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Welcome: **EL** PRESIDENT BILL ROCHE - welcomed all members. Guests were scared off this week.

International Toast: ROTARY CLUB OF CUSCO PERU

Cusco is nestled in the Andes Mountains in Peru. It is a world heritage area for its remnants of the Inca culture. The valleys around Cusco are infested by Inca crumbles. These UNESCO protected ruins hamper agriculture (too many rocks to farm) and impede economic growth as you can't build on top of them. However tourists from all over the world flock to them so the locals will tolerate them. The club has 48 members and meets lunch times on Tuesdays.

Meeting Notes:

Marvelous what a difference a week makes. El Presidente had the L plates off and was on time (even had a one minute warning gong), with ceremonial vest on display and had an international toast up his sleeve. He even organised a uniform for the top table as they were well coordinated in 'jeans'. (This is in stark contrast to Wollundry President who was in the paper this week with tweed jacket and tie!) Some of his directors even had things to say. Boxer was at the ready. He stunned all by organising two speakers. He didn't even have the members groping for any hair on their head! He set such a high bar he'll be challenging himself to achieve it week in and out. Good to see Charlie Baker back with the slight yankee drawl and his assessment of the yanks.

President Report:

- ⇒ Remember the 2 challenges.
- 1. Responsibility of every club member to arrange one guest speaker or vocational visit during the Rotary year. Coordinate with John Stewart and Kerry Finn.
- 2. Introduce one person to the Club during the Rotary year el presidente wants new (younger blood) not the receding/grey/no hairline brigade.
- ⇒ 18 Oct Ronald Macdonald black tie invite. More next meeting
- ⇒ Rotary Leadership Institute is on 18th Julysee Bill for details !
- ⇒ Really for life coming up – more details later

Directors Reports

Secretary

Correspondence

- Letter of appreciation and Receipt from Country Hope
- Letter of appreciation and Receipt from Ronald McDonald House
- Letter of appreciation and Receipt from Kurrajong Waratah
- Tax Invoice and subscription request from Rotary Down Under
- Invoice from Chambers White

Emails

- Rotary Australia World Community Service Project (51/2011-12) Umoja (to build a school in Kenya)
- ShelterBox Australia Newsletter
- Request for funds to support John Clouts entry in the 2015 Kidney Kar Rally is ending on July 31st I must ask if you can make a donation and/or pass on Johns fund raising page.

Treasurer

⇒ Be aware of the new fee structure. Remember there is no competition for last to pay !

Service

1. Circus Quirkus Roster. Monday 20 July at Mater Dei Primary School hall, Plunkett Drive, Lakehaven. If there are any errors let Mick S know next week!

11am sharp for set up : Chris Roche, John M., Alastair D., Clive W., Henry H., Charlie B. Jock H.

First Show 12 noon : three from the above plus Chris R. Ends between 1.30pm to 2pm

Second Show 5pm : Laurie M., Henry & Chris H., Mick S.

Packup 6.30pm : above + Geoff M., Kerry F. + couple of others.

2. RAAF Base Wagga BBQ. Opportunity for Rotary to run a BBQ on 01 Aug. Will need around 4-5 to help for an estimated 3 hours. Mick S. will liaise with those fine dedicated, good looking and hard working aviation types and pass on details next meeting.

Safety

⇒ No damage for the week

Social

⇒ Sometime, somehow and somewhere Jock will organise something.

Admin/Membership/Foundation/Public Relations/Youth/Pres Elect

⇒ Zip.

General

- ⇒ Clive Willis had a late but reasonable time at Coolamon changeover. Speakers had captive audience and took advantage of it. Hospitality must have flowed because he reported a long and foggy trip home.
- ⇒ John Clout – NSW (Wagga) vs VIC (Ouyan) challenge for Kidney Kar Rally. Ouyan fraction the size of Wagga so get active for NSW ! See face page.

Apologies to be phoned to Karen Mackney - (0427 560 068) to assist catering please

Date	13 th July	20 July	27 Jul
Venue	RSL Club 6:15pm	RSL Club 6:15 pm	RSL Club 6:15
Program	tba	tba	tba
Intro.& Hosting	Steve Biggin	Jock Hamilton	Mick Luke
Sergeant at Arms/Boxer	Henry Hope Eugene Maloney (B)	Kerry Finn Alister Drummond (B)	Brian Roy John Stewart (B)
Furnishings	Geoffrey Mackney David Carroll	John Wright Des Hamilton	Richard Sleeman Charlie Baker
Int. Toast	Des Hamilton	David Lavicka	Steve Biggin
Guest Speaker	tba	tba	David Lavicka 75 th Anniversary RAAF Base
Vote of Thanks	Brian Roy	Michael Slinger	Geoffrey Mackney

Guest Speaker #1 Matt Oats

Good move to invite the caterer for a talk. Gives us an opportunity to grease him to provide best cuts on a Monday and for him to judge how much food to cook based on the 'size' of the club (yep he has to increase the order!). Matt said Masterchef is his biggest challenge – everyone is a judge. Members disagreed with this as they gave him 9/10 for his buffet. Bit of a worry when he prefers to eat in the Chinese restaurant though!. Some interesting questioning on international sourcing of food (local where it is economical to do so). All up talk was appreciated by overstuffed Rotarians.

Guest Speaker #2 Rhondda Vanzella/OJ Rushton and cast of many

Theme was the upcoming 100th anniversary of the Kangaroo march. 36 day march to reproduce the route from WAG to CAMBLETOWN to SYDNEY (via Illabo!) in Sep. March will be ably supported by the good folk from Wagga Wagga Wilderness Walkers. These fit motivated people intend to walk the track. More later as there will be opportunities to support (and maybe walk some of it to compensate for the damage done to the club by Matt Oats).

An by-product of the March is the formation of the RSL Rural Commemorative Choir. This is a strategy to engage the younger generation

Sergeant at Arms: FINES SERGEANT STEVE BIGGIN AND ROD BOWMAN

Fines were many and varied. Usual shots at sport, personality, clusters and events. Some low blows....

- ⇒ Steve putting a big 'un on the editor (watch out for the rosters!)
- ⇒ Alister saving money by getting jobs done in the men's shed
- ⇒ Karen R driving Billy R work vehicle. Some tax offset implications here. Steve B investigating
- ⇒ Steve B becoming grandfather – again!

ATTENDANCE: Not 100 – 84% R

Fable for the week

A preacher said, "Anyone with 'special needs' who wants to be prayed over, please come forward to the front by the altar."

With that, a South Wagga Rotarian (you fill in the blank!) got in line, and when it was his turn, the Preacher asked :

"Rotarian, what do you want me to pray about for you?"

Rotarian replied, "Preacher, I need you to pray for help with my hearing."

The preacher put one finger of one hand in Rotarian's ear, placed his other hand on top of Rotarian's head, and then prayed and prayed and prayed.

He prayed to the 'Almighty' for the Rotarian, and the whole congregation joined in with great enthusiasm.

After a few minutes, the preacher removed his hands, stood back and asked, "Rotarian, how is your hearing now?"

Rotarian answered, "I don't know.
It ain't til next week!"