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BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA INC.

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Thursday 5th April, 2012

Upcoming programs & events: ***DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 29th APRIL**
***Book Fair 19th & 20th May**
*** World President's Visit 22nd May**
***Club Changeover Dinner 5th July**

Duty Officers' Roster

Club meets at the Jezza Room, The Rules Club, 6pm for 6.30pm unless stated below

	Thursday 12 th April	Thursday 19 th April	Thursday 26 th April
Programme	Book Sorting Night CSU South Campus	Site Visit to Wagga Steam & Engine Museum Willans Hill	Dr James Masson Interplast Australia
Attendance	Karel Bijker Allan Duffus	Karel Bijker Daya Govender	Karel Bijker Glendyn Groves
Greeter	N/R	N/R	Laurie Fromholtz
Sergeant at Arms	N/R	NR	Paul Galloway
International Toast	N/R	N/R	John Goldsworthy
Introduce Speaker	N/R	N/R	Daya Govender
Vote of Thanks	N/R	N/R	Graham Gorrel
Bulletin	Peter Veerhuis	Neil Hilpern	Ailsa Bowman
BINGO Ticket Sales commence at 12.45 p.m.	Sunday 15th April Ruth Barber Terry Mecham	Sunday 22nd April Alan Lean Barry Francis	Sunday 29th April Mary Ann Kelly David Friedlieb



If you cannot attend a meeting, please lodge your apology with **THE RULES CLUB** phone 6931 1511 by 2.30 pm Wednesday (or pre-record it in the

apology book provided at the meeting attendance table.) Also, for catering purposes, please advise if bringing a guest or partner to a meeting. Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot fulfil your rostered duty.

ATTENDANCE: There were 30 members attending the meeting with Makeups from Charlie Blomfield, Bruce Barber, Ruth Barber, Graeme Callander and Terry Mecham making the attendance 81%. Club Guests were PDG John Egan and Chantelle Montgomery (GSE nominee) and members' guests were Ian Gibson, Sally Lean, Ruth Jackson and Danny Jackson

Apologies received by 2.30 pm Wednesday came from Christine Atkinson, Zvonne Hribar, Charlie Blomfield, John Goldsworthy, Allan Duffus, Peter Veerhuis and Philip Cross.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST: Phil Jackson and his brother from the UK, Danny, did a combined toast to the Rotary Club of Chippenham in District 1200. Danny met Rotarian Roger Greenslade, from RC Chippenham, on a cruise on the River Nile and inspired his brother, Phil, to do the International Toast to this Club.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Bruce Barber presented an entertaining session, in which no member was spared, and relieved us of our small change. Amongst the gems he delivered: "In Africa the natives have a custom of beating the ground with clubs and uttering blood curdling yells. Anthropologists call this a primitive form of self expression. However, we have another name for it, Golf!" And "If money doesn't grow on trees why do Banks have so many Branches?"

CLUB NOTES:

- Secretary Peter has a new International Directory for members to refer to when doing the International Toast at a meeting.
- The next Board Meeting will be on April 26th.
- **Supplies of a new Club Banner** for members to present to Rotary Clubs they visit on their travels **are available from Secretary Peter Harding.**
- Tony Hutchinson announced that the next **Wine Trip** will be on 26TH & 27TH May, leaving early on Saturday morning & returning late on the Sunday. Venue will be Beechworth & region. Transport will be a 25 seater bus; first in best seated.
- Tony also announced that the Club's Cultural Weekend will be held 4/5/6 May at Borambola.
- Graeme Callander presented the Banner from the Rotary Club of Makati West to President Barry. Graeme has just returned from a trip to the Philippines where he met up with the members of the GSE Team which visited Wagga Wagga last March.



- **Hat Day.** Our Club will defer its involvement with Hat Day from 18th May to 31st May due to other engagements. President Barry has involved the Forest Hill School in this activity on 22nd May.
- **Our 'Vintage' Club** has the honour of organising RI President Kalyan Banerjee's visit to Wagga on Tuesday 22nd May. There are plans to have the RI President induct the members joining Rotary as a result of the current Membership Drive, at his visit. It is planned to hold this function at Wagga Country Club.
Please note our meeting night will transfer to Tuesday, 22nd May.
- **The District Assembly**, for the incoming board, is at Grenfell on 29th April. There is a possibility that a bus from Wagga Wagga will be available for all the incoming Rotary Clubs' Boards to travel to Grenfell that day.
- **Interplast Australia** information night/fundraiser hosted by Rotary Club of Temora is on Monday 16 April, 6.30 for 7.00 pm start, at the Temora Ex Services Memorial Club, 130 Baker Street. \$20.00 per person. Guest speaker surgeon Dr James Masson from Wagga. Contact details: Rosalie Byrne, District 9700 Interplast Co-Ordinator, Telephone: (02)63825453 [Email:byrnedemo@ozemail.com.au](mailto:byrnedemo@ozemail.com.au) **Anyone wishing to go to this function can contact President Barry who is planning to attend.**
- President Barry presented Alan Lean with the Graham Barber Vocational Service Award Certificate which he accepted on Alan's behalf at the recent District Conference.



URGENT – 100 MEMBERS IN 100 DAYS – DG'S CHALLENGE!

In order to preserve our existing District 9700 as a cohesive unit, District Governor Ian Simpson is pleading that all District Rotarians join the challenge to recruit 100 members in 100 days. He promises that the Club which inducts the most new members from 1 March to 30 June will not be required to pay District Dues this year! In addition, the member introducing the most inductees will have his year's dues paid by the District!

President Elect, Daya, is working very hard at recruiting new members. Well done, Daya.

Show and Tell: President Barry showed us the Pacemaker which he had worn out and had replaced with a brand new 2012 model. There are a few of our members who "set the pace" but they can only do so for five years at a time.

- A Thank You letter was received from the Secretary of the Rotary Club of Wollundry WW for the assistance given by members of RC Wagga Wagga at the recent very successful Food & Wine Festival.
- Sally Lean, Alan's daughter, outlined her 19 years of living in China and the various, interesting activities which she has been involved in whilst living in Beijing. Sally confirmed that China is changing rapidly and she is now employed to facilitate educational changes by organising team teaching for Chinese teachers with foreign teachers.

- President Elect, Daya, confirmed that the Club Changeover night will be Thursday, 5th July and will be an Indian themed evening.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Karel Bijker introduced PDG John Egan addressed us on the Australian Rotary Health program which commenced 30 years ago with research into SIDS. ARH is the largest non-Government Provider of health research in Australia. It has researched many aspects of health and is currently focussing on Mental Health with the Hat Day being the main Fund Raising Event for this research. John outlined the different types of Scholarships awarded by ARH: PhD Scholarships for a variety of diseases; Indigenous Scholarships; Rural Medicine; Rural Nursing and Mental Health Research. John stressed the importance of this Research and urged us all to consider donating to this worthwhile Project. John is a member of the Australian Rotary Health Board, along with our own member, Mary Ann Kelly. John was thanked by Brad Bland.

PDG John Egan is also the District Public Relations' Chair and has organised a wonderful initiative to promote Rotary-a truck curtain on one of Ron Crouch's Trucks. This truck is travelling the road between Brisbane and Melbourne and is bound to attract attention from the general public. A great idea, John and one which will bring the Rotary Logo to the attention of thousands of people.



DG Ian Simpson, Mick Stormonth from Khan Signs, Geoff Crouch from Ron Crouch Transport and PDG John Egan in front of the Truck bearing the new Rotary Curtain.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES 13th April to 19th April

Birthdays: Meena Sharma (19/4)

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Rotary Anniversaries: Neil Hilpern (16/4/1992)

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A husband and his wife were sound asleep when suddenly the phone rang.

The husband picked up the phone and said, "Hello? How the heck do I know? What do I look like, a weatherman?" He then slammed the phone down and settled into bed.

"Who was that?" asked his wife.

"I don't know. It was some guy who wanted to know if the coast was clear."