



# 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  
Morrow Street, Wagga Wagga

**Meeting Time:** Breakfast 7.00am for 7.15am  
Completed by 8.30am

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**Board Members 2010/2011:**

<b>President:</b>	Denise Flockton	<b>Secretary:</b>	Marilyn Walter
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Sandra Rootes	<b>President Elect:</b>	Alan Sharp
<b>Club Administration:</b>	Alan Sharp	<b>Rotary Foundation:</b>	Noelene Hogan
<b>Membership/Vocational:</b>	Jennifer Weale	<b>Public Relations:</b>	Yvonne Braid Service
<b>Projects:</b>	David O'Grady	<b>Youth:</b>	Peter Gissing
<b>Immediate Past President:</b>	Darren Verus		

**District Governor:** Neal Fogarty [Rotary Club of Orange North]

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

**Club Members involved at District Level:**

**District Administration:** Fred Loneragan

**District Chairperson:** Jennifer Weale [MUNA]  
Fred Loneragan [Rotarians Fighting For Aids, Peace Communities]

**District Committees:** Peter Gissing [Membership]  
Fred Loneragan [World Peace Fellowships]  
Marilyn Walter [Rotarians Fighting For Aids]  
Denise Flockton, Tim Stait, Jo Wilson [MUNA]

**New Members Inducted for 2010/2011:**

Janice Lowing

**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.



# 17<sup>th</sup> May 2011

## *May is Rotary Foundation month*

**ATTENDANCE NO:** 31

**APOLOGIES:** Bernie Benson, Yvonne Braid, Deborah Braines, Peter Brown, Bill O'Rourke, Anne Pattison, Leonie Roberson.

**LEAVE:** Rod Dunlop, Janice Lowing.

**MAKE UPS:** none

**PROGRAM:** **President Denise Flockton:** School Construction & Literacy Project, Nepal.

**VISITING ROTARIANS:** none

**MEMBER'S GUESTS:** Patrick Ball introduced Len Wade & Jo Wilson Helen Allen, both for the last time as guests: both will be inducted into Sunrise Rotary next week.

**BIRTHDAY/S:** Peter Gissing, 19 May; Bronwyn Hills 21 May.

**ANNIVERSARY/S:** None

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Denise Flockton**

After welcoming members and guests, Denise outlined duties for the meeting and reminded members that this month Rotary is promoting its Centurion membership. Then:

- Tim Stait was commended for his recent Volunteers' Award.
- MUNA, this Saturday, 21 May, now in gym at WWHS – up hill from hall near carpark.
- Club Assembly next week, 24 May: see later in this bulletin (after the pics) for issues relating to 'Friends of Rotary' discussion;
- Also at Club Assembly will be: induction of new members Len Wade and Helen Allen.
- Ladies Lunch committee meeting Wednesday 25 May, 5.30pm, WDF, 135 Peter St.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 31 May, Riverine Club: tour & history, courtesy of Helen Allen.
- Sunday 28 August: Ladies Let's Do Lunch.
- Denise said she had two 'body warmers' for sale, with Rotary logos, dark blue with gold lining, reversible: \$35.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT: Marilyn Walter** reported on correspondence:

- From Allan Brown: Rotary NZ hosting the Rugby World Cup. Visiting Rotarians can be home hosted following their team during Rugby World Cup in 2011. A great opportunity to meet fellow Rotarians from NZ and the rest of the world. See website <http://www.rotarynzrugbyhosting.co.nz>
- Gerry Page, Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga: Book Fair, 28-9 May, Kyeamba Smith Hall.
- ROMAC: request for funding for Oceanic Medical Aid for Children.
- Australian Rotary Health: request for donation.
- Fred Hollows Foundation: request for donation.
- Arumpam Raman, student at Koorringal HS: application for National Youth Science Forum.

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

## **DIRECTORS' REPORTS:**

- **Dave O'Grady** confirmed that catering arrangements for Saturday's MUNA gathering would begin setting up at 7.30am.
- **Alan Sharp** introduced **Helen Allen** to explain the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday evening meeting at the Riverine Club, 31 May: **A taste of Italy at the Riverine Club**. The night will include a tour of the Riverine Club and a talk on the history of the Club. The Grand Old building is 151 years old and it is thought to have a resident ghost, possibly a few squeaky floor boards might be more true. However, the history and the building is a unique treasure of the city of Wagga Wagga. The night will be a three-course Italian-style meal starting at 6:30 pm. The tour and the meal will cost \$30 per person.
- **David Gilbey** spoke of the visit to Wagga of singer/songwriter Holly Throsby, 1pm, Saturday 28 May, Museum of the Riverina, Botanical Gardens.

## **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:** Noelene Hogan fined, *inter alia*:

- all Collingwood supporters
- Tim, not for his Volunteers' award but for wearing a tropical shirt on such a cold morning
- Darren for toying with the toaster
- Patrick for carrying a short-wave radio, before the internet, to receive messages.
- all those who didn't watch the 'Kate & Charles' wedding (!!!!!) Noelene's Royalist Freudian slip was immediately pounced on and heavily fined by acclaim.
- all those with grandchildren

## **Cross-fines:**

- Dennis: all those not wearing a Toulouse Lautrec tie &
- Sue for gloating over Collingwood's loss
- Marilyn: Board meeting on time for once: because Noelene & Sandra (both fined) were absent
- Patrick: Dennis for his healthy lifestyle choice of driving to Thyme Out and walking home
- Noelene: all those not wearing scarves

## **FINES:** \$80.08

## **GUEST SPEAKER:**

**Dawn Smith** introduced **President Denise Flockton** (needing no introduction) well-known as a traveller, and recently to Nepal from which experiences Denise would speak to us.

**Denise** said her Nepal trip took her outside of her comfort zone in many ways. Initiated by the Wahroonga Rotary Club, and working through the Rotary Australia World Community Service, the School Construction & Literacy Project, Gorkha district, Nepal, gathered Rotarians Mary Brell (Orange Daybreak), Richard Jackson and Anne Prescott (Wahroonga), Graham and Judy Tyson (Bathurst and Lithgow), as well as Denise. The aim was to train the teachers in different educational strategies other than rote-learning, even though the region was remote, without mains electricity, and without A/V resources. This forced the team to think hard about both fundamentals of education/teaching and to aim developmentally.

Denise illustrated her talk with dramatic, detailed and evocative slides, eg of the terrain, near Everest, with its valleys and hills, narrow, winding roads on which an accident delayed their initial journey out. They then had a 2-3 hr walk, climbing 1000 metres. From Arughat to Ratmate, they had to cross a gorge on a narrow suspension bridge and were welcomed at the other side by school students and the local band who had come to welcome the group and accompany them back to their village. Along the way there were welcome signs in English, such as 'We feel blessed to have people of such great stature serving to better our society' (Shankar Primary School). At the opening ceremony (3 hours duration) they were decorated

with red tikka marks and given a guard of honour by students. The one microphone was powered by a generator and passed from person to person, each having to speak for at least 15 minutes in Nepali (Denise assuaged their hunger with jelly beans from her pack.)

Their accommodation was bright yellow dome tents, pitched on a rice paddy (the stubble was uncomfortable). Food was supplied by a trekking company and included 'western' dishes such as pasta, cake, chips to supplement the rice and noodles. (Each member had brought two bottles of wine in their packs to the village.) Amenities: there was one flushing western toilet in the district – in the same 'room' as the shower. People became used to using two pitchers of water for each shower (Denise needed four for her hair). Because the area is in a small valley in the Himalayas, it wasn't so cold at night and the men would come out to play and sing. They were accepting of the women in the group, even though the village women did not join in.

Schools were very basic: wooden benches, mud walls, shutters (if you want light you had to have the cold too). Blackboards were painted concrete and toilet facilities were often forbidding (one 'long drop' toilet for 500 children was often a disincentive for girls to attend school). Similarly, staffroom facilities were cramped, with the principal's 'office' being the corner of a crowded room. While the government pays the salary for one teacher, the village had to pay for buildings, amenities etc and each school building cost around \$4000. Denise showed the first community library in the district. Children delighted in wearing their uniforms and ties.

Because the government had legislated that all education/instruction should be in English, the needs of remote places for interaction with native English speakers is critical and the teacher training program Denise was on focussed on expanding teaching skills and strategies, developing EFL programs and proposing further programs. On this trip, each member had his/her own translator. Denise used the money raised by students at WWHS to present a resources package to each school: dictionary (English-Nepali), atlas, word puzzles, blow-up globe etc.

Denise showed scenes of village life: the terraced paddies (one of the wonders of the man-made world, added Len Wade, later), the store/blacksmith, washing at a stream/spout, carrying goods and a still for making millet wine. As well, there were some picturesque panoramas of mountains and the moon, Mt Everest, a plank-cutter and a clinic.

Denise concluded by underlining the need for more teacher training groups and volunteers to help build and re-vamp buildings in villages, some of which are intending to build accommodation to house volunteers for such work.

**David Gilbey** thanked Denise for her detailed and illuminating presentation, which enabled us not only to know what she had done and where she had been, but to feel that there was a worthwhile contribution to world well-being that we too could make.

**BARREL DRAW:** Marilyn Walter

**MEETING CLOSED AT:** 8.30 am

### Roster for May/June

Date	24 May	31 May	7 June	14 June
Venue	Thyme Out	Riverine Club	Thyme Out	Thyme Out
Meet & Greet	J Skews		D Smith	T Stait
Meeting setup	A Sharp		A Sharp	A Sharp
Meeting pack up	A Sharp		A Sharp	A Sharp
Attendance Desk	J Gray N Hogan		F Loneragan B Martin	F Loneragan B Martin
Sergeant-at-Arms	D Smith		P Ball	P Brown

<b>Bulletin Reporter</b>	D Gilbey		D Brady	D Brady
<b>Program</b>	Club Assembly & Induction: Len Wade, Helen Allen	Tour & History of Riverine Club Italian Meal 6.30for 7pm	Carole Gordon  Shoebox Program	Fellowship
<b>Introduce Speaker</b>			H Berger	
<b>Thank Speaker</b>			F Desailly	
<b>Rotary Information</b>	<b>24 May</b>	<b>31 May</b>	<b>7 June</b>	<b>14 June</b>
	Thyme Out	Riverine Club	Thyme Out	Thyme Out

\*\*\*\*\*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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**Pics from last few weeks....(thanks, Denise)**



**Left:** Denise presenting Emily McGruer with plaque in recognition of her success as a postgraduate nurse at Calvary Hospital, 19 April.

**Centre:** Marie Wood, Val Samuelson & Gail Crosier ('Darkness to Light'), 19 April.

**Right:** Denise with Trevor, Janice & Mark Oliver (National Youth Science Forum), plus David Dunn (South Wagga)



Denise with Scott Sanbrook, journalist with *Daily Advertiser* 10 May.



## **Notes for Friends of Rotary discussion at Club Assembly (thanks Jo):**

Just a recap of the brief discourse we had at the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> April. Three Rotary clubs in our area have incorporated associate members or friends of Rotary. The fees charged range from \$25.00 to \$50.00 per year. Numbers also range from 25 to 5. Orange Daybreak give their associate members a project – the Orange Ball and this raises quite a considerable sum of money each year. Reasons for joining as an associate or friend is lack of time and the cheaper fees. I also learnt when I talked to these clubs that the associate members (friends) are only allowed to come to one breakfast a month. All clubs are happy with the arrangement and Griffith has had five members become Rotarians. Please ponder this subject for the discussion that will ensue at club assembly on the 24<sup>th</sup>.  
Jo Wilson

**....and finally, some almost politically incorrect drollery from Peter Brown** (thanks Peter, they're almost poems):

My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30am this morning, can you believe that ... 2:30am?!  
Luckily for him I was still up playing my Bagpipes.

I sat on the train this morning opposite a stunning Thai girl.  
I kept thinking to myself, please don't get an erection, please don't get an erection ... but she did.

Did you hear about the fat alcoholic transvestite?  
All he wanted to do was eat, drink and be Mary.

Paddy says "Mick, I'm thinking of buying a Labrador."  
"F--k that" says Mick, "have you seen how many of their owners go blind"

Spent \$40 on eBay last week for a penis enlarger.  
Just opened it and some bastard's sent me a magnifying glass!

My girlfriend thinks that I'm a stalker.  
Well, she's not exactly my girlfriend yet.

I woke up last night to find the ghost of Gloria Gaynor standing at the foot of my bed.  
At first I was afraid.....then I was petrified.

Went for my routine check up today and everything seemed to be going fine until he stuck his index finger up my a--e!  
Do you think I should change dentists?

A wife says to her husband you're always pushing me around and talking behind my back.  
He says what do you expect? You're in a wheel chair.

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