup>rd</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 | RI Convention (Toronto).   |



**Welcome Back Terry & Fran.**

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES (29<sup>th</sup> September to 5<sup>th</sup> October)

### Birthdays:

Bill Prest (30/9), Bruce Heydon (2/10),  
Marg Everett (3/10).

### Rotary Anniversaries:

Nil

### Wedding Anniversaries:

Nil



## KOOKABURRA.



This year's grand final was a sell-out as usual. The crowd packed the grandstands to capacity for what promised to be the 'mother of all grand finals'; but I noticed an empty seat next to mine – very peculiar I thought and I made a comment to that effect to the gentleman seated on the other side of the vacant seat.

"Yes" he replied, "I purchased that seat for my wife – unfortunately she passed away. This is the first grand final I've attended without her since we were married fifty years ago."

Naturally I expressed my condolences but couldn't help suggesting that perhaps another member of his family might have been able to use the ticket and accompany him to the game.

"Oh no" he responded, "They're all at the funeral".

