



The Keyway



ROTARY CLUB OF
WAGGAWAGGA SUNRISE Inc
Chartered 1991
PO Box 5430 Wagga Wagga 2650 NSW

Meeting Venue: Mantra Pavilion, Kincaid Street, Wagga Wagga
Meeting Time: Breakfast commences 7.00am followed by meeting completed by 8.30am

April is Maternal & Child Health Month

FOR YOUR CALENDAR: 2018

13	Apr	Social	Black Friday drinks followed by dinner
15-20	Apr	Youth	RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
17	Apr	Meeting	Ronald McDonald House - Change of Venue – UNEKE
22	Apr	Service	Tree Planting – POSTPONED
24	Apr	Meeting	
24	Apr	Board	Extra meeting for allocation of funds
01	May		
5-6	May	District	2018 Conference, Leeton
23-27	Jun	RI	RI Convention Toronto, Canada
04	Aug	Service	Bunnings BBQ – Riverina Truck Show & Kids’ Convoy
14-16	Sep	Zone	Zone 8 Australian & New Zealand Conference
22	Sep	Service	Golf Day at The Rock
03	Nov	Service	Riverina Truck Show & Kids’ Convoy



Meeting No 39 – 10 April 2018

TODAY’S PROGRAM: George Thomas: Philanthropic Support of the Australian Defence Forces



Accredited by the Australian Department of Defence, **Everyman’s Welfare Service** serves the members of the Australian Defence Force and their families. The service provides philanthropic support not normally provided by the ADF. The ADF relies on Everyman to lift morale in the field or on base.
(left: George Thomas entering a ‘Bushmaster’)

While not members of the ADF, Everyman’s Representatives receive ADF accreditation and hold honorary officer status. Issued with military clothing, but not with weapons, they work from recreation centres on base and travel with the troops on military exercises and operational deployments.

Australia currently has eight separate operations underway in the Middle East Region. These are a 'whole of government' including contractors, Australian public servants and personnel from all three ADF services. They are currently deployed in a region stretching from Tanzania through those countries in the horn of Africa to Egypt and the Middle East, including Iraq and Afghanistan, carrying out a diverse range of responsibilities from monitoring conflict areas as a UN function, providing skill development to troops in Iraq and providing officer training and government mentoring in Afghanistan and intercepting piracy while maintaining embargoes in the zone from the Arabian sea around to the Red sea..

George Thomas has recently returned from nineteen weeks in the Middle East providing such service to troops.



(above: John Wood, 'Dizzy' Desailly, Jenny Groch, Alan Sharp, David Gilbey, Peter Brown)

Armed with a cooler bag filled with lollies and zooper doopers chilled over ice bricks, George supported troops carrying out combat training and, eg. IED management, often in 45°C temperatures. Target practice training is held at night providing the opportunity for competent soldiers to become even more proficient and capable of firing their weapons and replacing magazines efficiently.

The organisation provides support to the ADF while on course, pre-deployment and while serving. Everyman reps assist troops to become culturally aware and familiar with expectations and the laws of the land in which they serve. George accompanied troops to the *souks* (markets), into the desert, and 'cultural' sites (eg. mosques) in Al Ain, Abu Dhabi, Dubai in order to see how Islam works. A major function is to 'be a presence' in which the Philanthropic Representative has the time to listen to people.

Afghanistan remains an area requiring greater risk management and there are cultural differences to be learned (eg. attitudes to corruption). Protective vests/helmets are normal and high security standards are maintained. Travelling in Australian-made, *Bushmaster* vehicles has lowered the incidence of fatalities from IEDs to zero. Interestingly, other armies such as the British and Dutch have shown interest in the *Bushmaster*

George remarked that Australian Defence Force personnel are well-prepared and we should be proud of their efforts.



(above: Simon Swan, Colin Wiese, Ndungi Mungai)

Since 2004 locally, George has been a team leader at Kapooka and a Financial Support Officer at the National Headquarters at Bandiana, Albury.

DIRECTORS' and other REPORTS:

Service and other Projects – Deidre Tome:

- Update membership details – on form circulated.
- *Biggest Morning Tea & Garden Viewing* Tue 10 Apr Sue & Max Chapman's

Post event update – Sue Chapman of the Machine Knitter's Group advised that their 25th morning tea to benefit the Cancer Council successfully raised over \$1 700. She expressed her appreciation for the use of the club's equipment such as tables etc and the support of 5 Sunrise Rotarians who carried out community service hours on the day. A huge thank you to all those who assisted.

Treasurer Darren Verus (*right, with Sharon Ferguson*):

- The recent Easter Saturday Family Fun Day BBQ raised \$1400.
- Police Officer of the Year presentation raised \$3200. This will be donated to PCYC towards building its new premises.
- Members' dues will be discussed at this week's Board Meeting – there may be a small increase.
- There are plans to extend the Centurion contribution options via invoices for membership.



Vocational Director Bob Martin:

Black Friday 13 April evening at 5.30 – 7.00pm at Ronald McDonald House for drinks and nibbles. Gold coin donation, and come as you are.

Youth Director David Brady:

- *RYLA*: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards will be held in Orange from Sunday 15 to Fr 20 Apr. Best wishes to Caitlin Voss and Alice McDonald for the week.
- *Charles Houen Scholar* Alex Williams who spoke at a meeting in January last year before she commenced studies in her double degree in criminology and international relations has provided a copy of her results when requesting the second payment recognizing her efforts.
- *CSU Scholarship* Two applications were received by closing date.

David Brady also reported the *Riverina Truck Show* had received a 'Tier 2' sponsorship grant from Wagga



Wagga City Council to be set towards the advertising and promotion of Wagga outside the Wagga LGA. Congratulations to **Leanne Deacon** and the committee for their successful efforts. (The donation to NETS NSW from last year's events has been used to provide an upgraded automatic bed slide in the new ambulance.)

(above: Joan Skews, Dawn Smith, Kim Baker, Marilyn Walter, Marie Wood)

FINES:

At **Peter Brown's** suggestion each table was asked to provide a fine. However, what happened on Peter and Dave O'Grady's fishing adventure did not stay 'on the trip' and entertained those present.

Fines Total: \$56.10



Birthdays Nicole Verus (11.4)
Anniversaries Susan & Jock Hartwig (9.4.16)

ATTENDANCE: Alan Sharp, Bob Martin, Darren Verus, Dave O'Grady, David Brady, David Gilbey, Dawn Smith, Deborah Braines, Deidre Tome, 'Dizzy' Desailly, Fred Loneragan, Jennifer Groch, Jo Wilson, Joan Skews, John Wood, Marie Wood, Marilyn Walter, Ndungi Mungai, Peter Brown, Peter Gissing, Sandra Rootes, Sharon Ferguson, Simon Swan, Val Samuelson.

APOLOGIES: Bruce Spinks, Denise Flockton, Dennis Blackett, Jan Gray, Karen Jamieson, Leanne Deacon, Lesley Scott, Mark Brown, Max Chapman, Michelle Swan, Sue Hartwig, Wendy Day, Yvonne Braid.

GUESTS/VISITORS: Courtney Smith (Wagga Rotaract), Colin Wiese (Lockhart RC), Kim Baker.

NEXT WEEK: See roster below.

APRIL	
Date	Tues 17 Apr
Venue	UNEKE
PROGRAM	Ronald McDonald House
Speaker	Deborah Braines
Attendance 1	Dizzy Desailly
Attendance 2	Ndungu Mungai
Reporter	Darren Verus
Photos	Denise Flockton
About Rotary	Board Report
Fines Session	Val Samuelson
Intro. Speaker	Marilyn Walter
Thank Speaker	Deidre Tome



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

Facts of life...

Morris asks his son, now aged 13, if he knows about the birds and the bees. "I don't want to know!" the child said, bursting into tears. Confused, the father asked his son what was wrong.

"Oh dad," he sobbed, "at age six I got the 'there's no Santa' speech. At age seven I got the 'there's no Easter bunny' speech. Then at age 8 you hit me with the 'there's no tooth fairy' speech! If you're going to tell me now that grown-ups don't really have sex, I've got nothing left to live for!"

John went to visit his 90 year old grandfather in a very secluded,rural area of Georgia.

After spending a great evening chatting the night away, John's grandfather prepared breakfast of bacon, eggs and toast. However, John noticed a film like substance on his plate, and questioned his grandfather asking, "Are these plates clean?"

His grandfather replied, "They're as clean as cold water can get them.Just you go ahead and finish your meal, Sonny!"

For lunch the old man made hamburgers. Again, John was concerned about the plates as his appeared to have tiny specks around the edge that looked like dried egg and asked, "Are you sure these plates are clean?"

Without looking up the old man said, "I told you before, Sonny, those dishes are as clean as cold water can get them. Now don't you fret, I don't want to hear another word about it!"

Later that afternoon, John was on his way to a nearby town and as he was leaving, his grandfather's dog started to growl, and wouldn't let him pass. John yelled and said, "Grandfather, your dog won't let me get to my car".

Without diverting his attention from the football game he was watching on TV, the old man shouted ... "COLD WATER, GO LAY DOWN!!!!"

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