



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

FEBRUARY is PEACE & CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH

FOR YOUR CALENDAR: 2018

Sa 03	Mar	Club	PETS - President Elect Training	Young
Su 04	Mar	Club	Board Directors' training	Young
Su 04	Mar	Service	Clean Up Australia Day - Willans Hill	- 9.00am start
Tu 06	Mar	Meeting	NYSF - National Youth Science Forum	
Th 08	Mar	Youth	Science & Engineering Challenge	
Fr 09	Mar	Youth	RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards applications close	
Tu 13	Mar	Meeting		
We 14	Mar	Club	Board meeting	
Fr 17	Mar	RI	Peace-Building Conference 2018, Sydney	
Fr 17	Mar	Service	Rotary Police Officer of the Year	
Tu 20	Mar	Meeting	Board report	
Tu 27	Mar	Meeting	tba	
Sa 31	Mar	Service	Council Easter Egg Hunt & Family Day - BBQ breakfast	
Tu 10	Apr	Fundraiser	Machine Knitters of WW: Greatest Morning Tea, chez Chapman,	\$10
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 33 – 27 February, 2018

President **Deidre Tome** opened the meeting thanked anyone wearing blue, remembering Cyber Bullying, and welcomed Sharon Ferguson, a Corporate Member from Bush & Campbell, also Samantha Davies from Wagga Wagga High School.

Deidre thanked all the members who helped at the weekend with the 26th Annual Rotary Peace Conference and made it such a success.

Deidre and **Fred Loneragan** commented on the excellent address Kay Hull presented at the Eighth Royce Abbey Peace Oration.



TODAY'S PROGRAM: Gail Meyer – Wagga Women's Health Centre

Peter Gissing introduced **Gail Meyer**, Manager of Wagga Women's Health Centre.

Gail said the Wagga Centre was established 39 years ago. Core services at the centre are currently funded through the NSW Health Partnerships for Health programs and after hour services by the Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network and Impact Philanthropy. This allows for 3.5 full time employees and 1 FTE on weekends.

The services provided by the Centre include:



- Trauma counselling
 - Crisis and support work
 - Healthy lifestyle support
 - Economic wellbeing support
 - Complementary therapies
 - Wellbeing activities
 - Library and computer access
- Social action activities
 - A safe space for women to sit and be themselves – or just take a shower.

During the last financial year there were 3443 client contacts. Main issues are emotional and mental health, relationships, violence and abuse.

Some facts on domestic violence:

- Violence is more common in families and relationships in which men control decision making, and less so in those relationships where women have a greater degree of independence.
- The most consistent predictor for support of violence by men is their agreement with sexist attitudes.
- Violence against women is about something more than just losing your temper.
- The most extreme violence, including murder, often occurs when a woman tries to leave a relationship or is pregnant.
- False claims of domestic violence or sexual assault are extremely rare.

Years ago we thought society would change that social justice and criminal issues would have been addressed – but we were wrong.

Because of this, a lot is happening, what has changed is the preparedness for people like Sunrise Rotarians to stand up and show your support to services like the Wagga Women's Health Centre, to say that as a society we all deserve to be safe, that domestic violence is not okay and that good people can make a difference and contribute. The work done by WWHC on domestic violence impacts throughout multiple layers.

President **Deidre Tome** gave the vote of thanks.

ATTENDANCE: Alan Sharp, Bob Martin, Bruce Spinks, David Brady, David Gilbey, Dawn Smith, Deidre Tome, Denise Flockton, 'Dizzy' Desailly, Fred Loneragan, Jo Wilson, Joan Skews, Lesley Scott, Marie Wood, Mark Brown, Max Chapman, Peter Gissing, Sandra Rootes, Val Samuelson.

APOLOGIES: Darren Verus, Dave O'Grady, Deborah Braines, Dennis Blackett, Jan Gray, Jennifer Groch, John Wood, Karen Jamieson, Leanne Deacon, Marilyn Walter, Michelle Swan, Ndungi Mungai, Peter Brown, Simon Swan, Sue Hartwig, Wendy Day, Yvonne Braid.

GUESTS: Gail Meyer (Wagga Women's Health Centre), Sharon Ferguson (Bush & Campbell); Samantha Davey (Wagga Wagga High School).

DIRECTORS' & other REPORTS:

Secretary: Alan Sharp

Correspondence in:

- Australian Post account for PO Box
- Request from Salvation Army
- D9700 request for Future Leaders Seminar, 23rd March at Mittagong, 10 positions available.

Correspondence out:

- Letter of appreciation to DG George in supporting the Peace Ceremonies.
- Letter of congratulations to Dr. Geraldine Duncan on the Wagga Wagga City Council Peace Award for community service.
- Letter of congratulations to former club member, Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack.
- Letter to Wagga TAFE to discuss a Scholarship to an apprentice in Building and Construction.

The Attendance Book for apologies did the rounds also the coming Events Book highlighted the Machine Knitters of Wagga Wagga Inc. BIGGEST MORNING TEA, to be held at Sue & Max's home on Tuesday 10th April 2018 Entry \$10. Also names for the Easter Family Day Saturday 31 March 2018 at the Botanical Gardens 9 – 2 pm.



Youth: David Brady: Volunteers were needed for the Science Engineering Challenge on 8th March, also 3 volunteers for RYDA on Wed. 21 March.

Deidre mentioned that there would be a Truck Show Meeting Friday 2.3.2018.

Fred Loneragan reminded us of the New District 19705 Invitation to Future Leaders Seminar at Mittagong on 23 March, no charge contact Fred if interested.

ROTARY INFORMATION: Bruce Spinks spoke about Rotary's involvement in supporting the Australian Bone Marrow Donor Registry (ABMDR) <https://www.abmdr.org.au/> Currently there are some 70 Rotary Clubs involved – and the Rotary Bone Marrow Research Centre at Royal Melbourne Hospital was established. In 2103 the Hilltop accommodation centre was established at Albury to support patients and their families travelling to access treatment. Bruce recounted the difficulties his cousin, an ambulance rescue worker, had in trying to find a BM donor: eventually a match was found with a German man who had volunteered to donate to a young girl suffering from leukaemia, but who was not compatible. Bruce quipped: GERMANY SUPPLIES BONE MARROW TO SAVE AUSTRALIAN PARAMEDIC.



Bruce also spoke about getting in touch with D.G. George Weston about the Container Deposit Scheme.

MEMBERS' NEWS:

Deidre noted that at the Peace Ceremony Dr. Geraldine Duncan received the Wagga Wagga City Council Peace Award for community Service – members were delighted.

Birthdays Simon Swan (28.2)
Anniversaries Max & Sue Chapman (4.3)
Rotary Milestones Marilyn Walter 23 years in Rotary (1.3)



Meeting closed 8.30am.

NEXT WEEK: National Youth Science Forum

Note Roster (below)

Date	Tues 06 Mar	Tues 13 Mar
Venue	Mantra Pavilion	Mantra Pavilion
PROGRAM	NYSF National Youth Science Forum	Canada - Prince of Wales Award + C Houen S'ship
Speaker	Amali Harper Emily Ford	Phil Malligan
		CHQ Severio
Attendance 1	Marie Wood	Lesley Scott
Attendance	Jenny Groch	Joan Skews
Reporter	Marilyn Walter	David Gilbey
Photos	Leanne Deacon	Denise Flockton
About Rotary	Michelle Swan	Simon Swan
Fines Session	Mark Brown	Peter Brown
Intro. Speaker	Bob Martin	Marilyn Walter
Thank Speaker	Alan Sharp	Peter Gissing

... and now for some drollery:

A wife and her husband were having a dinner party for all the major status figures in Rome, Italy. The wife was very excited about this and wanted everything to be perfect.

At the very last minute, she realized that she didn't have any snails for this dinner party, so she asked her husband to run down to the beach with the bucket she was handing him to gather some snails. Very grudgingly he agreed.

He took the bucket, walked out the door, down the steps, and out to the beach. As he was collecting the snails, he noticed a

beautiful woman walking alongside the water just a little further down the beach. He kept thinking to himself "Wouldn't it be great if she would even just come down and talk to me." He went back to gathering the snails. All of a sudden he looked up, and the beautiful woman was standing right over him. They got to talking, and she invited him back to her place.

They were at her apartment a ways down the beach, and they started messing around. It got so hot and heavy, that he was exhausted afterwards and passed out there.

At seven o'clock the next morning he woke up and exclaimed, "Oh no! My wife's dinner party!"

He gathered all his clothes, put them on really quickly, grabbed his bucket, and ran out the door.

He ran down the beach all the way to his apartment. He ran up the stairs of his apartment. He was in such a hurry that when he got to the top of the stairs, he dropped the bucket of snails.

There were snails all down the stairs. The door opened just then, with a very angry wife standing in the door way wondering where he's been all this time.

He looked at the snails on the steps, then he looked at her, then back at the snails and said, "Come on guys, we're almost there!"

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