



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

19 Dec 2017 Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

PROGRAM: Rev Leonie White

ATTENDANCE: Alan Sharp, Angela Metcalfe, Bob Martin, Bruce Spinks, Darren Verus, David Brady, David Gilbey, Dawn Smith, Deborah Braines, Deidre Tome, Denise Flockton, Dennis Blackett, Francis Desailly, Fred Loneragan, Jennifer Groch, Joan Skews, John Wood, Karen Jamieson, Leanne Deacon, Marie Wood, Marilyn Walter, Mark Brown, Max Chapman, Peter Brown, Peter Gissing, Sandra Rootes, Val Samuelson.



VISITING ROTARIANS/GUESTS: Phillip Tome (Koorinal), Paul Cosier (Marilyn Walter); Nelson Alvarado (Angela Metcalfe)

APOLOGIES: Dave O'grady, Jan Gray, Lesley Scott, Michelle Swan, Ndungi Mungai, Simon Swan, Sue Hartwig, Wendy Day, Yvonne Braid.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES: 20/12 Anne Wood; 22/12 Judy Gissing; 26/12 Joy Desailly; 29/12 Peter & Judy Gissing; 31/12 Deborah Braines; 31/12 Fred & Rae Loneragan 31/12; David Gilbey joined Sunrise in 2003, Jan Gray and Leslie Scott in 2004, 1/1 Dave & Donna O'grady; 9/1 Leanne Deacon; 13/1 Darren Verus

COMING EVENTS/ FUNDRAISERS

- Tues 19 Dec - Sat 23 Dec Service Christmas wrapping at Sturt Mall
- Tues 26 Dec Boxing Day no meeting
- Tues 02 Jan New Year No Meeting
- Wed 10 Jan Meeting Board Meeting at Deidre's
- Tues 16 Jan Meeting First club meeting of 2018

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| • Tues 16 Jan | Membership Meeting | Corporate Membership Night |
| • Tues 23 Jan | | |
| • Tues 30 Jan | Vocational | RAAF Heritage Centre then dinner |
| • 23/24 Feb | Community | 25 th Anniversary of Rotary Peace Communities |
| • Sun 4 Mar | Service | Clean Up Australia |
| • 17 March 2018 | Vocational | Police Officer of the Year Awards |
| • Fr 17 Mar | | RI Peace-Building Conference 2018, Sydney |
| • 05-06 May | | District 2018 Conference Leeton |
| • 23-27 Jun | | RI Convention Toronto Canada |
| • 14-16 September | | Zone 8 Australian & New Zealand Conference |
| • 3 Nov 2018 | Service | Riverina Truck Show & Kids Convoy
Civic Theatre Precinct & Playhouse Carpark |

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Deidre Tome welcomed us all to the 26th meeting, and especially our three guests.

Nominations for the **Annual Peace Day Ceremony Awards** are still being sought. If you are able to assist with brochure distribution in January, please see **Phillip Tome**.



Due to unavoidable absences, the December Board meeting was run as a discussion. The next Board meeting will be on 10 January.

The first meeting of 2018 on 16 January will include an Extraordinary AGM to vote on nominations for unfilled Board positions for 2018-2019.

Fred Loneragan read the Four Way Test.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Alan Sharp (*right*) tabled:

Correspondence Inwards:

- Appeal from Youth off the Streets
- Wagga Wagga City Council re clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 4 March 2018.

Correspondence Outwards Nil.

(Alan added that he enhanced his skills in gift wrapping when working with David Gilbey at the Sturt Mall. One or two ribbons, David? – Marilyn.)



DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

Angela Metcalfe (*right*) thanked the members who have supported the recent service projects, all run in December: **Christmas tree sales at Bunnings**, **Bunnings sausage sizzle** (around 900 sausages sold), **volunteers' dinner at Wesley** for 45 guests, and **Christmas gift wrapping at Sturt Mall**.



David Brady gave special thanks to **Sandra Rootes** (*left, with Jan Gray*) for meeting and greeting the parents and students in attendance for interviews for selection for the Charles Houen Memorial Award.



Fred Loneragan thanked Board and members for their support.

Rev Paul Cosier (*right*) thanked Sunrise members for their highly successful catering at the volunteers' dinner at Wesley, and presented a cheque of payment to Deidre.



Nelson Alvarado (*left*) a former Rotary Youth Exchange Student from Lima, Peru, spoke about his stay in Australia five years ago. Then 16 years old, he was sponsored by Wollundry Rotary Club and attended Wagga High School. **Angela** and **Chris Metcalfe** were his second host family and **Deidre** and **Phillip Tome** his Country Co-ordinators on the District Youth Exchange Committee. He is currently in the third year of a five year degree in Economics. He would eventually like to study and reside in Australia. He offered thanks to his host families and to Rotary for making the exchange possible.



FINE SESSION: **Deidre Tome** ran a mass assault on our wallets to make sure no-one missed out. **Marilyn Walter** cross-fined relating to the dinner at Wesley:



- **Angela Metcalfe** for sending a photo of **Chris** slaving over a hot BBQ cooking the ham and of her with her feet up relaxing
- **Darren Verus**, a renowned tennis player, showing how he could slice ham with his backhand
- **Peter Gissing** for **Judy Gissing** (*left*) the queen of potato bake, who searched the internet for the best recipes and tried them out on Peter first

Fines Total: \$ 73.55

GUEST SPEAKER: **Rev Leonie White**

Marie Wood introduced Leonie, the co-ordinator of Pastoral Care for the past 14 years at the Wagga Wagga Rural Referral Hospital.

Leonie has a multiplicity of roles: in addition to managing the team of 43 volunteers at the WWRRH, she is also the Anglican deacon at St John's, Anglican Chaplain to Calvary Hospital, and a worship leader at Ladysmith.



Leonie (*left*) began by saying pastoral volunteers meet people “where they are at”, to provide emotional and spiritual support if invited to do so.

Leonie told the story of being extremely busy one Sunday, leading two services, taking communion to patients at two hospitals and planning a Christmas service, and being under the continual stress to keep moving. She happened to see a couple with their new baby in the coffee

shop and followed the instinct to stop to talk with them. This pause led to sharing of stories, a sense of peace, “like a warm velvet rug, as if time had stopped,” and of being on sacred ground.

(*right: David Brady & Darren Verus at the Volunteers’ Dinner*)



Leonie encouraged us to watch for those opportunities to stop and say hello, to take time to find a sense of stillness in nature and to take care of ourselves.

Marilyn Walter thanked Leonie on members’ behalf and presented her with the customary Sunrise cup.



President Deidre thanked all those in attendance.

(*left: Peter Gissing, Max Chapman, David Gilbey*)

MEETING CLOSED: 8:30am with the National Anthem.

PLEASE NOTE: PARTNERS are ALWAYS welcome to join us for any meeting.

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 Members 2017/2018:

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| 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 Members Inducted in 2017/8 Rotary Year: Simon & Michelle Swan, Jennifer Groch. | |

... and now for some drollery (*courtesy of Jokes of the Day ...*)

Two guys are walking through the woods and come across this big, deep hole.

"Wow...that looks deep." "Sure does... toss a few pebbles in there and see how deep it is."

They pick up a few pebbles and throw them in and wait... no noise.

"Jeeez. That is REALLY deep... here.. throw one of these great big rocks down there. Those should make a noise."

They pick up a couple football-sized rocks and toss them into the hole and wait... and wait. Nothing.

They look at each other in amazement. One gets a determined look on his face and says, "Hey...over here in the weeds, there's a railway sleeper. Help me carry it over here. When we toss THAT sucker in, it's GOTTA make some noise."

The two drag the heavy tie over to the hole and heave it in. Not a sound comes from the hole.

Suddenly, out of the nearby woods, a goat appears, running like the wind. It rushes toward the two men, then right past them, running as fast as its legs will carry it. Suddenly it leaps in the air and into the hole.

The two men are astonished with what they've just seen...

Then, out of the woods comes a farmer who spots the men and ambles over.

"Hey... you two guys seen my goat out here?"

"You bet we did! Craziest thing I ever seen! It came running likecrazy and just jumped into this hole!"

"Nah", says the farmer, "That couldn't have been MY goat. My goat was chained to a railway sleeper."

A man walked into a bar, sat down, ordered 3 shots of whiskey, drank them, then left. This continued daily for several weeks.

Curious, the bartender asked him one day, "Why do you always order three shots of whiskey?"

The man answered, "Because my two brothers and I always used to have one shot each, and since they've both passed on, I've continued to order the three shots in their honor."

The bartender thought that this was a very noble thing to do, and welcomed the man every time he visited the bar.

Two weeks later, the man walked into the bar for his daily visit and ordered two shots of whiskey. Surprised, the bartender asked him why he only ordered two when had had always been ordering three.

The man answered, "Oh, I've decided to stop drinking."

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Marilyn Walter

Denise Flockton, Marilyn Walter (right)

David Gilbey

