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You will all remember that last week, Lu-wei Spinks told of her musical achievements, having learned about six instruments, and singing with her sister. Well, President Doug reckons that ability like that must have some genetic inputs, so in search of undiscovered talent, he asked Bruce to lead us with Rotary Grace.

Another point that arises around the tables, is whether a plate of bangers and mash, or satay chicken, or beef and blackbean with or without broccoli, warrants the massed voices of our choral output singing "Grace", to thank the Lord for our providence.

I'm sure that not all our newer Rotarians know that the tune we use for Rotary Grace was originally a setting of Psalm 100, music composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and generally known in liturgical music circles as "old Hundredth". A link to the music is provided here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dtfkyyPQLAE> It's a good thing that we don't sing it that slow.

President Doug thanked the four members of Wollundry Rotary that travelled over to Canberra and represented the club at the funeral of David Benn's mother. They were Rick Priest, John Gray, Peter Crozier and John Flynn.

Doug had attended a planning meeting of the Food and Wine Committee, and commented on some of the issues currently under discussion. We have been approached by the Apex Club that runs the Gumi festival, seeking to assist with each others major project - Food/Wine and Gumi. Manpower assistance is being investigated.

President Doug noted that a Board Meeting had been held last Thursday, and reported back to members on issues from that meeting.

Apologies, Meal Numbers and the Caterer.

Every Week, an email goes out calling for apologies, so that we can advise the caterer accurately on the number of meals required. The mathematical result is not reaching the required degree of accuracy, and costs the club for meals that are not consumed. The appeal is for members to understand the system, and provide timely attendance or apology advise.

Resignations.

The end of the year, and the start of another makes for moves and changes, and we have three impacting on our club. Tony Weissel, Glenn Elliot and Ray Pankhurst have tendered resignations, and we hope they join Rotary clubs in Canberra, or when they can. Wollundry Rotarians are urged to find and nominate replacements, from good people who will miss out on Rotary if we let them down.

Laurie Blowes continues to deal with health issues for both himself and Wife Del. He has found it necessary to resign as Club Service director, and Doug thanked Laurie for his efforts and enthusiasm on the board up to this point.

Correspondence Received.

Among the mail received was a letter thanking the club for assistance from Cancer Patients Assistance Society of NSW. we had provided \$500 which will be used for accommodation, Travel costs, Nutritional Supplements and medical aids and Equipment for local Cancer sufferers.

We also received a package of correspondence from the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund, with reports on the progress of Dr Matteo Carlino, who is researching Melanoma issues. Two letters have been chosen to publish in this bulletin.

Financial Position.

Doug reported that the Clubs finances remain healthy, with account balances below: Club Account \$31748. Community account \$35604. Special Comm A/c \$56596. Money for the shed to house club assets, including market trailers, will be drawn from the Special Community Account.

Rotary Peace Program.

Rotary Peace Day will be observed in Wagga Wagga on Sunday 19th Feb. and will be marked by a ceremony organised by Sunrise Rotary. Wollundry has a nomination for an award on the day, approved by the board, and Doug Sutton is preparing a resume.

Next Weeks meeting - Doug Sutton in the Chair

Next Week, our Guest Speaker will be Rob Byrne, a member of the Grafton Rotary Club, who is riding a bicycle around to raise money for Rotary's Polioplus campaign. He has ridden from Grafton to Cairns, last winter, and now from Grafton to Melbourne. He has raised in excess of \$50 000, and hopes to focus attention on how close we are to beating Polio completely, and that if we drop the ball, the disease can reappear, with disastrous consequences.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Club Guests:	Lu-Wei Spinks		
Apologies:	Geoff Breust	Rob Balding	Ken Cook
Peter Clucas	Peter Mackinnon	Gerry Gerlach	Mark Sayer
Graham Burmeister	Darren Wallace	Neil Pinto	David Benn
John Mason	Alan Lloyd	Doug Sutton	Paul Murray
Michael Georgiou	Eugenie Coche		

Visitors: Michael Lawrence, Guest of Dennis Shean

Make Ups	Geoff Breust (Sundmkt)	Geoff Breust (Food/Wine)
Doug Conkey (Food/Wine)	John Mason (Frmsmkt)	Jim Gibson (Board Meet)
Geoff Hamilton (Boardmeet)	Mark Sayer (Sundmkt)	Peter Crozier (Sundmkt)
Andy Irvine (Frmsmkt)	Andy Irvine (Boardmeet)	Paul Gianiotis (Satdmkt)
Col Duff (Satdmkt)	James Ross (Satdmkt)	James Ross (Sundmkt)
Kevin Roben (Food/Wine)	Hugh Campbell (Satdmkt)	

THE ROSTERS

24 January	Fellowship,	Reception,	Furniture:
31 January	John Egan	Alan Eldridge	John Flynn
07 February	Michael Eldridge	John Ferguson	Mark Fleming
	David Foster	Frank Fuller	Michael Georgiou

Bulletin Editors Roster.

Jan 17, Jan 24, Jan 31:	John Egan
Feb 07, Feb 14, Feb 21:	John Ferguson
Feb 28, Mar 06, Mar 13:	Paul Murray
Mar 20, Mar 27, Apr 03:	Doug Sutton
Apr 10, Apr 17, Apr 24:	Michael Knight

Sergeants Roster.

Jan 24: Peter Clucas	Jan 31: Silas Darby	Feb 07: John Gray
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MILESTONES

Members Birthdays:	Laurie Blowes	22nd January
	Brian Roberts	21st January
Partners Birthdays:	Marj Nash (Chris)	21st January
Wedding Anniversaries	None this Week	
Club Anniversary	Michael Eldridge, 4 years in club	22nd January



Eugenie Coche Activity update

EUGENIE COULDN'T MAKE IT TO THE MEETING TODAY. RUMOURS ARE AROUND THAT A LUNCH APPOINTMENT WITH AN AMERICAN WOMAN TOOK PRIORITY, BUT WHEN SHE NEXT REPORTS ON HER EXPLOITS, WE WILL HAVE TO COVER TRIPS TO THE SOUTH COAST, NEW YEAR IN SYDNEY, THE VISIT FROM LAURA AND HAVING HER PARENTS IN TOWN. THAT SHOULD ALL BE A GREAT SESSION.

NEXT FRIDAY, JANUARY 20TH, EUGENIE'S PARENTS WILL ARRIVE IN WAGGA WAGGA, AND WILL BE HOSTED BY THE BURMEISTERS, SANS GRAHAM AND VICTORIA, AT WANTABDGERY. AN INTENSIVE PROGRAM OF SIGHTSEEING, EATING AND SCHOOL VISITATION HAS BEEN ARRANGED, BUT AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH ROTARIANS HAS BEEN INCLUDED, IN THE FORM OF LUNCH AT THE WAGGA WAGGA WINERY, AT OURA ON SATURDAY TO KEEP THINGS SIMPLE, THOSE INTENDING TO GO SHOULD BOOK DIRECT WITH THE WINERY. PHONE 69 221 221



DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The District Conference will be in Young, on 23rd, 24th and 25th March. John Smith is the Club's District Conference committee chairman, and has runs on the board in ensuring that Wollundry has good involvement and attendance at the conferences. John has booked ten motel rooms in Young to ensure that we don't miss out on accommodation, but needs commitment from members to justify holding the rooms. Nine weeks to go!!!

FARMERS MARKET REPORT

Phil McIntosh was OIC of the Farmers market on Saturday, and claimed that he had an efficient team, consisting of David Benn, Rob Balding, Andy Irvine, Greg Conkey, Paul Gianottios, Hugh Campbell, John Knight, George Thomas, John Mason, Col Duff and James Ross. 12 of them.

Normally, just eleven members make up a team, and efficiency is a factor of work output and personnel input, so justify that call. Stall numbers were down for the month of January, with just 23 sites occupied, and 2 no shows. Takings for the Day were \$2092.

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12 January 2012

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ROTARY CLUB OF
WOLLUNDURY WAGGA WAGGA

16 JAN 2012

REGO No: 1601-7

TO: CLUB

Cc: Mrs Angela Stock; Gordon Braid Family

Dear Frank

Australian Rotary Health would like to thank the Rotary Club of Wollundry – Wagga Wagga for their continued support in providing a PhD Scholarship for Matt Carlino.

Please find enclosed a copy of Matt's progress report for his project **Determining the Molecular mechanisms of B-RAF/MEK inhibitor resistance in Melanoma** which is progressing well. I have also included the report from Matt's supervisor Dr Helen Rizos. Matt will commence the second year of his PhD in 2012.

Australia has the highest incidence of melanoma in the world and melanoma is often referred to as Australia's national cancer. Melanoma makes up only 2.3% of all skin cancers but is responsible for 75% of skin cancer deaths.

Melanomas behave as they do because the genes in their cells have become damaged. There are more than 25,000 human genes and many of them play a role in cancer if they are damaged. These mutations make cells grow, move around the body evading surgery, and resist attempts to kill them with chemotherapy and radiation treatment.

Thank you again for your partnership with Australian Rotary Health. Your generous support is helping to make a difference in the research of Melanoma.

Best wishes

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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Annual progress report Dr Matt Carlino

Dr Matt Carlino, a medical oncologist by training has embarked on a research program for his doctoral thesis in our laboratory. He commenced his research work in Feb 2011 and has made remarkable progress towards his doctoral thesis.

Dr Carlino is studying mechanisms of acquired resistance to MEK inhibitors in melanoma cells. In Australia melanoma is the third most common cancer and targeted therapies are being developed. The inhibition of the effector kinase, MEK, is a promising strategy for treating melanoma and clinical trials with inhibitors to the MEK proteins are being conducted here in Westmead Hospital. Despite the dramatic clinical activity of small molecule inhibitors, the acquisition of drug resistance is common. **Dr Carlino's thesis examines the mechanisms responsible for melanoma resistance to MEK inhibitors.** Significantly his work will combine melanoma cell models, with patient tumours collected pre- and post- treatment with MEK inhibitors. Anticipating mechanisms of acquired resistance will greatly accelerate the development of improved or novel clinical therapies.

Within a short time, Dr Carlino has demonstrated a penchant for research and has acquired excellent laboratory skills. He has quickly mastered many of the techniques and methods required for cell and molecular biology research, and is now independently carrying out experiments. He is a keen and enthusiastic student and contributes significantly in lab meetings and discussions. With his background in clinical medicine, his contributions in lab meetings and intellectual input in other projects are invaluable and he is becoming a great asset to our team. He is a worthy candidate and deserves full and extended support.

He has already developed MEK resistant clones from one melanoma cell line and is systematically analysing them. This will develop into an important publication, which will be presented at international and national conferences. He has also started generating resistance to MEK inhibitors in other melanoma cell lines, which will constitute the next section of his project. I have no hesitation in strongly recommending continued financial support for Matt's PhD studies.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Rizos

SUNDAY MARKET AWARDS



Peter Crozier reported on his commission as Officer in Charge at the Sunday Markets for the 15th January 2012.



He noted first up that there was beer left in the fridge in the container, nothing wrong with that per se, but it had frozen, and spoiled the beer, reminiscent of the Victoria Bitter Ads on the TV during the cricket broadcasts.

The industrial bin at the Markets has finally been emptied.



Morning Tea for the troops consisted of hot muffins, homemade buttermilk and Blueberry. Gail had delivered the rations down to the site, hot from the oven.



Peter notes in the report that there were no complaints from stallholders, no doubt due to the generous concession last week by Kerry Pascoe. It has become a tradition for each OIC to claim a record in some aspect of their market performance, and Croz has staked claim to the largest market for the year.



The figures for the morning were:

Gate	\$682.65
Stalls	\$270.00
Adv Bookings	\$130.00
Trestles	\$34.00
Power	\$10.00
Grand Total	\$1128.65



The Honour Board, those who gave their time
OIC Peter Crozier John Gray
James Ross David Byfield
Mark Hillis Laurie Blowes

MARKET ROSTERS

Start Times

Saturday 6.30am Start

Sunday OIC at 6.30 Team at 7.00am

Sunday
22 Jan
OIC Geoff Hamilton
Steven McCoy

Alan Eldridge
Paul Murray

Mark Hillis
Dennis Shean

Sunday
29 Jan
OIC John Ferguson
John Gray

John Egan
Paul Milde

Mark Fleming
John Smith

Sunday
05 Feb
OIC Darren Wallace
Andrew Irvine

Graham Burmeister
Kevin Moffat

David Foster
Bruce Spinks

Saturday
11 Feb
OIC Peter Clucas
Rick Priest
Michael Eldridge
Simon Musgrave

Pat Ingram
Frank Fuller
John Flynn
Doug Sutton

Tim Barter
Brent Pickard
Jim Gibson

Sunday
12 Feb
OIC James Hamilton
Nick Leywood

Richard Braid
Michael Georgiou

Doug Conkey
Michael Merrylees

Sunday
19 Feb
OIC Greg O'Hare
Chris Nash

Peter Mackinnon
Neil Pinto

Chris Metcalf
Evan Robertson

APOLOGIES AND GUEST ATTENDANCE

APOLOGIES OR NOTIFICATION OF GUESTS SHOULD BE ADVISED TO DOUG CONKEY BY 4.00 PM ON MONDAY. THE PHONE NO. IS 69253039

Spotted recently in Wagga Wagga..... could this guy be a conspiracy Theory Yank



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