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## BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA Inc. - CHARTERED 1930

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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: 7**

**Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2017**

### **AUGUST IS ROTARY MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION 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 cannot fulfil your rostered duty. Also inform the Bulletin Reporter.

DATE	Thursday 17 <sup>TH</sup> AUGUST	Thursday 24 <sup>TH</sup> AUGUST	Thursday 31 <sup>ST</sup> AUGUST
PROGRAMME	<b>Miss Wagga Wagga &amp; Community Princess</b>	<b>Howard Mendle Water Filtration</b>	<b>Coolamon Cheese Factory Visit</b>
Attendance	Karel Bijker Barry Francis	Karel Bijker David Friedlieb	Karel Bijker Ellen Brasier
Greeter	Glendyn Groves	John Heazlewood	N/R
Short & Sweet	Alan Lean	Graeme Callander	N/R
Fines Master (5 min)	Peter Smart	Vida Smart	N/R
Introduce Speaker	John Studdert	Bryan Short	N/R
Vote of Thanks	Ellen Brasier	Gerry Page	David Payne
Bulletin Reporter	Neil Hilpern	Ellen Brasier	David Friedlieb

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.**

**ATTENDANCE** There were around 30 members in attendance. Vicky Donohue was the guest of Ellen Brasier. Apologies were received from Terry Mecham, Phil Cross, Mike Murray, Bruce Barber, Vida Smart, Peter Veerhuis, Neil Hilpern, Bruce Heydon, David Friedlieb, and Brad Bland.

**THIS WEEK'S MEETING** This week we host as guest speakers a couple of stars in the local young person's scene - Miss Wagga Wagga 2017, Sarah Navin and Community Princess Jes Smith. Both are accomplished women in their own lives, with Sarah a senior journalist at Prime7, while Jes, currently a legal secretary at Commins Hendricks, is studying law and criminology at the University of New England. It should be fascinating to hear of their experiences in their special roles. Some partners may like to come along to hear them.



## COOLAMON CHEESE FACTORY VISIT 31/8/17



The meeting scheduled for **31st August** will be held at the Coolamon Cheese Factory and is a Partners Night. Full particulars were attached to last week's Bulletin. David Cannon is coordinating this event and **is seeking acceptances urgently from anyone who hasn't indicated, as the proposal to hire a bus for the trip is dependent upon acceptances. (Bus cost will be reduced, as Alan Lean has secured a bus at a cheaper rate). Please come this week ready to advise David if you will attend (or email him) and PLEASE invite family or friends to help boost numbers – it will be fun! IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE A POTENTIAL ROTARIAN TO SEE THE CLUB IN ACTION.**

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

- **President Elaine** opened the meeting with some sobering figures on homelessness in Australia –105,000 people - one in 200, are homeless with 85% having a mental illness.
- She further noted that, since 2000, largely through Rotary's Polio Plus program, more than 10 billion doses of oral polio vaccine have been administered to nearly 3 billion children world-wide. As a result, more than 13 million cases of polio have been prevented and the disease reduced by more than 90%.
- Elaine noted that the District Governor is seeking stories from four clubs each month for his monthly newsletter. The story should be no longer than an A4 page with no more than two photos and sent to District Secretary Marilyn Roberts at [robwag2@bigpond.com](mailto:robwag2@bigpond.com). Worth considering. She led a discussion on ways to upgrade the club website.
- **Membership Director Alok** reminded all that we constantly need to seek new members – invite someone along to see us in action. **(The outing to Coolamon Cheese was mentioned later in the night as a great opportunity to do that).**
- **Clontarf Foundation** invites us to the hot breakfast which they hold on Friday at 8am each week in the Clontarf Room at the Mount Austin Academy. They would love some Rotary representatives to come along and catch up with the fella's! Maybe we can arrange some regular representation. Contact is Jermaine Packer , Mobile: 0407 345 132



- **Paul Galloway** gave an update on progress on the Tutuala water & sanitation project, which is progressing at a good rate.
- The Mechams reported in from their travels – currently in far North Queensland in Cairns, and will head further north on Monday, Cooktown via Wonga Beach. After Cooktown is the long run home.

## SHORT & SWEET

Having recently visited Brazil, David Kennedy toasted Rotary in that country, offering some interesting figures, including the fact that Brazil is third in the world for number of Rotary clubs.



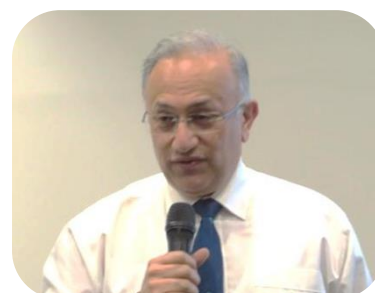
## FINES MASTER



David Cannon started by fining a slack group of members who were still at the bar when the meeting started, Rob Sharkie for winning the wine (again) and then proceeded to build some fines around the topic of ageing, including folk forced to respond to the question “What’s your name” with “How soon do you need to know”

## GUEST SPEAKER ALOK – COMPASSION AND PASSION

Our own Alok Sharma was very capably introduced by Gordon Siggers. Alok traced the history of Darkness to Light (D2L) which started in 2005 and became one of the most successful such projects of its type, in Australia. Initially run in India with the Rotary Club of Yamuna Nagar-Riviera. it later developed a sister project D2L Riverina in 2010, to serve the visually handicapped in the Riverina area.



With changes to regulations in India ruling out such activities in that country, Alok’s focus shifted to Timor Leste from 2015. In that country there is only one eye surgeon to 1.2million people and the D2L emphasis has been on conducting outreach projects with local populations; in the process training local eye surgeons in techniques: 5000 children have been seen, 3000 pairs of glasses issued and 1500 cataract operations done.

The recent project was an eye camp at Baicau, Timor Leste, accessed by a highly congested road. A small team including Alok, son Varoon and his friend and both mothers; as well as another Dr Sharma, saw 300 patients, did 50 cataract operations and 30 other surgeries. Varoon and the friend took part in some classroom English lessons during the visit.

Alok suggested that the projects were about Sharing & Caring; Fun & Mateship; and Building Relations. He gave us video insights to the light hearted framework within which he conducted the East Timor project. It looked like a lot of fun.

Darkness to Light has funded some activity in India in 2017, via the continued partnership with the Rotary Club of Yamuna Nagar-Riviera – 727 patients were seen, glasses dispensed, and cataract surgeries performed.

Looking to the future, Alok hopes to be able to establish a Foundation to maintain a regular flow of funding; conduct one or two fundraising activities; design and setup a D2L website and get local press coverage. He was very ably thanked by Alan Lean, who noted Alok's obvious compassion as well as his passion for helping others.



### LATE NEWS

Nepal's wife Dipa Ghosh has given birth to a baby boy named Neilarjo Ratan. Congratulations Nepal and Dipa!



### READ TO ME PROGRAM

Ellen Brasier is still seeking assistance from members and partners/friends for this project. If you can spare an hour or so each week it will be 'much appreciated'.

Volunteers will assist students from Mount Austin Public School with their reading. Sessions are held on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM at the school. Please call Ellen (0412 938 716) and confirm your availability. Please make a difference in a child's life.

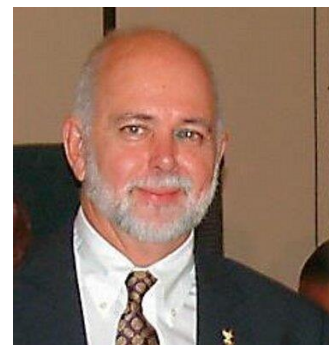
### CHANGED MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

All members need to be aware that **on the 21/9/17 our club will NOT be having a meeting at the Country Club due to another function being booked at the Country Club.** Our meeting night 21/9/17 has been given to the District committee who are arranging the 7<sup>th</sup> Royce Abbey Oration **which will be held on the 21/9/17 at the Commercial Club.**

Members are welcome to attend the function at the Commercial Club which **takes the place of our regular Thursday night meeting.** Details in last weeks Bulletin. Please RSVP by Wednesday 13/9/17.

### BARRY RASSIN SELECTED TO BE 2018-19 ROTARY PRESIDENT

Barry Rassin, of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2018-19. He will be declared the president-elect on 1 September if no challenging candidates have been suggested.



As president, Rassin aims to strengthen our public image and our use of digital tools to maximize Rotary's reach. "Those who know what good Rotary clubs do will want to be a part of it, and we must find new models for membership that allow all interested in our mission to participate," he says. "With Rotary more in the public eye, we will attract more individuals who want to be part of and support a membership organization that accomplishes so much good around the world."



A Rotarian since 1980, Rassin has served Rotary as director and is vice chair of The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. He was an RI training leader and the aide to 2015-16 RI President K.R. Ravindran. He received Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award, as well as other humanitarian awards for his work leading Rotary's relief efforts in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake there. He and his wife, Esther, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation.

Rassin's nomination follows [Sam F. Owori's death](#) in July, just two weeks into his term as Rotary International president-elect.

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

- ❖ 19<sup>th</sup> August 2017                      Kurrajong-Waratah Long Lunch.
- ❖ 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017                      Rotary Facebook Training Session.
- ❖ 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).
- ❖ 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018                      RI Convention (Toronto).



**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ( 19<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August )**

Birthdays: Nil

Rotary Anniversaries: Nil

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil



**☞ KOOKABURRAS ☞**



**SHAMPOO DANGER!!**

*DO NOT shampoo your hair in the shower, as the shampoo runs down your body when you are rinsing off your hair... I'm so relieved to finally get a health warning that is useful!!! This IS A WARNING to all of us!*



*I don't know WHY I didn't figure this out sooner! I use shampoo in the shower! When I wash my hair, the shampoo runs down my whole body, and printed very clearly on the shampoo label is this warning, "FOR EXTRA BODY AND VOLUME."*

*No wonder I have been gaining weight!*

*Well! I got rid of that shampoo and I am going to start Showering with Dawn Dishwashing Soap. Its label reads, "DISSOLVES FAT THAT IS OTHERWISE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE."*

*Problem solved!*

*If I don't answer the phone, I'll be in the shower!*

## AROUND THE MEETING



**New Dad collecting to pay the bills**