

The Keyway



ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA SUNRISE Inc.

PO Box 5430 Wagga Wagga 2650 NSW

Meeting Venue: Mantra Pavilion

Meeting Time: Breakfast commences 7.00am, meeting completed by 8.30am



7th November 2017

Rotary Foundation Month

PROGRAM: Melbourne Cup celebration – with Alan Hull

ATTENDANCE: Alan Sharp, Bob Martin, Bruce Spinks, David Brady, David Gilbey, Deborah Braines, Deidre Tome, Denise Flockton, Dennis Blackett, Francis Desailly, Joan Skews, John Wood, Lesley Scott, Marilyn Walter, Michelle Swan, Ndungi Mungai, Peter Brown, Sandra Rootes, Simon Swan, Sue Hartwig, Val Samuelson.

APOLOGIES: Angela Metcalfe, Darren Verus, Dave O'Grady, Dawn Smith, Fred Loneragan, Jan Gray, Jennifer Groch, Jo Wilson, Karen Jamieson, Leanne Deacon, Marie Wood, Mark Brown, Max Chapman, Peter Gissing, Wendy Day, Yvonne Braid.



VISITING ROTARIANS: Elaine Almond (Wagga Wagga), Aaron McDonnell.

MEMBERS' GUESTS: Alan Hull (race caller), Elizabeth and Rod Parsons (sweep managers), Sharon Ferguson & Stephen Dawson (Bush & Campbell).

COMING EVENTS/ FUNDRAISERS:

- 11th Sept: working on community gardens for Multicultural Council, from 8.30am, Station Place

- 12th Sept: DisTec17, Young, Council Hall, 10am-4pm

(right: Elaine Almond)

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES: Phillip Tome 7th Nov; Angela Metcalfe 11th Nov; Karen Jamieson (four years in Rotary) 12th Nov.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Deidre Tome** welcomed visitors Alan Hull, Rod & Elizabeth Parsons, Sharon Ferguson & Stephen Dawson and Visiting Rotarian Elaine Almond. Deidre also welcomed back **David Gilbey** and **Sue Hartwig**. Deidre extended a particular welcome to Simon Swan and his blow-up horse & hat – in the spirit of Melbourne Cup celebration!



MEMBERS' NEWS: **Deidre Tome** (below) reminded members:



- she still has a couple of tickets to Thursday evening's fundraising screening of *Murder on the Orient Express* (please contact her to buy/take them)
- in January '18, the movie *Breathe* will be screened as a fundraiser for EndPolio
- this Sunday, 12th Sept is the District 9700 DisTec17 technology training day
- the AGM is

Denise Flockton told us of the recent birth of her third granddaughter.

Val Samuelson announced there is a need still for hosts for the Friendship Exchange visit 24-27 November. If you can help out, please contact Val on 69216838 or 0428216838.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: **Alan Sharp** noted:

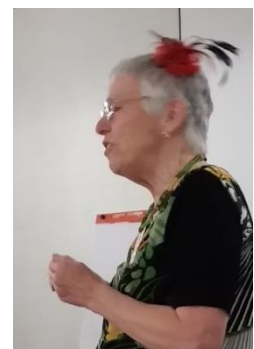
Correspondence IN:

- Request from Bo Children's Hospital Trust, Sierra Leone
- Reminder re Distec17 this Sunday

Correspondence OUT:

- Letter of appreciation to Koorngal HS, thanking David Peel & Kim Weerakoon for the recent robotics evening
- Sympathy card to Phillip & Deidre Tome

ROTARY FOUNDATION: **Marilyn Walter** (right) reminded members it's 100 years since Rotarians came up with the idea of setting up an endowment fund 'for the purposes of doing good in the world'. In 1929 the Rotary Foundation made its first gift of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children – the beginning of a sustained series of donations to support projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.



Marilyn singled out the continuing priority of eradicating polio and how the RF works in association with WHO, UNICEF and eg the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. In 1988 polio existed in 125 out of 196 (64%) of countries in the world. Today there are only three countries with endemic polio – some 2.5 billion children have been immunized against it.



RF grants have empowered Rotarians to devise and implement strategies and programs to alleviate poverty, illiteracy and malnutrition – with sustainable solutions that have a lasting impact.

(left: Denise Flockton)

Over the month of November, **Bruce Spinks, Michelle & Simon Swan** will be sharing examples of humanitarian service initiated by Rotarians and supported by RF:

- 14 Nov – Bruce on peace & conflict resolution
- 21 Nov – Michelle on economic & community development
- 28 Nov – Simon on providing clean water

RF works on the local level too: half the money that D9700 donates to RF will be returned to the District in three years' time. Local clubs can apply for funds to support their own humanitarian projects, scholarships and training.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: **Deidre Tome**, in the absence of **Angela Metcalfe**, reminded members:

- Sat 11th Nov: working on the community gardens at Wagga Multicultural Council from 8.30am
- Last Sunday in Nov: Dragon Boats regatta
- 1st two weekends in Dec: Xmas trees sale

VOCATIONAL EVENING: **Bob Martin** reported on the success of the recent robotics evening at Koorlingal HS, followed by a congenial dinner at the Koorlingal Hotel.

Next vocational meeting will be last Tuesday in January 2018 at the RAAF Heritage Centre.

FINES: because there was no sergeant-at-arms this morning, 'random' fines were called for, raising \$84.05.

PROGRAM: **Melbourne Cup Day celebration**

Dawn Smith introduced well-known race-caller **Alan Hull** *(right)* to contribute his long-standing prophetic performance of today's Melbourne Cup.



When Alan moved to the front, members had already bought tickets in the sweeps organised by **Rodney & Elizabeth Parsons** *(below)*.



From behind his Zeiss binoculars, the preferred tools of race-callers around the world – because their 10x50 magnification allowed for best 'field of vision' of a race – Alan talked about the importance of a race-caller's 'one set of eyes' in contrast to the multiple lenses of TV & digital cameras covering every race. He pointed out there was lots of blue in the colours of horses & jockeys in this year's MC so it required concentration to

distinguish riders. Alan said there were only three Australian horses in this year's cohort, including 'Single Gaze' (the hope of Gundagai) – making it very hard to 'call' the race. Most came from overseas: UK, Ireland, US, Japan etc. 'Who Shot the Barman' was, again, scratched.

Alan said the race would take about 3 min 20 secs and began, form-guide in hand, to direct members' attention to the assembled 23 horses ... and they were off! Alan directed our roars and guided us through his imagined drama of the jostling of the race, his voice rising and falling like a conductor of an orchestra as the mini-drama unfolded ...

In the end, Alan's winners were: 'Marmelo' (1st), 'Wall of Fire' (2nd), 'Red Cardinal' (3rd) ... with 'Wicklow Brave' in last place.

Sweep takings for the actual race would be: \$65 (1st), \$30 (2nd), \$15 (3rd) and \$5 (last).

(right: Sharon Ferguson)



MEETING CLOSED: 8:15am with the National Anthem.

Meeting Poster for November 2017:

Date	Tues 14 Nov	Tues 21 Nov	Tues 28 Nov	Tues 05 Dec
Venue	Mantra Pavilion			
PROGRAM	Club Business	AGM	RAWCS Nepal	CHRISTMAS PARTY
Speaker			Bruce Duffy	Change of Venue and Time
Meet & Greet	Michelle Swan			
Attendance	Bob Martin			
Reporter	Sue Hartwig			
Photos	Denise Flockton			
About Rotary	Bruce Spinks: peace & conflict resolution			
Fines Session	Mark Brown			
Intro. Speaker	Jenny Groch			
Thank Speaker	Angela Metcalfe			

THE FOUR WAY TEST:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Board Member; 2017/2018:

President:	Deidre Tome	Secretary:	Alan Sharp
Treasurer:	Darren Verus	President Elect:	Fred Loneragan
Club Administration:	Fred Loneragan	Rotary Foundation:	Marilyn Walter
Membership/Vocational:	Bob Martin	Communication:	Leanne Deacon
Service Projects:	Angela Metcalfe	Youth:	David Brady
Immediate Past President:	Dawn Smith		
New Member; Inducted in 2017/8 Rotary Year:	Simon & Michelle Swan, Jennifer Groch.		

... and now, for some drollery ...

A jockey was riding the favourite at a race meeting, and was well ahead of the field. His horse rounded the final corner, when suddenly the jockey was hit on the head by a turkey and a string of sausages.

He managed to keep control of his mount and pulled back into the lead, only to be struck by a box of Christmas crackers and a dozen mince pies as he went over the last fence.

With great skill he managed to steer the horse to the front of the field once more when, on the run in, he was struck on the head by a bottle of sherry and a Christmas pudding. Thus distracted, he succeeded in coming only second.

He immediately went to the race stewards to complain that he had been seriously hampered...

A teacher was accompanying a class of kids on a school outing. On the way, they stopped at the Motorway facilities for a drink and a pee. Some of the little boys were having trouble because of the height of the urinals, so the teacher went in to help them. One after one, she was lifting them up to pee. She couldn't help noticing that one little feller was extremely well endowed and said to him, "you're not one of my class are you?"

The little feller turned round and said, "Too right I'm not. I'm a jockey on my way to Flemington, but thanks for lifting me up!"

Paddy and his two friends are talking at work. His first friend says: "I think my wife is having an affair with the electrician. The other day I came home and found wire cutters under our bed and they weren't mine."

His second friend says: "I think my wife is having an affair with the plumber the other day I found a wrench under the bed and it wasn't mine."

Paddy says: "I think my wife is having an affair with a horse." Both his friends look at him with utter disbelief. "No I'm serious. The other day I came home and found a jockey under our bed."

Bulletin Reporter & Keyway Editor: David Gilbey

Pics:

Bob Martin

