



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

# 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

## May is Youth Service Month

### FOR YOUR CALENDAR: 2018

05 Jun Meeting

12 Jun Meeting

13 Jun Board Joint Monthly Meeting

19 Jun Meeting

23-27 Jun RI RI Convention Toronto, Canada

30 Jun RI End of Rotary Year

30 Jun District D9700 & Coolamon RC Changeover

### New Rotary Year 2018-19 Be the Inspiration

03 July Club 27th Changeover & Induction of New Executive

14-16 Sep Zone 8 Australian & New Zealand Conference

### *Meeting No 46 - 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2018*

#### **TODAY'S PROGRAM** **New Zealand**

**Talk by Jeremy Scott on his bike journey from London to**

**ATTENDANCE:** Darren Verus, David Brady, Dave O'Grady, Alan Sharp, Dawn Smith, Dennis Blackett, Joan Skews, John Wood, Sandra Rootes, Simon Swan, Val Samuelson, Bob Martin, Karen Jamieson, Bruce Spinks, Max Chapman & Peter Gissing

**APOLOGIES:** David Gilbey, Denise Flockton, 'Dizzy' Desailly, Jan Gray, Ndungi Mungai, Sue Hartwig, Wendy Day, Fred Loneragan, Yvonne Braid, Deborah Braines, Deidre Tome, Jennifer Groch, Jo Wilson, Lesley Scott, Leanne Deacon, Peter Brown, Michelle Swan, Mark Brown, Marilyn Walter, Marie Wood, Sharon Ferguson

**GUESTS: Jeremy Scott**

**Stand in Past President Alan Sharp** welcomed all including returning holiday maker Darren and our special guest Jeremy (guest Speaker).

Bob Martin led the meeting with the Rotary 4 way test



Alan didn't waste any time and called straight to member Peter Gissing to introduce our guest speaker Jeremy Scott (a New Zealander) (don't hold that against him).

Jeremy began talking about his massive journey by bike traveling from London to New Zealand which began on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October 2011 lasting some two and a half years.



Before he talked about his journey Jeremy gave a little background of his life journey leading up. Jeremy was born with a hole in his heart (within his Aorta Valve). To risky to operate earlier Jeremy underwent open heart surgery at the age of 4 in 1977 by a brilliant surgeon Sir Brian Barrat-Boyes. Fortunately the operation was successfully allowing Jeremy to lead a full and active life. Moving forward to 2004 and Jeremy found himself in London working when the first idea of this incredible journey was contemplated. Shortly before initially heading off in 2010 he ruptured his anterior cruciate ligament in his knee.

Following reconstruction surgery and 6 months of rehab he was to embark of this epic adventure that would take him through 29 countries enduring vast contrasts in weather conditions and landscapes and with and numerous tales of heart-warming acts of kindness along the way.

Jeremy mentioned how difficult those initial days and weeks were when he thought about whether the pain was worth it. Jeremy came to realize that if he broke the journey up into more reasonable and shorter windows and countries the fuller culmination of such a journey could really be accomplished. Jeremy as you would expect was genuinely transformed in a number of ways as he learn about himself and the generosity of others.



He mentioned above others of the ride in Eastern Turkey to be difficult especially riding through sand storms that seemed to never end but to his surprise riding through Iran was one where he experienced much warmth and kindness from its inhabitants and country folk. Throughout the journey and linking his experience with heart issues Jeremy was also riding to raise money for the New Zealand, Australian and British Heart Foundations. Along the way Jeremy took some amazing

images on his Nikon Camera which were enjoyed throughout the talk which gave the journey perspective of its difficulty and beauty.

Jeremy made some thought provoking reflections through the talk saying Theory of planning and the practice of actually doing it are two remarkably different things! The planning just helped him make the initial start. He also said, "Have a big idea and the courage with which to do it. But the one I liked the best came when he said, "I have never been happier than when I had so few possessions!!!"



There was so much more to be said but to complete the experience Jeremy put together his photos and reflections into a book titled "A Long Road from a Broken Heart" and had 5000 copies print and from each sale he was donating 10% of the proceeds to the Heart Foundation and their ongoing great work.

Jeremy was duly thank by Bruce Spinks

P.S. Jeremy mentioned his next ride will be around Australia to support Rotary causes



### **Sergeant's session – Simon Swan**

Simon led us on a series of insights and subsequent fines about Octopuses extracting some \$43.95

### **Directors Reports**

Secretary Alan Sharp Request received from Country Hope

Letter of Appreciation from Aust. Rotary Health for our donation

A note of appreciation from Julie Livet our Indigenous Scholar sadly informing us that due to the fact she has no studies in Wagga she will be unable to visit and speak to the club.

Information regarding the Conoco Phillips Science Experience for year 9 & 10 students in Caberra was received.

Also invitations were received to Club Changeovers: Murrumbidgee Sat June 2<sup>nd</sup>, south Wagga 18<sup>th</sup> June, Junee Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June and Coolamon/District 9700 on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

**Service Director** - Joan mentioned that that the upcoming swap meet will be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> of July at the Show ground – please add it to member's diaries.



## MEMBERS' NEWS:

### *Birthdays*

*Anniversaries Peter & June Brown married 45 years*

David O'Grady (before going away on a lovely overseas trip mentioned we may have a new Xmas Tree supplier for this year's Christmas Trees sales.

  

# World Environment Day

## FREE FILM SCREENING

Wagga Wagga City Council is celebrating World Environment Day with a free screening of the *The True Cost*. This documentary explores the impact of clothing and the fashion industry on people and the environment.

**Date:** Tuesday 5 June  
**Time:** 5:30pm – 7pm  
**Location:** Civic Arcade, Wagga Wagga City Council, cnr Baylis and Morrow Streets Wagga Wagga  
**Cost:** Free

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

The light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection. The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup. As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects. He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk, so naturally....I assumed you had stolen the car."

A woman went to the beach with her children. Her 4-year-old son ran up to her, grabbed her hand, and led her to the shore where a dead seagull lay in the sand. "Mommy, what happened to him?" the little boy asked. "He died and went to heaven," she replied. The child thought for a moment and said, "And God threw him back down?"

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