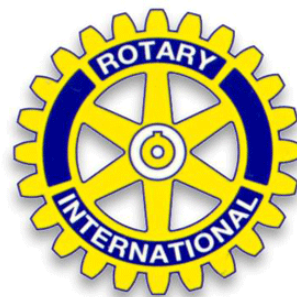


# The Keyway



**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

13 March 2012

## 'A Uteful of Rissoles' at the Wagga Wagga Men's Shed

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Rick Priest

**ATTENDANCE NO:** 27 members

**APOLOGIES:** Andrea Bradley, Yvonne Braid, Deborah Braines, Tessa Bremner, Fred Loneragan, Vicky Richards, Leonie Roberson, Len Wade.

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



**GUESTS:** Malcolm Allen (see left, with Bill O'Rourke, Ndungi Mungai & Gordon Moore, contemplating Tiny's porridge)

**BIRTHDAYS:** Malcolm Allen

### **COMING EVENTS/FUND RAISERS:**

- 'Coota Bike Festival' Rotary Club of Cootamundra is hosting the festival, March 10 -11.

- Science and Engineering challenge, March 20<sup>th</sup>
- RYDA, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March
- BBQ Driver Awareness at Equex, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March
- District Conference at Young, 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> March
- Host GSE team, five members 28<sup>th</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Alan Sharp: (see pic, below right, with: Jan Gray, Noelene Hogan, Jo Wilson, David Gilbey, Malcolm Allen)

- Attended NSW Department of Fair Trading seminar to be informed on the latest changes to the Associations Incorporation Act .

- Volunteers needed to complete the food hygiene handling course.
- Still making inquiries regarding the feasibility of a bus travelling to Young for District Conference.
- Sunrise Rotary has submitted applications for District awards to be presented at the conference.
- Request from CSU for Sunrise to be involved in catering at the 'Town & Gown' procession and 'fair', 29 March, near the Civic Theatre. Koorringal Rotary will do the BBQ and we'll do coffee and soft drinks.
- Club needs to consider what action we can take immediately to assist local flood victims. (After some discussion, it was agreed that an amount of \$500 be made available and that **Jo Wilson** and **Alan Sharp** would go to North Wagga and then to Knights Meats this morning to decide how best these funds could be used to assist the flood victims 'uteful of rissoles' was suggested.)



#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT: Marilyn Walter:**

Dawn Smith	Thanks for flowers
Godwins Engraving	Account for engraving of peace awards
Charles Sturt University	Public lecture: "Is the cost of food making us obese?" Dr Catherine Burns Thursday 19 April 6 pm Council meeting rooms
Margaret Warden and family	Thank you card for our condolences
City of Wagga Wagga Eisteddfod Society	Request for donation for 2012
Snowy Hydro Rescue Helicopter	Request donation
Rotary Club of Orange Daybreak	Request for support (personnel and/or funds) for RAWCS project to Nepal.
Rotary Clubs of Coolamon, Wagga Wagga	Bulletins (email)
Daya Govender	Dinner to raise funds for Interplast -on Monday 16 April, 6.30 for 7.00 pm start, at Temora Ex Services Memorial Club, Cost \$20. Guest speaker Dr James Masson. Contact Rosalie Byrne on <a href="mailto:byrnedemo@ozemail.com.au">byrnedemo@ozemail.com.au</a>



#### **DIRECTORS' etc REPORTS:**

**Yvonne Braid** (in absentia) indicated there would be a fund-raising concert in which Sunrise might have a part to play. Watch this space as details emerge....

**Bob Martin** (see pic, left, with Lesley Scott, Sue McAlpin, Patrick Ball, Dennis Blackett, Marilyn Walter. David Brady in background.) invited anyone interested in assisting with the visit by the GSE team from Scotland at the end of March, to meet with

him at the conclusion of breakfast.

**Peter Gissing** asked that the Youth Project Rosters be included in *The Keyway*. Here they are:

**Science & Engineering Challenge**  
**MTC 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Joan Skews  
Jan Gray  
Helen Allen

**Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)**  
**Equex Centre 27<sup>th</sup> March, 8.30am to 3pm**

Max Chapman  
Peter Gissing  
Alan Sharp  
Joan Skews  
Val Samuelson  
Jan Gray  
Jennifer Weale

**Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)**  
**Equex Centre 30<sup>th</sup> March, 11am TO 1.30pm BBQ**

Len Wade  
Jan Gray  
Jo Wilson

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:** Many volunteers stepped up to the plate.....

~ those who ate their 'oats' this morning, and

~ those who did not.....

~ anyone who had not been 'flooded'

~ anyone who had not been evacuated 'twice'

~ those who had relied on the *Daily Advertiser* for their flood report updates



~ members of the Wagga Mens Shed, for housing a secret communist cell (the word 'putin' appeared twice on the notice board)

(pic, left: Marilyn Walter, Val Samuelson & Helen Allen preparing for the fines session)

~ Noelene fined herself for misunderstanding 'RSVP'

~ all women members for the 'frisson' of attending 'Men's Shed'

~ anyone who turned up for last Tuesday meeting despite the city 'evacuation order'

~ David G. for being brazen enough to

announce on ABC Radio his attendance last Tuesday

**FINES:** \$60.15

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Rick Priest, Wagga Wagga Men's Shed

Rick greeted Sunrise Rotary with a warm welcome.

The Men's Shed planning for our breakfast meeting had been going along quite well until Rick received a phone call last Sunday seeking assistance in North Wagga. The well-documented army (literally) of volunteers and residents involved in the clean-up operation would require feeding & watering. The Men's Shed rallied to the cause without hesitation. As a sign of the dedication of these blokes, they also rolled up to fulfil their prior commitment to the BBQ Breakfast for Sunrise Rotary. (pic below: Rick Priest working the crowd as Peter Gissing & Joan Skews ponder...)





The land occupied by the Men's Shed was formerly home to the Pony Club. After the land became vacant, the Men's Shed re-visited the site three times before finally deciding to put down some roots. With the ever present issues of vandalism/break & enter etc, a secure fence was going to be a priority. An initial quote of \$140,000 was always going to be a big hurdle. As it transpired, the nearby Ashmont School was having its fencing replaced. Following a bit of negotiation, a deal was struck with the school fencing contractor. He was

already three days behind schedule. The Men's Shed rallied and removed the old school fencing in exchange for being able to 'keep it'. This is now the fence surrounding the Men's Shed grounds. As an aside, the fencing contractor finished his job five days ahead of schedule. In appreciation, the fencing contractor also made a donation of \$500 to the Men's Shed.

Rick highlighted two examples of the 'void' that the Shed can fulfil in the community. These 'Lone Rangers' as Rick described them, lived alone and had little or no contact with family. The first had left a will which was found among his belongings and a final request was that he be finally laid to rest at 'Sue City'. With no local family and Sue City being some distance away, the ashes currently reside in a safe within the Men's Shed until such time as they can be transported to Sue City and a final resting place.

*(If like the writer, some of you were wondering where in this great land is Sue City, I thank Google yet again. I stand to be corrected but my limited research suggests the Cabramurra, Talbingo, Tumbarumba & Adaminaby regions will be somewhere close.)*

The second chap was the victim of a road accident on Koorringal Road and he is still recovering in hospital in Sydney. With Police involvement, contact was finally made with this person's 36 year old daughter. She had not seen her father for eleven years. As a sign of the gratitude that this man's family has placed on his involvement with the Men's Shed, Rick has thus far received 54 sms giving an update on the victim's recovery progress. (pic below: Men's Shed cooks)



Many wives have commented that since joining the Men's Shed, their husband/partner of old has come back. These men have found something to occupy their time and they return to their homes in a much happier frame of mind as distinct from moping around the house. Peace reigns at home.

In June 2011, the men lost their main shed to a fire. That building was their meeting room, kitchen and computer room. The day following the fire, they received two demountables which they have

fashioned into a very workable solution until the destroyed facility can be replaced. Fortunately, the shed was insured.

From the outside, the yard and surrounds resemble an old 'junk yard'. All the materials however

will at some stage be put to good use. Nothing is new with 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> hand items all the rage. The members were recently offered the opportunity to 'raid' the old 'Red Lion Hotel' which is on the demolition list. Among other items, the members retrieved \$1,700 worth of copper tubing. Garden beds produce many and varied fresh produce for the members.

A little from left field but the association proudly boasts ten bee hives. Some of the local honey was enjoyed by Sunrise members as they downed their morning serve of oats.



There is pretty much no restriction on what members can undertake in the association provided it is legal. Metalwork, woodwork abound. Sunrise member, John Wood (pic, left, with Val Samuelson and Tim Stait's right shoulder) received special mention having been the generous donor of various wood working machines and equipment, surplus to his own business needs. Brewing has also been added to the activity with the proviso it is not sold and is only for personal consumption. Whilst

willing and able to assist many in need, members will not undertake any work which would compete with someone's trade or work.

It is a Men's Shed however in these time of 'equal rights', and Rick did relay the story of a particularly persistent woman who seemed determined to join this last bastion of male-only organisations. After many attempts the woman was finally 'persuaded' that she was not eligible to join as she would undoubtedly fail the final medical parade test of being able to prove her manhood.

**MEETING CLOSED:** 8.30 am

### Roster for March

Date	6 <sup>th</sup> March	13 <sup>th</sup> March	20 <sup>th</sup> March	27 <sup>th</sup> March
Venue	<i>Thyme Out</i>	<i>Wagga Men's Shed</i>	<i>Thyme Out</i>	<i>Thyme Out</i>
Meet & Greet	Ndungi Mungai	Dave O'Grady	John Wood	Joan Skews
Meeting setup	Alan Sharp	Alan Sharp	Alan Sharp	Alan Sharp
Meeting pack up	Bernie Benson	Max Chapman	Deborah Braines	Yvonne Braid
Attendance Desk	Denise Flockton	Jo Wilson	Tim Stait	Dawn Smith
	Patrick Ball	Len Wade	Darren Verus	Marie Wood
Sergeant-at-Arms	Dennis Blackett	Jo Wilson	Peter Brown	Patrick Ball
Bulletin Reporter	David Brady	David Brady	Bob Martin	Bob Martin
Program	<b>Catherine Harvie Irene Gleeson Foundation</b>	<b>Men's Shed BBQ</b>	<b>Chrissy Brunskill Digital Switchover</b>	<b>Club Assembly</b>
Introduce Speaker	David Gilbey		Peter Gissing	
Thank Speaker	Max Chapman	Dizzy Desailly	Denise Flockton	

**\*\*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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<b>Board Members 2011/2012:</b>			
<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

**Membership/Vocational:** Jo Wilson      **Public Relations:** Yvonne Braid  
**Service Projects:** Dave O'Grady      **Youth:** Peter Gissing  
**Immediate Past President:** 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 again, Helen Allen:

One morning, the husband returns the boat to their lakeside cottage after several hours of fishing and decides to take a nap.

Although not familiar with the lake, the wife decides to take the boat out.

She motors out a short distance, anchors, puts her feet up, And begins to read her book...

The peace and solitude are magnificent.

Along comes a Fish and Game Warden in his boat. He pulls up alongside the woman and says, 'Good morning, Ma'am.. What are you doing?'

'Reading a book,' she replies, (thinking, 'Isn't that obvious?'

'You're in a Restricted Fishing Area,' he informs her.

'I'm sorry, officer, but I'm not fishing. I'm reading.'

'Yes, but I see you have all the equipment.

For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to take you in and write you up.'

'If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault,' says the woman.

'But I haven't even touched you,' says the Game Warden.

'That's true, but you have all the equipment.

For all I know you could start at any moment.'

'Have a nice day ma'am,' and he left.

**MORAL:**

Never argue with a woman who reads.

**Bulletin Reporter:** David Brady

**Keyway Editor:** David Gilbey