



The 5 O'clock Wave

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Meetings:

Tuesday 6.15

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www.murrumbidgeerotary.com.au

or

<http://www.facebook.com/murrumbidgeerotaryclub>

"All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better".

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Coming Soon

10 Sep - Vocational visit to Ronald McDonald house

17 Sep - Alok Sharma - a Board meeting will follow

15 Oct - AGM and Board meeting

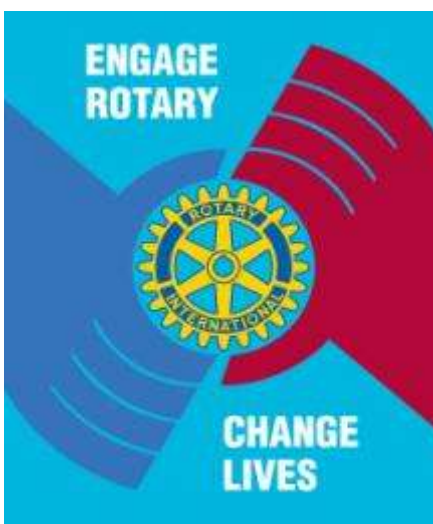
29 Oct – Social Tennis Night and BBQ (Forest Hill Tennis Courts)

Nov 15 – Trivia Night – Hat Day

Raffle Tickets

Bettye Tancred is running a raffle as a partner's program project with proceeds going to Rotary Oceania medical aid for children (ROMAC). ROMAC provides medical treatment for children from developing countries in the form of lifesaving and/or dignity restoring surgery not accessible to them in their home country (www.romac.org.au).

Geoff and Bettye have personal experience of this program having hosted a child and mother from the Solomon Islands. The child, Hilda was born blind. After two operations, she was given the gift of sight. So Bettye, is raffling off a handmade, patchwork quilt. Tickets are available from Lauren. It will be drawn at the District Conference in March 2014. Tickets are \$5.00.



Last week's meeting

Last week's meeting was our Annual trip to visit Ronald McDonald House.

Ronald McDonald House Wagga Wagga opened in March 2005. The house is located at 300 Edward Street Wagga Wagga one

block from Wagga Wagga Base Hospital and Calvary Hospital and the Calvary Day Procedure Surgery. The House is also located in close proximity to specialist



consulting rooms and the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital Dental Clinic. Ronald McDonald House provides a home away from home for families with sick or injured children, and expectant mothers, receiving medical treatment or attending medical appointments in Wagga Wagga, enabling families to stay together. Day

use of the house is also available for families.

Deborah Braines (house manager) gave us a tour of the facilities and explained how the house works. They have a variety of families that use the house while the children or pregnant mothers receive treatment at one of Wagga's



Hospitals or specialists. The house has four rooms, 2 of which have their own

bathroom and another two which share a bathroom. It is a tough job for Deborah and her staff but the house gives comfort for those away from home when they need somewhere to stay. More and more now the house is having nights where they are full and have to use the quiet



room or even the lounge room to cater for all the families.

The time each family stays at the house differs with some only spending one night and others using the house for months at a time. Ronald McDonald is staffed by volunteers both day and night as many times a family will need somewhere to stay after arriving in Wagga late at night.

Our usual donation of Tissues and toilet paper were well received and something the house can never have enough of.

Following the tour of the house some members headed to dinner at the Indian Restaurant down the road.



NEXT WEEK

Alok Sharma is our Guest Speaker next week. Alok is coming to talk to us about his RAWCS Project Darkness to Light.



TEDDY BEARS



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Sunday 20 October 2013

Botanical Gardens Wagga Wagga

10.00am – 3.00pm

Proceeds to Ronald McDonald House Wagga Wagga

Incorporating 93.1 StarFM Kids Kottage

Fun for all! Bring along your favourite Teddy and
have a picnic in the gardens

Free Entry for All Ages

- Traditional Games & Fun
- Jumping Castle \$\$\$
- Show Bags \$\$\$
- Teddy Bear Parade & Prizes
- Plaster Painting \$\$\$
- Sausage Sizzle & Coffee \$\$\$



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