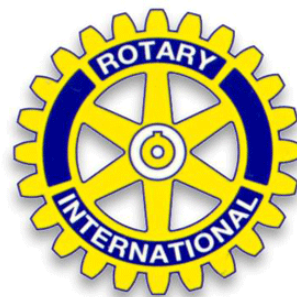


# The Keyway



**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

15 November 2011

November is Rotary Foundation  
Month

**ATTENDANCE NO:** 27

**MAKE-UPS:** Max Chapman, Fred Loneragan

**APOLOGIES:** Len Wade, Andrea Bradley, Yvonne Braid, Deborah Braines, Marilyn Walter, Helen Berger, Max Chapman, Fred Loneragan, Bronwyn Hills, Ian Macdonald, Darren Verus, Lesley Scott.

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

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Geoff Simpson

**VISITING ROTARIANS:** Doug Beer (Junee)



**MEMBERS' GUESTS:** none

**BIRTHDAYS:** Dizzy Desailly, 15 November (see left, with Joy)

**MEMBERS' NEWS:** David Gilbey home from Japan

**ANNIVERSARY/S:** None

**COMING EVENTS/FUND RAISERS:**

**\*\*Notice of Annual General Meeting: Tuesday 22 November\*\***

- Joan Skews will have Christmas Cakes & Puddings at next week's meeting. A welcome gift when arriving at your friends' homes over Christmas. A Christmas gift?
- 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner 29<sup>th</sup> November \$35.
- Christmas Party 13 December 2011 \$35.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Alan Sharp**



photo of the presentation (above).

- The Anniversary Dinner on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 6.30 for 7pm start, is progressing and acceptances and apologies are slowly arriving.

- The club has purchased 100 new banners which are available to members who are visiting other clubs.
- The Annual General Meeting will be held next week. Val has nomination forms for those wishing to be involved at Board level.
- The local Rotary Clubs are seeking a RYDA coordinator. Any member wishing to assist please contact me.
- *The Leader* ran a great article of our award to Paramedic Phil Hoey. Denise provided a

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** none

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:** none

#### **DIRECTORS' (& etc) REPORTS:**

- **Noelene Hogan** spoke on Centurion Certificates –if you are a past Centurion you will not get a certificate this year.
- **Dave O'Grady:** help needed for catering at Uniting Church's volunteers Christmas Party on Thursday 24 Nov at 6pm. There may not be 20 Uniting Church people so it cannot be a fund raiser, the Club decided to regard it as Community Service Project.
- **Peter Gissing:** 1) combined Clubs looking for RYDA Co coordinator  
     ▪ 2) Club website now alive. [www.rotarywaggasunrise](http://www.rotarywaggasunrise)
- **David Gilbey:** Saturday afternoon 2.30 at the WWCC Library – launch of *fourW twenty-two* by Graham Gorrell. Wine & nibbles available. All welcome.



Above: Elizabeth & Rodney Parsons  
 Right: Alan Hull calling Melb Cup



#### **Melbourne Cup Sweep Winners.**

3<sup>rd</sup> Alan Hull, Bill O'Rourke, Dave O'Grady.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill O'Rourke, Yvonne Braid (twice), Peter Brown.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Alan Sharp, Len Wade, Dave O'Grady, David Brady.

#### **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:** Patrick took over the fine session at 10 minutes' notice, fining:

- Those who-saw-who at the markets on Saturday Morning.

- Val for hiding the healthy food at breakfast.



- Peter's keys left at the toaster – told a story about being tired and emotional & losing his keys.
- Those who didn't go to the University Vintage Dinner.
- David G. walking with his 'chick magnet' dog.
- All those who hadn't eaten Japanese food in the last fortnight.
- Winners of the Melbourne Cup Sweeps.
- Anyone who hasn't been to *My Fair Lady*.
- Noelene trying to blame Kapooka.
- Whoever hasn't bought a Christmas cake.
- Anyone who hasn't been to Darwin in the last 2 weeks (Patrick's going tomorrow).
- Marie's home in the *Style Magazine* (you can see why, left).
- Sandra for winding her window down to David today.

**FINES:** \$67.75

**BARRELL DRAW:** Helen Allen won the wine.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER – Geoff Simpson**

**Denise Flockton** introduced Geoff Simpson as someone she'd known since he was a student and who now worked in regional government training organisation. Geoff had completed teacher training at CSU and now his particular project was managing indigenous service delivery programs.

**Geoff Simpson** gave an excellent address, beginning by stressing he is concerned with outcomes in the two major projects he is currently involved with – both focussing on Aboriginal culture. Geoff said he came from Walgett, pop. around 3000, 80% of whom are Aboriginal. He said he never felt dark enough to be entirely within the Aboriginal community nor white enough to fit in with the European Australians – it was like 'sitting on a barbed wire fence'. He came to Wagga in '82 and attended Mt Austin High School, emerging with low confidence in his cultural skills and abilities (HSC score: 32 out of 500). He wanted to tell three stories highlighting the building of confidence, skills and connections to culture:



- 1) Working at Murrumbidgee Catchment Authority – weed removal, tree/shrub planting, fencing, connecting people with place on the Riverside Precinct Project (job began with 'boss taking a punt on my ability'). Eight men involved in restoring and opening up the landscape. Budget \$8 million – extending to Yass, Tumut, Leeton, Balranald and growing to 64 people who are undertaking a Certificate 2 in Land Management, and progressing to a Certificate 4 in Conservation. The experience has expanded blackfellas' connection to country, giving them confidence, expertise and training.
- 2) Now with the BCA National Training Group through the Department of Ageing & Health – developing

business skills and confidence by getting local indigenous people to assist community organisations providing aged care for Aboriginal people. Building on knowledge of and connection to culture. National success rate 65%.

- 3) Using illustrations, Geoff showed the links between culture and the plants, animals and people in the landscape – linked by being part of a ‘food, fibre and medicine’ chain. Evidence of habitation and connection by eg. the ‘coolamon scars’ in trees etc. Geoff recounted how he tells the trainees to recognise that their culture (and knowledge) comes from the landscape – as does Australia’s reliance on wheat, sheep, minerals – agriculture is a kind of shared heritage. What binds Wagga, said Geoff, is the Murrumbidgee River. He emphasised how people can discover their confidence by building on their knowledge of, skills in and connection with their culture. (There was even a joke about satellite weather predictions being based on ‘blackfellas gathering loads of firewood for the winter’.)

When you think of it, said Geoff, this is all a bit like Rotary! We have an inherent cultural obligation to look after people.

**Questions:** **Gordon** asked whether ‘do-gooder legislation’ is often bad for Aboriginals. **Geoff:** how many blackfellas were consulted in writing the legislation? Did the legislators think of the ‘Eight ways of Aboriginal learning connectivity’?

**Dennis & David** both asked about the business skills Geoff taught. **Geoff** referred to building financial and teamwork skills based on community knowledge. Culture is learning by repetition, he said.

**Jennifer Weale** thanked Geoff for what was ‘one of the best presentations at Rotary’, helping us to understand Aboriginal people’s sense of the environment (as her senator father had urged) by ‘building a bridge’ between cultures (see pic above).

**MEETING CLOSED:** 8.30 am.

## Roster for November

Date	22 Nov	29 Nov
Venue	Thyme Out	RSL
Meet & Greet	Len Wade	
Meeting setup	Alan Sharp	
Meeting pack up	John Wood	
Attendance Desk	Yvonne Braid Sue McAlpin	
Sergeant-at-Arms	Helen Allen	David Gilbey
Bulletin Reporter	D.Desailly	
Program	Club AGM	Evening Celebration Our 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Introduce Speaker		
Thank Speaker		

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

## ..... **Board Members 2010/2011:**

<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		

**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?***

**Make Ups** A member can make up absences 14 days before or after the usual meeting time by attending and participating in a club service project, a club sponsored community event, a meeting of the club's board, a meeting of a service committee to which the member is assigned, official Rotary business or a Foundation remote area project. Please give Rotary make up cards at the attendance desk so they can be recorded.

**final drollery:** I think it's been round before, but having just returned from OS, this seemed apt:

**These were posted on an Australian Tourism Website and the answers are the actual responses by the website officials, who *obviously have a great sense of humour* (not to mention a low tolerance threshold for cretins!)**

**Q: *Does it ever get windy in Australia ? I have never seen it rain on TV, how do the plants grow? ( UK ).***

**A:**We import all plants fully grown and then just sit around watching them die.

**Q: *Will I be able to see kangaroos in the street? ( USA )***

**A:**Depends how much you've been drinking.

**Q: *I want to walk from Perth to Sydney - can I follow the railroad tracks? ( Sweden)***

**A:** Sure, it's only three thousand miles, take lots of water.

**Q: *Are there any ATMs (cash machines) in Australia ? Can you send me a list of them in Brisbane , Cairns , Townsville and Hervey Bay ? ( UK)***

**A:** What did your last slave die of?

**Q: *Can you give me some information about hippo racing in Australia ? ( USA)***

**A:** A-Fri-ca is the big triangle shaped continent south of Europe .

Aus-tra-lia is that big island in the middle of the Pacific which does not

... Oh forget it. Sure, the hippo racing is every Tuesday night in Kings Cross. Come naked.

**Q: *Which direction is North in Australia ? ( USA )***

**A:** Face south and then turn 180 degrees. Contact us when you get here and we'll send the rest of the directions.

**Q: *Can I bring cutlery into Australia ? ( UK )***

**A:**Why? Just use your fingers like we do...

**Q: *Can you send me the Vienna Boys' Choir schedule? ( USA )***

**A:** Aus-tri-a is that quaint little country bordering Ger-man-y, which is

Oh forget it. Sure, the Vienna Boys Choir plays every Tuesday night in Kings Cross,

straight after the hippo races. Come naked.

Q: *Can I wear high heels in Australia ?* ( UK)

A: You are a British politician, right?

Q: *Are there supermarkets in Sydney and is milk available all year round?* ( Germany)

A: No, we are a peaceful civilization of vegan hunter/gatherers. Milk is illegal.

Q: *Please send a list of all doctors in Australia who can dispense rattlesnake serum.*  
( USA)

A: Rattlesnakes live in A-meri-ca which is where YOU come from.

All Australian snakes are perfectly harmless, can be safely handled and make good pets.

Q: *I have a question about a famous animal in Australia , but I forget its name. It's a kind of bear and lives in trees.* ( USA)

A: It's called a Drop Bear. They are so called because they drop out of Gum trees and eat the brains of anyone walking underneath them.

You can scare them off by spraying yourself with human urine before you go out walking.

Q: *I have developed a new product that is the fountain of youth. Can you tell me where I can sell it in Australia ?* ( USA )

A: Anywhere significant numbers of Americans gather.

Q: *Do you celebrate Christmas in Australia ?* ( France)

A: Only at Christmas.

Q: *Will I be able to speak English most places I go?* ( USA)

A: Yes, but you'll have to learn it first

**Bulletin Reporter:** Val Samuelson & David Gilbey

Keyway Editor: David Gilbey