



# The Keyway



**ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA SUNRISE Inc.**  
**DISTRICT 9700**  
PO Box 5430 Wagga Wagga 2650 NSW

**Meeting Venue:** Thyme Out Restaurant, The Manor, 38 Morrow Street, Wagga Wagga  
**Meeting Time:** Breakfast 7.00am for 7.15am, completed by 8.30am



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

7 February 2012

February is World Understanding  
Month



**GUEST SPEAKER:** Dr John Messing on  
'Computers: What they have done for us  
and to us.'

(Left: Marilyn Walter, Dr John Messing, Val  
Samuelson and President Alan Sharp)

**ATTENDANCE NO:** 29

**APOLOGIES:** Patrick Ball, Yvonne Braid,  
Deborah Braines, Peter Brown, Max  
Chapman, Denise Flockton, Noelene Hogan,  
Fred Loneragan, Lesley Scott and Len Wade.

**LEAVE:** Dawn Smith, Jan Gray, Anne Pattison.

**VISITING ROTARIANS :** Catherine Conroy (president Murrumbidgee Rotary Club)

**BIRTHDAYS:** Max Chapman 12th Feb & Gordon Moore 13<sup>th</sup> Feb

**ANNIVERSARY/S:** Nil

**COMING EVENTS/FUND RAISERS:**

- Rotary Peace Ceremony at Victory Memorial Gardens 19 Feb
- Polio Plus Movie Night *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* 23 Feb \$20 Forum Cinema
- District Conference at Young 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> March
- Host GSE team, 5 members 28<sup>th</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** by Alan Sharp.

- Alan told us that whilst away he attended make-ups at both Rotary Club of Euston/Robinvale and Rotary Club of Hallet Cove (in Adelaide) where Past District Governor David Roberts is a member, and sends his best wishes.
- At Group 5 Presidents' meeting on Sunday, group travel to the upcoming District Conference was discussed and we have been asked to find out how many members might wish to travel up on Saturday by bus. This will reduce costs and driving. The bus would be organised only if numbers sufficed.
- District is proposing membership drive with incentives to members and clubs, one of such incentives considered is waiving of district fees for one year.
- The Peace Ceremony is in the final stages of organisation. Being the host club we will require members not only to sell badges in WW on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February for an hour but to help on the day of ceremony Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February to set up chairs and covers and other odd jobs to make the day a success.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Marilyn Walter tabled the following:

Hunters Newsagency	Cheque for \$500 for sale of Rotary calendars
Courtney Price	Letter of thanks from winner of Charles Houen Scholarship
Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing	Approval of Sunrise's Application for fundraising authority – certificate valid till 20.01.2017
Skills Options	Newsletter
Rotary Clubs of Coolamon and Wagga Wagga	Bulletins
Rotary International	Semi Annual Report and Invoice for RI fees

**DIRECTORS' etc REPORTS:**

- **Marilyn Walter** supplied details re the Film night for PolioPlus, 23 February: *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*. Please support this fundraiser as Polio is so close to eradication. You can preview the movie at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dDY89LYxK0w> and it's brilliant!



FLYER Marigold Hotel..pdf

See attachment (left).

Please bring your ticket money next Tuesday, as the night is only 3 weeks away and money plus accurate numbers must be given to the theatre a week prior to the event. Tickets cannot be sold on the night.

**Contact** Graeme Callander (6922 5046 or if no answer 0412 072 711) with any queries.

- **Dennis Blackett** noted that members Denise Flockton and Lesley Scott participated in Dragon Boat Races in Sydney over the weekend, (see picture below – but where are D & L?)



**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:** **Helen Allen** stood in at very short notice (what a sport!) and fined:

- Those who didn't go to the Aust. Day celebrations, and for David Gilbey who presided over formalities wearing only the colour yellow and not green & yellow and in addition for wearing a 'dickie' hat.
- Those who didn't attend the vocational visit to Kurrajong

Recyclers Waste Disposal Plant and furthermore those who have not read the Council supplied literature on recycling.

- Dave O'Grady because he didn't assist Helen with her Sergeant's duties



(Left: Bronwyn Hills, Bill O'Rourke, Marie Wood, Tim Stait discuss their imminent fines)

- Marie Wood for appearing in the DA through week and Peter Gissing on behalf of Judy Gissing for same.
- Anyone who wasn't wearing socks savers like Tim Stait (who duly flashed some leg and his socks savers to prove fact)
- Members of the table with only one lady on it (Gordon responded that one was truly enough) and appropriately fined again.

- Bernie Benson for being very clumsy and leaving his tee shot 3cm short of a hole in one.
- Anyone who didn't see the bright moon last night.
- Bill O'Rourke for stating now that Noelene was an apology he could count up.

#### **X Fines**

- Dennis Blackett offered a cross fine to anyone who didn't take the opportunity on this beautiful mild summer's day to walk to rotary.



**FINES:** \$54.75 (above: Bernie Benson & Dave O'Grady counting the 'top table's' fines)

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Dr John Messing introduced by Dennis Blackett to talk to us on the topic 'Computers, what they have done for us and to us.'

After saying that esteemed member Val Samuelson was a dangerous lady to sit next to after roping him in to speak, John began to set out both the wonderful improvements in living we have experienced with the introduction of computers into our lives and alternatively the consequences of the same in a detrimental way.

John led with a question he has posed to others in the past: 'What do you consider the greatest invention in the 20<sup>th</sup> century?' He stated over 80% of people said the computer which was first invented to try and crack codes of other countries in War Time.

The first question John put forward was, to what extent computers have computers ameliorated our lives? Some of the points illustrated were:

- As a great labour-saving device
- Has increased accuracy
- Has created a great timeliness and new levels of efficiency.

To reinforce these three sub areas John described such examples as emails to streamline communication and eg. replace telephone exchanges with their operators – computers increased their capacity many times over to store information.

- In the medical field, advancements like the ultra sound and cat scans allowed vast loads of

information to be gathered and analyzed.

- In law enforcement and border security computers scan/house data about individuals and suspects and vehicle information for checking in an instant.
- In robotics found within the manufacturing industries especially the motor vehicle industry.
- In military arsenal I.e smart bombs, unpiloted drones, satellites etc
- For the use of spread sheets, computer calenders, smart phones, storage of business information that can be located and accessed at a touch of a button.

The second side of the two-edged sword of computers were how they have negatively affected us. John pointed out the other side of labour-saving was the stark reality of greater unemployment. As well, through computers programs and robotics eliminating once human-performed jobs such as seen in the car industry medium-level skilled workers were redundant. And computerised word processing reduced the need for secretaries and other offices jobs.

Further, as a result of computer processes we have allowed computers to do our thinking, although with computers requiring human input in the first place often what could be thought as correct information was not always so ('garbage in = garbage out').

Another important aspect has been the loss of secure information or too much personal information being stored for future advantage of large companies corporations.

John made us all stop and think about the dramatically changed landscape of society since the introduction of computers and left us with some good food for thought (eg. hand-write some letters and personal addresses; sign rather than use a pin number at credit card transactions). John's talk was pruned due to time constraints but he was duly thanked by **David Gilbey** for his interesting and learned overview.

**BARRELL DRAW:** Jennifer Weale won the wine.

**MEETING CLOSED:** 8.35 am.ish

## Roster for February

Date	14 <sup>th</sup> February	21 <sup>st</sup> February	28 <sup>th</sup> February
Venue	<i>Thyme Out</i>	<i>Thyme Out</i>	<i>Thyme Out</i>
Meet & Greet	Lesley Scott	Jo Wilson	Helen Berger
Meeting setup	Alan Sharp	Alan Sharp	Alan Sharp
Meeting pack up	Tim Stait	Dawn Smith	Vicki Richards
Attendance Desk	Dave O'Grady	Noelene Hogan	Dominic Ferlito
	David Brady	Andrea Bradley	John Wood
Sergeant-at-Arms	David Gilbey	Tim Stait	Patrick Ball
Bulletin Reporter	Jennifer Weale	Helen Allen	Helen Allen
Program	<b>Marissa Olsen:</b> Top 10 tips for reading food labels	<b>David Gilbey:</b> Germany & Vienna: glimpses	tba
Introduce Speaker	Fred Loneragan	Yvonne Braid	Peter Brown
Thank Speaker	Andrea Bradley	Ndungu Mundai	Sue McAlpin

**\*\*Reminder:** If you are rostered on for a job but can't make the meeting, please make arrangements for someone to replace you .

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.....**Board Members 2011/2012:**

<b>President:</b>	Alan Sharp	<b>Secretary:</b>	Marilyn Walter
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Sandra Rootes	<b>President Elect:</b>	Val Samuelson
<b>Club Administration:</b>	Val Samuelson	<b>Rotary Foundation:</b>	Noelene Hogan
<b>Membership/Vocational:</b>	Jo Wilson	<b>Public Relations:</b>	Yvonne Braid
<b>Service Projects:</b>	Dave O'Grady	<b>Youth:</b>	Peter Gissing
<b>Immediate Past President:</b>	Denise Flockton		

**New Members Inducted 2011:**

Len Wade, Helen Allen, Dominic Ferlito, Ndungi Mungai, Tessa Bremner, Ian MacDonald.

**District Governor:** Ian Simpson & Jean [Rotary Club of Orange North]

**Assistant Governor:** Gary Roberts [Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Murrumbidgee]

**Club Members involved at District Level:**

**Director, District Foundation:** Fred Loneragan (Rotary Foundation)

**Director, District Rotary Service Projects:** Noelene Hogan

**District Chairperson:** Fred Loneragan (Rotarians Fighting for Aids, Peace Communities)

**District Committees:** Noelene Hogan (Director, District Rotary Service Projects)  
Marilyn Walter (Rotarians Fighting For Aids)  
Denise Flockton (Vocational Services & Awards)

**International Peace Communities Conference:** Fred Loneragan (Chairman), David Gilbey

***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?***

**final drollery, thanks Helen:**

Arthur is 90 years old.

He's played golf every day since his retirement 25 years ago.

One day he arrives home looking downcast.

"That's it," he tells his wife. "I'm giving up golf. My eyesight has got so bad. Once I've hit the ball, I can't see where it went."

His wife sympathizes. As they sit down, she has a suggestion: "Why don't you take my brother with you, and give it one more try."

"That's no good," sighs Arthur. "Your brother is a hundred and three. He can't help."

"He may be a hundred and three," says the wife, "but his eyesight is perfect."

So the next day, Arthur heads off to the golf course with his brother-in-law.

He tees up, takes an almighty swing, and squints down the fairway.

He turns to the brother-in-law. "Did you see the ball?"

"Of course I did!", says the brother-in-law. "I have perfect eyesight."

"Where did it go?" asks Arthur.

"Can't remember!"

**Bulletin Reporter:** Darren Verus

**Keyway Editor:** David Gilbey