



# WOLLUNDRY ROTARY

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Club President Doug Conkey

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Our Belgian exchange student, Eugenie returned to our meeting on Tuesday, if only briefly. Her busy schedule over the holiday break was highlighted with a visit to Australia by her family. The family came to Wagga and stayed at Burmos before heading off to Melbourne, The Great Ocean Road and Herron Island. Eugenie also spent Christmas on the South Coast and New Year with Frank Fuller's daughter in Sydney. There was also an unexpected adventure with Geoff Hamilton on a day flight to Tasmania. Details are yet to emerge, but something to do with a dust storm and landing in New Zealand!?!

Eugenie is now off to Perth with the Pintos for ten days! What a life!

## ***PRESIDENT'S REPORT***

President Doug welcomed 52 members and guests to Tuesday's meeting.

Doug reported on a District Meeting held recently where membership of rotary clubs was discussed. The bottom line is that unless membership of our district is not strengthened then there maybe a restructure of districts. Several options were put. One of which can not be reported because of this county's anti-



discrimination laws and the social upheaval it would cause in Wollundry households. Starting from the beginning of this year a recruitment drive will commence in all district clubs with the aim of attracting ***"100 new members in 100 days"***. The club which increases the numbers the most will have its district fees waived for the year.



***RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)*** The district camp will be held at Parkes from 16-21 April. Neil Pinto called for members to nominate participants in the age range of 18-25 years. The week's program offers a range of skills to be developed in areas such as leadership, planning public speaking, problem solving team building and human relations. For further information contact Neil.

### ***DISTRICT CONFERENCE***

Young is the venue this year from 23-25 March.

John Smith has booked accommodation and has planned an exhaustive social agenda, including flights by the "Wollundry Luftwaffe" to and from Young. Contact John for details.

### ***FOOD and WINE FESTIVAL***

Chairman, Kev Roben gave us an update on this important fund raiser, which is now firmly entrenched on Wagga's social calendar. The festival will be held on Saturday 31st March and all members are asked to be available on this day as well as Friday and Sunday for set up, clean up etc. TAFE are again involved with their Construction students with the stage erection and with their Food and Hospitality students. So far 21 stalls have booked. The Food & Wine Committee are meeting weekly now at the Commercial Club on Tuesday afternoons at 5.30pm. This year's beneficiary is Micah

## SUNDAY MARKET– 5th February



**OIC:** John Ferguson

**TEAM:** Peter Clucas, Steve McCoy, Kev Moffatt, Michael Georgiou, Bruce Spinks  
Sensational team with a great blend of youth and experience! Fine day with a good crowd but with only a moderate number of stall holders. Several regulars including the pony rides were absent. Steve repaired “The Table” with his bag of tricks including the longest screw ever seen!!! Michael then entertained us with his councillor tales from his WWCC days.

<b>Gate:</b>	\$ 634.80
<b>Stalls:</b>	\$ 330.00
<b>Advanced Bookings:</b>	\$ 228.00
<b>Trestles:</b>	\$ 74.00
<b>Power:</b>	\$ 10.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,276.80</b>



### **Club Social Calendar**

#### **Wagga Aero Club**

President John Smith and members of Wagga City Aero Club cordially invite

members of Wollundry Rotary to the “Highlight of the Twilight” 5.30 pm Friday 10 February. Meet at WCAC’s club house on Walsh Drive, Wagga Wagga Airport for a special “before last light” flight around the Wagga area of about 40 minutes followed by a BBQ and refreshments. Seats are limited so get in early.

- email [gbreust@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gbreust@bigpond.net.au) to reserve a seat. Also RSVP if you are not flying but attending so we can arrange catering. No charge will be made for flights. BBQ and refreshments at great prices.

#### **In Support of PolioPlus**

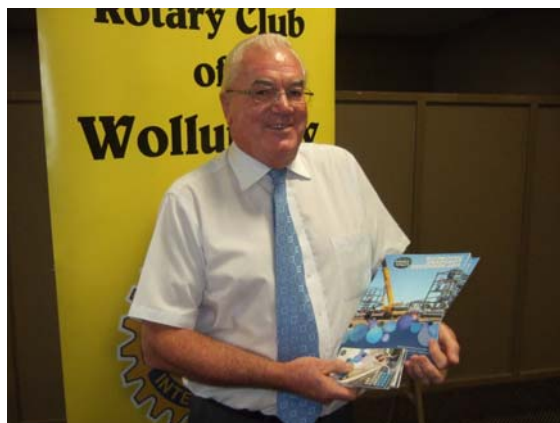


Reminder of the coming movie night to be held in support of PolioPlus. Titled “the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel” it promises to be a great show.

All are invited. \$20 per head, on Feb 23rd at 7pm. Drinks and nibbles after at the “Thirsty Crow”

**Contact President Doug with numbers as soon as you can.**

## **GUEST SPEAKER- MAYOR KERRY PASCOE**



The Mayor of the City of Wagga Wagga, Kerry Pascoe was our guest speaker at our Tuesday Meeting. Kerry was introduced by a former Wagga Council Alderman, Michael Georgiou. Kerry is now in his seventh year as Mayor, and was elected to the council after being President of the Wagga Ratepayers Association. Kerry has been in the Building Industry for years and is an electrician by trade.

Kerry listed an impressive list of developments which are underway in the city and which should lead to the development and economic prosperity of Wagga Wagga in future years.

He highlighted:

- \$35m in flood recovery aid being spent in the city after the 2010 floods.
- \$25m in the upgrade of the Airport Precinct.
- \$55m at the REX Pilot Academy.
- \$3.7m at the Douglas Aero Paint Shop. Creation of 40 jobs with the possibility of the spin off from more aviation type repair industry to follow.
- Upgrade of Robertson Oval and the CSU Equestrian Facility.
- Upgrade of Fitzmaurice Street.

Kerry concluded his presentation with a mention of the proposed Riverina Freight Hub at Bomen and its importance to the development and prosperity of the whole region. He left us with a document "Wagga Wagga-an Economic Snapshot December 2011."

## **NEW MEMBER WELCOMED**

President Doug and sponsor John Smith welcomed Craig Bromley into the club. Craig's vocational designation is "Automotive Retailing" and he will be on the Projects Committee.



## BURMO AT EL ALAMEIM



Burmo at the graveside of Bill Wellwood. At the Pyramids with his daughter, Victoria

This is my story about Bill Wellwood after whom my brother was named.

As a child when my family would visit Sydney we would always stay at 6 Union St. Lidcombe to be with "Nanna and Pop Wellwood". I would always stay, with my brother, if he was with us, in "Bill's room", the only child of "Nanna and Pop". The room was filled with Bill's photos, from School, from his Church and from the Army, all surrounded by Catholic icons on the walls and mantle-piece. Over the years, including when I would visit and stay whilst at Law School, I overwhelming sensed I was getting to know this young man, who had his life plucked from him, in the service of his country and the people there from.

Today at El Alamein, near Alexandria, Egypt, my daughter Victoria and I visited his grave XVI. G. 11. It was a deeply emotional experience for me and I am thankful to have had Victoria with me, with all her courage, to comfort me. I there remembered the oft repeated story how my father, Noel, upon his return from the Middle East, to transfer from 9 Division AIF to the newly formed crack Parachute Regiment, went to see "Nanna and Pop", who he then met for the first time, to tell them how their only child died all that time before.

This is Bill's story, a story of sacrifice, of courage, of duty to his family, friends, co-religionists and Country.

Dad and Bill were from the 2<sup>nd</sup> 13th Battalion, of 20 Brigade, 9th Division AIF who in the great Battle of El Alamein were part of 30 Corp From the 20 Brigade start line they would have to advance 7,000 yards of which 6,000 were held by the Africa Corp, Rommel's much vaunted German and Italian Army. On the 23 October 1942 at 2140 hours some 800 guns of the 8<sup>th</sup> Army opened up, then at 2200 hours the Infantry went in. Phase I target was taken. Then at 0043 hours the guns brought down another thunderous barrage. Phase II commenced. Within minutes they reached a minefield 1,500 yards in depth. As usual, the infantry had to ignore the danger and plod their way through. Any hesitation would mean losing the shelter of the barrage.

The great danger when creating corridors (for the tanks to come through later) is that you leave behind enemy on both flanks and in the rear and therefore you are always in danger of meeting withering fire from both side and the rear until those "cut off" enemy are mopped up.

The battle raged on, with much ebbs and flows, and change of direction until 6 November, when the enemy were effectively and completely defeated in the field whereupon they made a hasty retreat with the remnants of their army, constantly being strafed from the Allied Airforce.

Thus German forces suffered their first defeat in battle in World War II and, at the end of the day, it was all downhill for them thereafter.

Pte Bill Wellwood was killed in action on 29 October 1942. He was aged 20 and was the only child of Jack and Mary from Lidcombe. He was my Dad's best mate in arms.



# ROSTERS

## FELLOWSHIP RECEPTION FURNITURE

14 February Gerry Gerlach, Paul Gianniotis, Jim Gibson  
 21 February John Gray, Geoff Hamilton, James Hamilton  
 28 February John Hawkins, Mark Hillis, David Hodge

If you are unable to carry out your duties, please find a replacement.

## PROGRAM GUIDE

Contact Alan Eldridge regarding the booking of guest speakers for 2012.

14 February TBA

## BULLETIN EDITOR ROSTER:

14, 21 February John Ferguson  
 28 Feb, 6 & 13 March Paul Murray  
 20 & 27 March, 3 April Doug Sutton  
 10, 17, 24 April Michael Knight



## SERGEANT at ARMS ROSTER:

14 February Peter Clucas  
 21 February Silas Darby  
 28 February Peter Clucas  
 6 March John Gray  
 13 March Silas Darby  
 20 March John Gray  
 27 March Peter Clucas



## LAUNCH OF WAGGA WAGGA PROMOTIONAL VIDEO

The Eric Bogle Concert on 25th February will launch the promotional video on Wagga Wagga. Past President, Greg Conkey has been the driving force behind this promotion. The video also features several members of Wolundry Rotary displaying their choral skills as part of the Wagga City Rugby Male Choir.

Please support this wonderful promotion of our city and enjoy a great night's entertainment with internationally acclaimed singer/songwriter , Eric Bogle.

Concert to launch Wagga's promotional video featuring:

**Eric Bogle**  
 Singer  
 song  
 writer

also appearing:  
 Wagga City Rugby  
 Male Choir  
 Murrumbidgee Magic

Special  
 guest  
 Matt Olsen

Kings Church Auditorium  
 Koorinal Road Wagga  
 Saturday 25 February

Time: 8pm  
 Cost: \$35 (\$30 concession)  
 Bookings:  
 Wagga Visitor's Centre  
 Tarcutta St Wagga  
 Phone: 1300 100 122

Joining Eric Bogle will be the Wagga City Rugby Male Choir (above) and Murrumbidgee Magic.

# MEETING DETAILS

**Visiting Rotarians:** Brent Pickard



**Guests:** Robert Fuller, Craig Bromley



**Apologies:**

Laurie Blowes, Frank Fuller, Ken Cook, John Hawkins, Greg Conkey, James Hamilton, Jim Gibson, Mark Hillis, Rob Pearson, David Hodge, Peter Crozier, Graham Burmeister, Michael Merrylees.

**Make-ups:** Michael Georgiou, Kevin Moffatt, Steve McCoy, Peter Clucas, John Ferguson, Bruce Spinks, (Sunday Markets) Michael Eldridge, Steve McCoy (Food & Wine)

**Club Anniversaries:**

Doug Sutton	22 years
Dick Smith	4 years
Chris Metcalfe	1 Year
Simon Musgrave	1 Year

**Wine Draw Winner:**



Nick Leywood smiling after again winning! The rumour is he will shortly open his own wine boutique.



A more pensive Chris Nash. It was his first win in 10 years. We are all waiting for the first Grange harvest!

## **SATURDAY & SUNDAY MARKET ROSTERS**

**Saturday Markets will commence at 7am for August.**

**Sunday Markets OIC 6.30am. Team 7am**

*SATURDAY 11th February 2012 OIC Peter Clucas*

*Pat Ingram, Tim Barter, Rick Priest, Frank Fuller, Brent Pickard, Michael Eldridge,*

*John Flynn, Jim Gibson, Simon Musgrave, Doug Sutton.*

**SUNDAY 12th February 2012 OIC James Hamilton**

Richard Braid, Doug Conkey, Nick Leywood, Michael Georgiou, Michael

Merrylees

**SUNDAY 19th February 2012 OIC Greg O'Hare**

Peter MacKinnon, Chris Metcalfe, Chris Nash, Neil Pinto, Evan Robertson.

**SUNDAY 26th February 2012 OIC Michael Knight**

Silas Darby, John Ireland, Kevin Roben, Malcolm Robertson, Dick Smith

**SUNDAY 4th March 2012 OIC Pat Parnell**

Geoff Breust, Gerry Gerlach, John Hawkins, Colin Mercer, Kerry Pascoe

*SATURDAY 10th March 2012 OIC Michael Eldridge*

*Colin Duff, David Byfield, Ken Cook, Peter Crozier, David Hodge, Alan Lloyd,*

*Steven McCoy, Robert Pearson, Brian Roberts, Mark Sayer.*

**SUNDAY 11th March 2012 OIC John Mason**

Rob Balding, Hugh Campbell, Ken Cook, Paul Gianniotis, John Knight