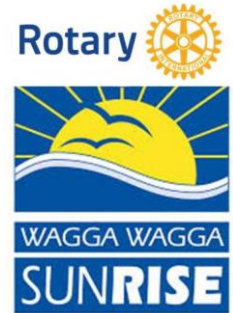




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# The Keyway

**ROTARY CLUB OF  
WAGGAWAGGA SUNRISE Inc**  
Chartered 1991  
PO Box 5430 Wagga Wagga 2650 NSW



**Meeting Venue:** Mantra Pavilion, Kincaid Street, Wagga Wagga  
**Meeting Time:** Breakfast commences 7.00am followed by meeting completed by 8.30am

## **JANUARY is VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH**

### **FOR YOUR CALENDAR: 2018**

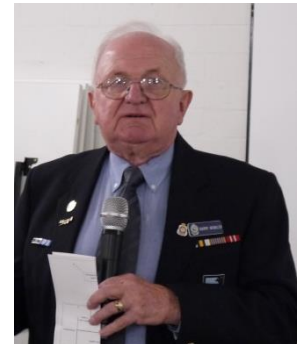
Th 25 Jan	Club	Australia Day Awards
Su 28 Jan	Service	Queen's Baton Relay – BBQ breakfast & other duties
Tu 30 Jan	Vocational	RAAF Heritage Centre with Barry Winkler then at Koorringal Hotel
23-24 Feb	District	25th anniversary of Peace Communities Program
Fr 17 Mar	RI	Peace-Building Conference 2018, Sydney
5-6 May	District	2018 Conference Leeton
23-27 Jun	RI	RI Convention Toronto, Canada
14-16 Sep	Zone	Zone 8 Australian & New Zealand Conference

### ***Meeting No 28 - 23 January, 2018***

## **RAAF HERITAGE CENTRE & CHEQUE PRESENTATIONS**

### **1. About the RAAF Heritage Centre**

**Fred Loneragan** introduced **Barry Winkler**, a volunteer at the RAAF Heritage Centre, retired police officer and prosecutor for many years, who had requested to speak to members prior the vocational visit to the RAAF Heritage Centre at Forest Hill next Tuesday evening. He provided a brief history of the Royal Australian Air Force from its early days in World War 1 to its exploits in World War 2.



The Heritage Centre at Forest Hill is situated at the old Air Force guard house – though now separated from the base itself. In 1940 the Govt. established an Empire Air Training Scheme (the air force at the time consisted of 3300 officers and men) and within five years it became the 4<sup>th</sup> biggest air force in the world. From that time to the present many opportunities and positions have been taken up by women including the commander of a number of airbases such as currently at Forest Hill.

The Heritage Centre displays the Air Force's footprint that existed throughout the Riverina, including all seven airbases established locally to train many pilots and crew. Australia currently has eighteen squadrons around the country. The administration and care of the Forest Hill airbase is provided by the 31<sup>st</sup> Squadron.

At Forest Hill (the biggest training Base the Air Force has) the 1RTU Training unit provides initial training for all new recruits as well as many officer courses held on its campus. It is a tri-service base with the Navy and Army also having a presence there. All training regarding trades and the like is the same that can be acquired in the civilian world making any qualifications achieved portable all over Australia. Much of the recent secured presence and involvement of the Air Force locally can be attributed to the tireless work of former local Federal Member Kay Hull.

The Heritage Centres now have their own command structure and independence from the Air Force's own hierarchy.

Barry concluded his talk by answering a couple of questions and being thanked by **President Deidre**.

## 2. Cheque Presentations

1. **Molly King**, the **Charles Houen Scholarship** recipient in 2016 came to this week's meeting with father Peter to accept a cheque of \$500 to further her studies in law. She used her first payment to purchase a laptop she still uses regularly and intends to buy textbooks for her studies in second year.



Molly is currently completing a double degree in law at Macquarie University and has completed 8 units in her first year. After graduating, Molly hopes to specialize in contracts and business law preferably in the sporting field.

2. Each year, RDA – **Riding for the Disabled Wagga Wagga** helps to fund a team of riders in the Mounted Games at the Royal Easter Show. From the regional games at which the team is chosen, this year's team of six riders and their horses will compete in four sections each with four events. This builds participants' skills and self-esteem.



**Heather Baker** gratefully accepted \$3 000, the first payment of a three-year commitment by Sunrise. The funds will assist the team's preparations for the Games during Term I which is a time the RDA forgoes classes that make money to operate the centre.



3. **Bidgee Dragons** assisted Sunrise Rotary to wrap Christmas presents at the Sturt Mall for two weeks in December. **Ann Buik**, president of the Bidgee Dragons accepted the cheque for \$1 800, the bulk of the funds raised. Ann commented it was an unexpected and very generous decision which would be used to build their new boat shed in the near future.

In return, Ann presented Sunrise with a participation certificate for our catering at their annual regatta.



4. **Ronald McDonald House, Wagga Wagga** received the proceeds raised from our very successful **Riverina Truck Show and Kids' Convoy** held last September. The weather ended the event prematurely. Our own **Deborah Braines** gratefully accepted the cheque for \$9 000 and has agreed to speak to the club about recent developments including the opening of the Family room within the WWRRH and the extensions to the existing house. Deborah stated there are twelve current members actively involved in the house.

### 3. DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

#### Club Administration: Fred Loneragan

*Incoming President, Fred Loneragan announced the Rotary theme for 2018-19*  
**Be the Inspiration**



#### Club Image: Leanne Deacon

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**Membership / Vocational Service:** in the absence of **Bob Martin**, Deidre confirmed:

- *Vocational Visit Tu 30 Jan RAAF Heritage Centre 6pm*

Please arrive before 6:00pm to start on time. Parking is near the planes and outside the gates to the base. After the tour, dinner will be at Koorngal Hotel.

- *Corporate Membership Night* was held last Tuesday night with club directors providing information about this form of membership to Sharon Ferguson of Bush & Campbell. The matter will be broached at the next B&C directors' meeting.

#### Service Projects:

- *Queen's Baton Relay Su 28 Jan Bolton Park*

BBQ volunteers **M Chapman, J Wood, M Wood, D O'grady, Martin, F Loneragan** are to be at Bolton Park by 7am to set up and to cook by 8:00am

Traffic volunteers **L Deacon, S Rootes, P Brown, J Skews, V Samuelson, D Smith, D Wilson, M Brown** to meet at 8.30am at carpark opposite Council Chambers cnr O'Reilly & Morrow Streets except **Jo Wilson** who will meet Bill Harvey at the cnr Blake & Morgan St at 8:00am.



#### OTHER REPORTS:

- *ROTARY Police Officer of the Year 2018 Sa 17 Mar International Hotel*

Next organisational meeting is Wed 31 Jan at 4:00pm at the Police Station.

- *25th Anniversary of Rotary District Peace Communities Program 23-24 Jan various venues*

A nomination has been received by the club and will be submitted to the co-ordinators by Friday 26th January as required.



#### 4. MEMBERS' NEWS:

**Birthdays** Carol Martin (22/1), Donna O'Grady (23/1)

**Rotary Milestones** Dave O'Grady - 16 years (24/1)

**Marilyn Walter** reminded members that Sunrise's nominee for the Wagga Wagga Young Citizen of the Year at Wagga's Australia Day celebrations was **Francis Elliott-Rudder** – please attend the announcement if you can (wearing Sunrise shirts, added Deidre). **David Gilbey** advised that his wife **Dr Geraldine Duncan** has been nominated for the Citizen of the Year category.

**Social Event** Celebrate Chinese New Year – Year of the Dog on Friday 16 February, from 6.30pm at Royal Gardens Restaurant. If you would like a ticket, see Denise Flockton asap to reserve a seat.



#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Nominations for Graham Armstrong Memorial Award for the last two quarters will be determined at meeting on 6 February.

5. **Fines** were levied by **Peter Brown**, yielding \$52.65.

**ATTENDANCE:** Bruce Spinks, Darren Verus, David Brady, David Gilbey, Denise Flockton, Deborah Braines, Dennis Blackett, Dawn Smith, Deidre Tome, Fred Loneragan, Jennifer Groch, Jo Wilson, Joan Skews, John Wood, Lesley Scott, Leanne Deacon, Marie Wood, Marilyn Walter, Mark Brown, Max Chapman, Michelle Swan, Peter Brown, Peter Gissing, Sandra Rootes, Simon Swan, Val Samuelson.

**APOLOGIES:** Alan Sharp, Angela Metcalfe, Bob Martin, Dave O'Grady, 'Dizzy' Desailly, Jan Gray, Karen Jamieson, Ndungi Mungai, Sue Hartwig, Wendy Day, Yvonne Braid.

**GUESTS:** Molly King, Peter King, Ann Buik, Heather Baker, Barry Winkler,

**NEXT WEEK:** **Vocational Visit to RAAF Heritage Centre** in the former Guard House at RAAF Base, Forest Hill 6pm followed by dinner at the Koorngal Hotel. See Roster below.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Tues 30 Jan</b>
<b>Venue</b>	RAAF Heritage Centre
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>VOCATIONAL VISIT</b>
<b>Speaker</b>	
<b>Attendance 1</b>	Bob Martin
<b>Attendance</b>	N/R
<b>Reporter</b>	David Gilbey
<b>Photos</b>	Bob Martin
<b>About Rotary</b>	N/R
<b>Fines Session</b>	N/R
<b>Intro. Speaker</b>	Bob Martin
<b>Thank Speaker</b>	Deidre Tome