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BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA INC.

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Thursday 1st March, 2012

Upcoming programs & events: **BOOK FAIR 19th & 20th MAY (Note Diaries)**

District Conference Young 23rd - 25th March

RYDA 26th - 30th March

Duty Officers' Roster

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

	Thursday 8 th March	Thursday 15 th March	Thursday 22 nd March
Programme	Business Coaching Jeremy Hutchins	Book Sorting Night	On-site visit Sr Carmel Wallace Erin Earth
Attendance	Karel Bijker Glendyn Groves	Karel Bijker Daya Govender	Karel Bijker David Payne
Greeter	Neil Hilpern	N/R	N/R
Sergeant at Arms	Peter Harding	N/R	N/R
International Toast	Bruce Heydon	N/R	N/R
Introduce Speaker	Graham Gorrel	N/R	David Payne
Vote of Thanks	Bill Prest	N/R	Graham Russell
Bulletin	Gerry Page	Ellen Brasier	Peter Veerhuis
BINGO Ticket Sales commence at 12.45 p.m.	Sunday 11 th March Graham Gorrel Gerry Page	Sunday 18 th March Phil Jackson Neil Hilpern	Sunday 25 th March Mike Murray John Goldsworthy



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: 29 members attended, along with 1 make-up, giving us an attendance of 68%. Visiting Rotarian was Gary Roberts and Dr Radha Vivekant was Ruth Barber's guest from Melbourne. Apologies were received by 2.30 pm Wednesday from Ellen Brasier, Karel Bijker, Christine Atkinson, Zvonne Hribar, Charlie Blomfield, Barry Francis, Peter Chenoweth, Laurie Fromholtz, Paul Galloway, Graham Gorrel, Gerry Page and Michelle Maddison.

CLUB NOTES:

- President Barry Francis' procedures at St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, were all successful. He has recovered well and has now returned to Wagga.
- President-elect Daya Govender remarked that our Club has a good mix of members and should be able to attract a wide range of potential members, but they will not be fully aware of us unless we ask them to attend a meeting as a guest of our Club.



In his capacity as Chairman of the evening, Daya Govender announced that Rotarian Brad Bland has agreed to be our Club President for the 2013/2014 year. The members gave Brad a round of applause. Brad was previously a member of the Rotary Club of Hay.



- The scheduled "Clean Up Australia" was cancelled due to inclement weather and was postponed until Sunday, 11th March. This will be updated at our next meeting.
- **A Board Meeting will be held following this week's meeting on 8th March.**
- The District Conference will be held in Young on the weekend of the 23-25th March. Some accommodation is still available and President Barry has Registration forms.
- RI President Kalyan Banerjee's visit to Wagga is due to be held on Tuesday 22nd May and, as the first Club in the Region, Wagga Wagga Club will be organising the event. Ruth Barber has been investigating venues which can cater for an attendance of 300. The RSL Club is not available and Mater Dei, Joyes Hall or the CSU Convention Centre are under consideration. Suggestions for venues and caterers will be welcomed.
- Gary Roberts advised that there are plans to have the RI President Kalyan Banerjee induct the members joining Rotary as a result of the current Membership Drive, at his visit on Tuesday 22nd May.
- **RYDA** will be held 26th – 30th March at the Equex Centre. Our Club has been asked to have 2 Rotarians there on Thursday, 29th March to be with the students. Bill Prest has

already indicated he will be available. That means we will need one more member to be with the students. Ellen Brasier is overall co-ordinator for the day but she needs to have an assistant who will also act as timekeeper. Volunteers will also be needed to man barbeques.

- **The annual “Hat” Day will be held on Friday 18th May.**
- **Origin Energy (at Bomen), has been providing our BBQ team with free gas for a number of years.** Origin will be having an “Open Day” on 16th March. The Club will be putting on an all-day BBQ at the Origin Energy Depot from 9 am to about 3 pm.
- Plans for the Rotary Peace Communities International Conference which will be held in Wagga on 23rd September are well under way under the Chairmanship of PDG Fred Loneragan & Secretary PDG Ray King OAM. A full contingent of high quality speakers has been secured from Australia & abroad. The road to Peace is to understand the issues which divide us and to implement actions which unite us.
- **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!
- Graeme Callander has organised the production of a new Club Banner to present to other Clubs. Members who intend to visit Rotary Clubs on their travels should see Graeme.

The International Toast was delivered by Allan Duffus to the Rotary Club of Nashick Ambad in India, in District 3030 which has 84 clubs with 3707 members and was chartered in 1974. It is in the Northwest State of Maharashtra and is 180 km northeast of Mumbai on the banks of Godavari River.

Nashik is known for its picturesque environment and cool climate with many vineyards and orchards it is referred to as the Wine Capital of India It has a population of 1,832,195.

The Sergeant’s Session was presented by John Goldsworthy. He commenced by fining all those who didn’t attend the Fund Raising movie and Graeme Callander for doing such a good job in promotion, achieving a full house. He also fined all the Directors for not postponing tonight’s Dinner Meeting or starting earlier in deference to the Start of the Footy Season.

He also offered methods for stress control such as paying off Mastercard with Visa Card and filling in Tax Returns in Roman Numerals. A dedicated musician he described as one who, hearing a female singing in the shower, puts his ear to the keyhole and he told the tale of the golfer who was so used to cheating that when he scored a hole in one put down a negative score.

Guest Speaker Daya Govender, our President Elect, was introduced by Alok Sharma who told us that Daya was born in Durban, South Africa of 4th Generation Indian parents and gained his Tertiary Qualifications there. Daya came to Wagga in 1990 as Plant Manager of Buckman’s Laboratories at Bomen when only the Laboratory and Main Office were in place. Daya spoke of his invitation to join our Club in 1995 by Peter Walsh. He left the Club due to pressure of work and is happy to have now been able to re-join.

He has been with Buckmans for 30 years; the Company tag-line is “Commitment makes the best chemistry”. It is a family company with its Headquarters in Memphis U.S.A. There are 1500 employees and has been in operation for 65 years.

Chemicals are produced for the Paper, Water and Leather processing industries. They have a Sustainable Policy of replacing Hydrocarbons with renewable resources. Safety and Environment are the major concerns and there is frequent testing to ensure that there is no pollution.

Wagga Wagga was selected as the site for the enterprise due to it being a transport hub with a centralised position between Sydney and Melbourne for demand of products & access to ports. The availability of an attractive city and site with a Cooperative and pro-active Council were also points of consideration.

Daya was thanked by Glendyn Groves who remarked on Daya’s obvious commitment and that it was good to see him back with Rotary.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES 9th March to 15th March

Birthdays: Karen Brill 9/3.

Wedding Anniversaries: Gordon and Margaret Saggars 11/3

Rotary Anniversaries: John Goldsworthy 15/3/90, Mary Ann Kelly 15/3/07

KOOKABURRA



“The man who is too old to learn was probably always too old to learn.”

“Old minds are like old horses. You must exercise them to keep them in working order.”

Weather Forecasting.

We all benefited from accurate weather forecasting over the past couple of weeks. It wasn’t always so. Some 150 years ago, on August 1 1861, The Times of London published a public weather forecast issued by Robert FitzRoy. It was the first “official” weather forecast to appear in the media. (His forecast was fine weather and moderate to fresh winds). FitzRoy, better known as Charles Darwin’s captain, had established what was to become the British Meteorological Office in 1854.

FitzRoy’s forecasts were frequently ridiculed and in 1864, The Times stopped publishing his forecasts, rudely attacking his efforts. After pressure from the shipping industry, public weather forecasting resumed a few years later. It was too late for FitzRoy, who died in 1865.