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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: 15

Thursday, 5th 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 12 th Oct	Thursday 19 th Oct	Thursday 26 th Oct
PROGRAMME:	MAD HATTERS FUN NIGHT	Dr. Michael Ow-Yang	Julian McLaren – Electricity supply & pricing.
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker Margaret Everett	Karel Bijker Howard Mendel	Karel Bilker John Heazlewood
GREETER:	Mary Ann Kelly	Marion Moran	Terry Mecham
SHORT & SWEET:	Terry Mecham		Bruce Heydon
FINES MASTER:		Graeme Gorrel	David Payne
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Not Required	Alan Lean	John Studdert
VOTE OF THANKS:	Not Required	Allan Duffus	Vida Smart
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Ellen Braiser	Peter Veerhuis	David Payne

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-one members in attendance plus visiting Rotarians, Paul Rafferty (Canberra – our own Past President from 1995 – see photo) and Lindsay Wilson (South Wagga) Also in attendance was club guest Gary Gaffney, the evenings key-note speaker.

Apologies were recorded from Gordon Saggars, Ellen Brasier, Gerry Page, Tony Hutchinson, Margaret Everett, Margaret Keys and Rob Sharkie.



MEETING REPORT: -

We have received the following information/requests: -

1. To assist with the Clay Target Association's World Championship to be staged in Wagga **25th to 27th March 2018**. This is a fund-raising opportunity. Sufficient interest was shown from the floor so we will accept the task in principal – more information is to follow at an appropriate time.
2. From **DG George Weston** – an opportunity to welcome a Nigerian couple seeking to settle in Wagga Wagga and possibly join a Rotary Club – Alok is to follow up on this.
3. 14th -16th September 2018, **Zone 8 Australian & New Zealand Conference** (replacing the Zone Institute) will be held in Hobart.
4. 23rd -24th February 2018 Celebrating **25 years of Rotary District Peace Communities**, in Wagga Wagga
5. **Tree planting** activity at the RDA are proceeding as planned. RDA volunteers are happy to assist.
6. Members Margaret Everett, Mary Ann Kelly and Elaine Almond joined Rotaractors and had a lot of fun **Tenpin Bowling**. Just missed out on the major prize.
7. Our hard-working Sergeant Graeme Callander pleads for members to give notice of absences and guests, and if sound/visual facilities are needed, he's good but not quite up to miracles.
8. David Cannon updated the next few weeks programs as he will be away.
9. Terry Mecham informed us of upcoming **BBQ COMMITMENTS** where members assistance is required: -
 - a) Wednesday 25th October Lillier Lodge Dinner – 6 volunteers needed.
 - b) Sunday 29th October – Teachers College Reunion breakfast for 200, Botanic gardens.
 - c) Saturday 4th November - Model Trains.
 - d) Tuesday 28th November – your scribe couldn't copy the details – so just 'block out the date'.
 - e) Saturday 2nd December – Disability Christmas Dance Party.

SHORT & SWEET.



Bryan Short provided a brief history of the development of Rotary, especially our own Club and the respective Districts that it has been assigned to, noting that the Districts tend to change about every decade, so the for-shadowed changes might be viewed as 'par for the course'!

President Elaine was so impressed with the presentation that she requested that it be reproduced in this publication. The length is such that it must be serialised of a number of weeks – part one appears below.

SERGEANT AT ARMS.



Serendipity gave David Friedlieb (suitably attired in his Richmond Tigers Supporters gear) the opportunity to extend the joy of Richmond's mighty victory in the AFL Grand Final, making special note of those wearing the wrong colours and not knowing the words of "Oh we're from Tiger-land"

He also exacted tribute from raffle winner Marion and visiting raffle seller Lindsay.

PROGRAMME.

Karel Bijker introduced tonight's key-note speaker, Gary Gaffney, who in turn noted that he was making a return performance with our Club after some 51 years! He had previously addressed Wagga Rotary Club following his participation in RYLA. Nobody owned up to having been in attendance at that event.

Gary spoke to a Power-Point presentation covering a guest house he has constructed on the land of the Tana Toraja people of South Sulawesi (Indonesia). Gary has been a regular visitor to the area as part of his trekking pursuits, and has now been accepted as part of the local community.



It is believed that the Tana Toraja people came to Sulawesi from southern China some 700 years ago. They did not assimilate with the ingenious people and retreated into the mountains, retaining their own separate culture. They have only had contact with the outside world for about 50 years ago. They occupy the rain forests on the ridges some 1200m above sea level where they cultivating rice, coffee and cacao on the terraced slopes.

They have rich traditions – especially with weddings and funerals, which extend for lengthy periods with much ritual. Tribe members contribute pigs and buffalo to the celebrations, and a 'book' is maintained in order to determine what is returned at the donor's own funeral. Their society remains a subsistence one, without any understanding of ongoing "employed" work, it is day to day. The currency for work is cigarettes and bowls of rice.

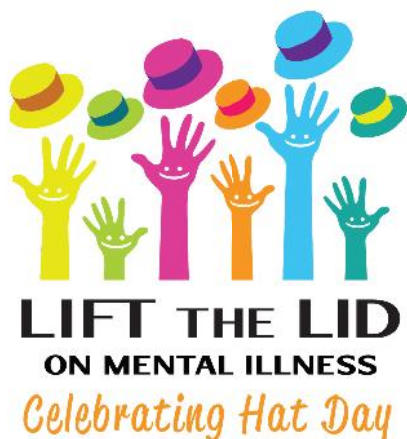
The building is constructed, with permission of the tribal Chief, on a pole platform using casuarina timber (similar to our she-oak). The locals retain various superstitions such as no work to be done at night as it would affect the feelings of the growing rice crop. These often impacted on the project. Some tasks could only be performed by members of the tribe "Hill House".

Gary uses his Hill House when he visits, and at other times, it is listed for lease on Air B&B which produce valuable income for the tribe. Total construction cost was about \$9,000, and it can return about \$1100 in a good tourist season. This compares favourably with local enterprises where a family might earn around \$400 per year.

While a valuable earner for the tribe, Gary now has some uncertainties about the ethics of it all, as increased money is used for more cigarettes and for phones, both of which can be seen as working against the tribe's traditional life and customs. He is currently debating the rhetorical question, Is he really helping them?

After quite a few questions from members, PP Paul Galloway thanked Gary for his presentation and presented him with a certificate acknowledging vaccination of ten children against polio.

NEXT WEEK: -



The 10th October is designated World Mental Health Day. Australian Rotary Health is encouraging Rotarians and the general public to get involved and “Lift the Lid on Mental Illness”. This is the theme for ARH’s national mental health fund-raising and awareness day. We will celebrate Hat Day at our next meeting by holding an event, wearing an unusual hat and raising money for mental health research.

Peter Smart, who is notorious for the hats that he can 'pull out of his wardrobe' challenges us all to get behind the spirit of the night, have some fun and raise some funds for this ARH project.

You can find out more by following the following ARH here: -

<https://australianrotaryhealth.org.au/support-us/campaigns/lift-the-lid/> or www.hatday.com.au

Or, follow ARH on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/liftthelidevent/>

WANTED – PHOTOS OF YOU WITH YOUR GRANDPARENTS: -

Michelle Maddison is a curator at our local museum and was our Club President in 2010/11. Whilst she has retired from Rotary, she remains a resolute friend of Wagga Rotary and is one of our enthusiastic volunteer workers at the Annual Book Fair. Michelle needs our help; she recently asked: -

“The Museum recently received a grant to host an activity for Grandparent’s Day (29th Oct 17), and the main part of this is for a 'pop up' exhibition to be held on the balcony of our Botanic Gardens site as part of an afternoon tea held in honour of grandparents.

For the exhibition to be a success, we are asking for people to submit scanned copies of family photographs showing them spending time with their grandparents or even themselves spending time with their own grandchildren. We are hoping to get enough images together to create a temporary gallery.

We will be collecting images until 20 October. Photos can either be emailed or we can take scans of hard copies brought into the museum”.

If you can assist, please contact Michelle on (02) 6925 2934 – or by email: - mmadatsea@yahoo.com



SHINE AWARDS: -



Only six weeks now until this important event in our Club Diary. The organising Committee is looking for nominations of either persons with a disability achieving in their vocation, or a business that employs a person with a disability. Contact Alan Lean for more details.

The Rotary Shine Awards will be hosted by our club at the Wagga Wagga City Council precinct on **Tuesday 28th November 2017.**

A BIT OF ROTARY HISTORY (Part 1. of Bryan Short's Presentation): -

Rotary was founded by Paul Harris, a Lawyer, in 1905 in Chicago. Rotary's popularity spread with clubs chartered from San Francisco to New York, and to Winnipeg, Canada within a decade. In 1916, following the growing popularity of the Clubs in various regions worldwide, Rotary set up a District system. By 1921 Rotary clubs were established on six continents and the organisation adopted the Rotary International name a year later.

In February 1921 the Board of the International Association of Rotary Clubs authorised the establishment of Rotary Clubs in Australia and New Zealand. Melbourne became the first club in Australia to be chartered and sponsored the formation of Sydney RC soon after.

Australia became District 65 in 1928, and shortly afterwards in 1930, District 76 (to be continued).

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. |
| ★ 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 |
| ★ 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. |



SOME 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM OUR MEETING: -



Marion wins the Lucky Door Prize again.



Lindsay Wilson (Sth. Wagga Rotary) – a welcome guest.



Paul Galloway thanks our Key-Note Speaker.

AN UP-DATE ON PROGRESS IN TIMOR-LESTE: -



Our Tutuala Project nears completion.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES (13th Oct – 19th Oct): -

Birthdays:

Graham Russell (15/10), Christine Heydon (15/10)

Rotary Anniversaries:

Peter & Vida Smart (16/10/14), Elaine Almond (17/10/13)

Wedding Anniversaries:

Bill & Dorothy Prest (13/10), Barry & Chris Francis (13/10)



KOOKABURRA 😊



Okay, Ralph let me 'splain it you again. You're big, I'm little; BUT!!! you're dog, I'm cat that makes me the boss. Got it ??

