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<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 & better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?</p>
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BULLETIN NO: 17

Thursday, 19th October 2017.

OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 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 26 th Oct.	Thursday 2 nd Nov.	Thursday 9 th November
PROGRAMME:	Julian McLaren – Electricity supply & pricing.	Book Sorting	Visit Riverina Oils Plant in Bowman.
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bilker John Heazlewood	Karel Bijker	Karel Bijker
GREETER:	Terry Mecham	Not Required	Not Required
SHORT & SWEET:	Bruce Heydon	Not Required	Not Required
FINES MASTER:	David Payne	Not Required	Not Required
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	John Studdert	Not Required	Alok Sharma
VOTE OF THANKS:	Vida Smart	Not Required	TBA
BULLETIN REPORTER:	David Payne	Gerry Page	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: -

Thirty-two members (80% of our membership), plus Guest Speaker Dr Michael Ow-Yang from Canberra attended our meeting last Thursday night. Apologies were recorded from Bryan Short, Gordon Sagers, Graham Russell, John Heazlewood, John Studdert, Margaret Everett, Neil Hilpern & Tony Hutchinson.

MEETING REPORT: -

President Elaine Arnold welcomed members and our Guest Speaker, Dr Michael Ow-Yang to our meeting.

1. **Laurie Fromholtz** was welcomed back - looking as good as new!
2. Reported from **District 9700 AGM** held at Young on Sunday 15th October 2017: -
 - a) 'Re-Districting' – it is proposed that the current 21 districts will reduce to 12 districts. Sydney will become three districts. Western Australia will become one district. No change to individual clubs is being considered.
 - b) Clubs are encouraged to recruit more Centurions. Currently only 21% of Rotarians contribute to the Centurion Programme. See D9700 Website for details (or ask Philip Cross).
 - c) It is proposed that a Youth Director to be included in Club Boards to reflect consistency with District Boards.
 - d) District 9700 will provide \$5,000 to assist the celebration of 25 years of Rotary District Peace Communities. The event is scheduled for 23rd /24th February 2018.
3. 14th December will be our last meeting for 2017 – and our **CHRISTMAS MEETING**. A suggestion is that each member should bring a gift, suitable wrapped, for a young boy or girl. The collected gifts will be placed under the K-Mart 'Wishing Tree' for distribution to those in need.
4. **Formal notice is here-by given that our AGM will occur on Thursday 16th November 2017.** This should be a reasonably quick process so it will also be a social night, with partners, friends and other guests welcome to attend. Numbers will be sought for catering purposes.
5. Nomination forms for Board positions are now available and can be completed at next week's meeting.
6. Raffle Winner was **Philip Cross**.
7. Peter Smart presented **Glendyn Groves** with the award for the "Best Hat" at last week's Mad Hatter's Fun Night.



SHORT & SWEET.



David Kennedy provided a timely warning regarding the current excessive use of antibiotics and the resultant resistance that 'the bugs' are developing.

"On a recent ABC program about the rise of antibiotic resistance around the world, the statement was made that at present 700,000 people per year die because of developing an infection that is resistant to antibiotics. Already there are three of these strains that have arrived in Australia, mainly from India. Unless new research produces new

antibiotics or new antibacterial agents, these death figures could rise to 10 Million by 2030.

Pharmaceutical companies have lost interest in researching new antibacterial agents; first, because of the huge cost, and second, because they only last 6-12 months before resistance is generated. They would rather spend their research on drugs like the cholesterol lowering drugs, which patients remain on for life once they start!

Thus society needs to be more aware of the problems, and not expect an antibiotic to cure flu and other viral infections, for antibiotics only kill bacterial infections that they are sensitive to. Thus they should only be used wisely for known bacterial infections where they still are effective”.

Thank you David for bringing us up to date on this important situation!

FINES-MASTER.

Graham Gorrel, using the most effective way of raising Club funds known to Rotarians, fined everyone who had ever worked in a past or present life. He did this by quoting from the likes of Albert Einstein, Paul Harris, James Michener, Warren Buffet, Warren Milsom, Taffy Davies, Nelson Mandela, Tom Stoppard, Spike Milligan and Mother Teresa. A good money spinner. Very effective. Well done!



GUEST SPEAKER.

Paul Galloway introduced our Guest Speaker, Dr Michael Ow-Yang from Canberra, who gave us a close insight into how modern surgical techniques, combined with personal skills, bring about excellent outcomes. In his own words:-



“A summary of my presentation - I wanted to illustrate the rapid advancements and sentinel innovations that have shaped neurosurgical techniques, also hoping to give the audience a sense of the changes that have progressed within their lifetime. Modern neurosurgery is considered to have commenced at around the end of the first world war with innovations from Harvey Cushing such as electrocautery and sygmomanometry (the ability to measure fluid pressure). This also coincided with advancements in anaesthesia and aseptic technique. Diagnostic technology was basic with X-ray techniques until the 1970’s. CT

scanning arrived in Australia around 1974. MRI began use in Australia in around 1984. Technology then rapidly advanced to allow smaller devices which can now be applied in the operating theatre such as intraoperative CT and MRI. There have also been advancements in light and vision using more advanced microscopes and endoscopes. The use of intraoperative navigation techniques – stereotaxy – has revolutionised the ability to locate lesions by merging diagnostic imaging with the ability to navigate in 3 dimensional space in real time on the patient in the operating theatre. These concepts and innovations were demonstrated in actual case examples of how the technology was applied in my operating theatre for placement of difficult spinal screw fixation trajectories and in pituitary region surgery.”

Dr. Michael concluded his delivery with these cautionary words:- “Surgery does not beat cancer.”

It was a riveting presentation!

The Vote of Thanks was moved by Allan Duffus on behalf of our members.

2017 ROTARY SHINE AWARDS: -



This program acknowledges local workers with disabilities and their employers. **Alan Lean is still requiring assistance from members** – if you know of any worthy nominations for an award under this program, please let Alan know as soon as possible.

The Shine Awards will be at the Wagga Civic Precinct on **Tuesday 28th November 2017**. Note that this event will occur on a Tuesday and will replace the normal Thursday evening Club meeting for that week.

NEXT WEEK: -

This coming week we welcome local business and ABC media personality Julian McLaren as our key-note speaker.



Julian grew up in the Barmedman area and after completing a Bachelor of Business degree at Charles Sturt University he made his home in Wagga Wagga. He is actively involved in the local community – as evidenced by his recent involvement in Snowy Hydro SouthCare Helicopter Fund, elected as a Wagga City Councillor and member of South Wagga Apex.

Some of the longer-serving members might recall Julian addressing us on financial planning matters some years ago. On this coming occasion, Julian will enlighten us on the current issue of **RETAIL ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AND COSTINGS**.

This should be an interesting and topical presentation and again, guests are most welcome – but please remember to notify numbers for catering purposes.

ROTARY DISTRICT PEACE COMMUNITIES: -



The concept of Rotary District D9700 Community Peace Cities/Towns was conceived in Wagga Wagga, by Rotarian Tony Quinlivan. This city became the first Peace Community on 23rd February 1993 with the Community Peace Monument in the Victory Memorial Gardens precinct being unveiled by PRIP Royce Abbey and local Mayor Pat Brassil. The movement now has followings in twenty countries with sixty two declared Peace Communities.

As advised above, next year (2018) sees this movement mark its twenty fifth anniversary. To mark this milestone, D9700 is planning a major celebration for the **23rd & 24th of February 2018**. All Rotarians are asked to 'pencil-in' these dates.

The planned activities include a Procession of Flags, Mayoral Reception and a Gala Dinner. More information will follow at the appropriate time.

ROTARY CLUB of ALBURY CELEBRATE 90 YEARS of SERVICE: -

On Saturday 4th November 2017, the Rotary Club of Albury will be celebrating its 90th birthday. The Birthday Party is at the Albury Commercial Club and will feature guest speaker RI Director Noel Trevaskis OAM. Start time 6:00 PM for 6:30 PM. The cost is only \$50-00 per person.



There are two significant reasons that this event might appeal to our members. Firstly, our Club was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Albury in 1930 – so it is looked upon as our parent Club. Secondly, this event is being coordinated by (our own Past President from 96/97 & master of the Camel Stew.) **Hanny Hanna**. If you require additional information, or wish to secure a seat, contact Hanny on 0417 220 639.

A BIT OF ROTARY HISTORY (Part 3 of 3 of Bryan Short's Presentation): -

Wagga, in turn, sponsored the formation of clubs in Cootamundra, Tumut, Junee, South Wagga and Tumbarumba.

At the time the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga was formed there were 6.6 million people in Australia; 1.2 million in Sydney, and 11,000 in Wagga Wagga, So in comparison, Wagga Wagga has had a greater growth rate of about 6 times, compared with Sydney – about 3 and a bit times.

A significant event in the club's history was the visit by Rotary Founder, Paul Harris, to the Wagga Club in March 1935.

Our club has produced four District Governors in its history: Harry Gissing – father of Late member Maurice Gissing and Grandfather of Sunrise and District Board Member Peter) in 1952/53, Steve O'Halloran 1956/57 (an Architect), Ken White 1977/78 (an Electrical Engineer) and Peter Walsh 1998/99 (Hotel Management)

who most of you will remember and tragically died with his wife in a light aircraft accident in USA whilst at a Rotary Conference. Steve O'Halloran progressed to be Rotary International's First Vice President in 1967/68.

Another member Alan Pearson was District Governor Elect but died suddenly before he could take office in the mid 90s. We also have Bruce Barber as a member who was DG when he lived in Griffith.

Four DGs is the greatest number of DGs for a club in D9700, with 3 from Koorinal RC and Orange Daybreak RC being the next highest.

Over the almost 90 odd years our club has existed, we have moved District 7 times, so the upcoming merger with the Canberra and south coast area is not surprising. It just demonstrates that the Rotary organisation is flexible and will change to meet the circumstances..

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

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| ★ 25 th October 2017 | Lillier Lodge Dinner. |
| ★ 29 th October 2017 | BBQ Breakfast for Teachers College reunion. |
| ★ 4 th November 2017 | Albury Rotary's 90 th Birthday Party |
| ★ 28 th November 2017 | Shine Awards. |
| ★ 2 nd December 2017 | BBQ Disability Christmas Party. |
| ★ 23 rd -24 th February 2018 | 25 years of Rotary District Peace Communities |
| ★ 17 th March 2018 | Peace-building Conference 2018 (Sydney) |
| ★ 25 th to 27 th March 2018 | Clay Target Championships. |
| ★ 5 th – 6 th May 2018 | Book Fair. |
| ★ 5 th – 6 th May 2018 | D9700 Conference (Leeton). |
| ★ 23 rd to 27 th June 2018 | RI Convention (Toronto). |
| ★ 14 th – 16 th September 2018 | Zone 8 Australian & New Zealand Conference. |



Note from Philip Cross:-

Bill Prest turned 85 on 30/9/2017. Arthur Nixon turns 95 on 25/10/17.

SOME 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM OUR MEETING: -



Glendyn's award from the Mad Hat Night.



Howard Mendel received the remainder of his induction kit.



Allan thanks Dr Michael.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES (22nd Oct – 2nd Nov): -

Birthdays: Josephine Cannon 27/10.

Rotary Anniversaries: Tony Hutchinson 1/11/95.

Wedding Anniversaries: Laurie and Pat Fromholtz 27/10/17.



KOOKABURRA



Medical Tales:

The Doctor took one look at my stomach and refused to believe that I exercise. So I listed the exercises I do every day: jump to conclusions, climb the walls, drag my heels, push my luck, make mountains out of molehills, bend over backwards, run around in circles, put my foot in my mouth, go over the edge and beat around the bush!

Visiting a Psych ward, a man asked how Doctors decide to institutionalise a patient. "Well", the Director said, "we fill a bathtub, then offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient, and ask him or her to empty the tub". "I get it", the visitor said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's the biggest". "No", the Director said. "a normal person would pull the plug!"

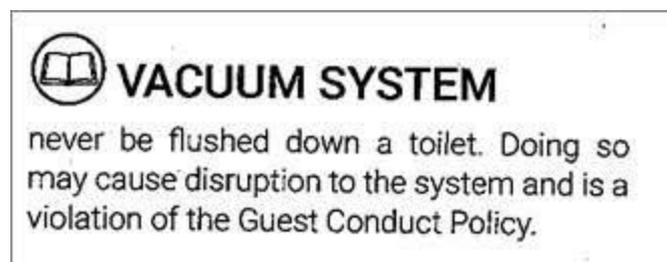


Aussie Post: -

A message for those of us who continue to use "snail mail". This is disappointing, but true! We all know that most small letters being mailed around Australia require a \$1 postage stamp. But did you know that all items mailed in Wagga with a \$1 stamp on them are first sent to Canberra for sorting? That results in a delivery delay of up to 4 or 5 days! To ensure that small items of mail stay in Wagga to be delivered in Wagga at the next opportunity, Australia Post recommends we pay an extra Priority payment of 50 cents at a Post Office.

P.V.

From a Cruise boat newsletter re their vacuum toilet system: –



Thanks to Gerry Page for his powers of observation on a recent cruise.

