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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: 18

Thursday, 26th 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 2 nd Nov.	Thursday 9 th November	Thursday 16 th November
PROGRAMME:	Book Sorting. (Note early start!)	Visit Riverina Oils Plant at Bowman.	Club AGM and Social Gathering.
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker	Karel Bijker	Karel Bijker Alan Lean
GREETER:	Not Required	Not Required	Don Pembleton
SHORT & SWEET:	Not Required	Not Required	Bruce Barber
FINES MASTER:	Not Required	Not Required	Gordon Saggars
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Not Required	Alok Sharma	Not Required
VOTE OF THANKS:	Not Required	John Studdert	Not Required
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Gerry Page	Neil Hilpern	David Friedlieb

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: -

There were quite a few Rotarians and guests in attendance – but unfortunately, the details didn't reach the Bulletin Editor in time for publication.

Seven apologies were recorded for this week – Allan Duffus, Alok Sharma, Bryan Short, David, Friedlieb, David Cannon, Howard Mendel & Peter Veerhuis

MEETING REPORT: -

President Elaine Arnold welcomed members and our Guest Speaker, Julian McLaren to our meeting.

1. Gordon Saggars was welcomed back from his overseas holiday.
2. 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.
3. **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.
4. Nomination forms for Board positions are now available and can be completed at next week's meeting.
5. Neil Hilpern shared news of past member Ailsa Bowman after he gave her a call. After the recent death of husband Bruce, she will soon be returning to live in Wauchope with her family.
6. Terry Mecham reported on a very successful evening at Lillier Lodge last Wednesday, thanking the many members who participated and brought casseroles.
7. Secretary Ellen Brasier reported on last week's Board meeting: -
 - a) Four of Harold's water filters have been purchased, one each by four Wagga Rotary Clubs (at \$650 each), to be sent to the Congo for development assistance.
 - b) Paul Galloway reported that the Tutuala Preschool Stage 2 works have been completed and the bills have been paid. However, to repay a loan, more fund-raising is required, and another cattle fattening project is planned.
 - c) \$5,000 has been paid to a local family in need from the Goodwin Estate.
 - d) \$250 was voted to Mike Murray for his fund-raising efforts in aid of Cerebral Palsy research.
 - e) The "Friends of Rotary" concept has been dropped.
 - f) Members are reminded to log their hours of voluntary effort for the Club and District's record-keeping.
8. Raffle Winner was **Marion Moran** – see photo at right.



SHORT & SWEET.



Bruce Heydon proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of West St Louis County in Missouri, USA (a customer of Bruce's lives there). Interestingly, the club assists a Riding for the Disabled group that has extended its program to help defence force veterans with returning to civilian life and recovering from PTSD.

FINES-MASTER.

David Payne managed to pry open wallets and purses with some tongue twisters, interesting facts about pecks and woodchucks, and rounded it off by fining anyone who was wearing shoes that evening.

GUEST SPEAKER.



John Studdert introduced the evening's guest speaker Julian McLaren, who is currently working for the NAB as a financial planner. Whilst Julian described himself as a 'failed politician' he has a strong interest in political matters – and one of his pet interests appears to be unjustified bureaucratic nonsense and the inefficiencies, that we might describe as 'pork-barrelling', that have found their way into the lives of our political leaders.

Julian spoke about electricity generation and distribution within Australia – and the many issues that confront our governments – both state and federal. After several questions from the floor, Julian was thanked in the usual way by Vida Smart.

2017 ROTARY SHINE AWARDS: -

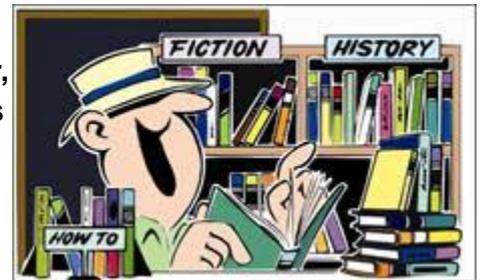


Only four weeks to go! **Alan Lean is still requiring assistance** – if you know of any worthy nominations for an award under this program, please contact Alan without delay.

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 replaces the normal Thursday evening Club meeting for that week.

NEXT WEEK: -

Thursday 2nd November From 5.30pm. An important night, as it will be the first general club BOOK SORT for this Book Fair year, and there will be plenty of work and a variety of jobs for all. This will be the first of several full club book sorts, and is the opportunity for everyone to become involved – it's always a great night of bonding and Rotary action.



So what's been happening? Well, there has been plenty of action behind the scenes – books have been rolling in without any great sourcing effort by the club – you will be impressed on attendance with what has been achieved by a dedicated group of Tuesday sorters – around 300 boxes already sorted and on the stack (apart from the 200 plus boxes retained from the last Fair, which just need a light review before joining the stock).. Unfortunately a large proportion of Tuesday time has been given over to disposal of unsuitable material, with the disposal bin emptied with regularity – a huge amount of unproductive time. Our next flyers, posters and community notices will have a more direct indication of what we can and can't use.

Bee Dee Bags have very kindly offered to provide 1200 bags for this year's Fair, bearing the same message as the last lot – a wonderful contribution from this very community minded business, especially as it supports a number of other organisations around the town.

The Salvation Army have agreed to the use of another section of the building to store sorted material stacks, and all our sorted material will be consolidated there this year. They are great supporters. We have very much appreciated the help of Peter & Vida Smart with this facility last year.

ROTARY CLUB of ALBURY CELEBRATE 90 YEARS of SERVICE: -

Final notice – next Saturday, the Rotary Club of Albury will be celebrating its 90th birthday at the Albury Commercial Club. Start time 6:00 PM for 6:30 PM. The cost is \$50-00 per person. If you require additional information, or wish to secure a seat, contact Hanny Hanna on 0417 220 639.

LATE NEWS – TEACHERS COLLEGE REUNION BREAKFAST: -

On Sunday morning a solid group of club members (Terry, Tony, Barry, Elaine, Glendyn, Neil, Philip C. Graham G, Graeme C., Gerry, Marion, Margaret K.& Ellen B.) provided breakfast at the Teachers College Reunion Breakfast.

We catered for around 200 and the comments as the diners departed, replete, cheerfully indicated that they thoroughly enjoyed the meal of fruit, sausages, bacon, tomato & toad in the Hole.

The club has earned around \$2000 from the function.

A few pics (thanks to Gerry) are included, showing some of the chefs in action, as well as Graeme C. organising activities!



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

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| ★ 16 th November 2017 | Club Annual General Meeting |
| ★ 28 th November 2017 | Shine Awards. |
| ★ 2 nd December 2017 | BBQ Disability Christmas Party. |
| ★ 14 th December 2017 | Club Christmas Function |
| ★ 23 rd - 24 th February 2018 | 25 years of Rotary District Peace Communities |
| ★ 17 th March 2018 | Peace-building Conference 2018 (Sydney) |
| ★ 25 th - 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 - 27 th June 2018 | RI Convention (Toronto). |
| ★ 14 th - 16 th September 2018 | Zone 8 Australian & New Zealand Conference. |



SOME 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM OUR MEETING: -



Something is being planned!



Vida thanks Guest Speaker Julian.



Graham & John with guest
Ian (Blue) Mawson.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES (3rd Nov – 9th Nov): -

Birthdays: Margaret Keys (7/11).
Rotary Anniversaries: Nil.
Wedding Anniversaries: Nil.



KOOKABURRA



One of our Rotarians (who must remain nameless for reasons that are about to become obvious) woke up with a horrible hangover and a throbbing black eye yesterday. The first thing he saw was a single rose on the bedside table and a note from his wife: "Breakfast is made. I've gone shopping to make you your favourite dinner tonight – I love you!"

He stumbled to the kitchen and, sure enough, there's breakfast. He asked his son, "what happened last night?"

"You came home blind drunk and got that black eye tripping over the dog."

"So, why the rose, breakfast, and sweet note from your mother?"

"Oh, that - Mum dragged you to the bedroom, and when she tried to take your clothes off, you screamed, 'Leave me alone, I'm married!'".

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