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# The 5 O'clock Wave

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"Always do sober what you said you'd do drunk. That  
will teach you to keep your mouth shut."  
*Ernest Hemingway*

## This Week's Meeting

30th April 2013  
Wagga RSL Club @ 6:30pm

## Last Week's Meeting

23rd April 2013

We had a fantastic Guest speaker, Megan Mulrooney from Wagga Compact. Compact is a not for profit, community based organisation, funded by the Australian and NSW Government to deliver programs aimed at increasing educational attainment and engagement and improving school to work transitions for young people aged 11 - 19 in the Central Murrumbidgee region. Megan spoke about Compact's youth mental health forums and the ways in which our club can help.



## Wagga Gold Cup

The Murrumbidgee Turf Club would like us to sell bus tickets again at the Gold Cup Day, Friday 3rd May 4pm - 7pm.

This is an interesting afternoon and a good little money spinner for the club, If you can help out, please let President Jenny know ASAP

### CLUB IS HANDING OUT CHEQUES TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

It's that time of year, when our club board has distributed some of the funds we have raised throughout the year. This is the exciting part that makes our efforts worthwhile and gives you a warm and fuzzy feeling inside to know we have made a difference. The club board had decided to allocate the following funds:

- ❖ **\$1800.00** – Little Paths Australia
- ❖ **\$1000.00** – Rotary Foundation
- ❖ **\$ 300.00** – Ignite mentoring program, Wagga
- ❖ **\$ 500.00** – Amy St Clair Melanoma Trust
- ❖ **\$ 600.00** – Sponsorship of RYLA Candidate
- ❖ **\$ 200.00** - Vision Support Services
- ❖ **\$ 200.00** - Dramatic Minds Festival
- ❖ **\$ 200.00** - Compact



### WHO ARE THESE ORGANISATIONS??

**Little Paths Australia** offers secondary school scholarship support for street children or former street children who have been placed with family but are still in need of support to continue their secondary education. They work mainly in Tanzania and Cambodia. Our funds will go towards a scholarship for one child's entire secondary school life. We had a presentation from the founder of Little Paths earlier this year. The Rotary Clubs of Wagga are proud sponsors of this charity and it is part of Rotary Australia World Community Service (shortened to RAWCS). For more info go to:

<http://www.littlepaths.org.au>

**Rotary Foundation** is rotary's own charity. The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Its landmark project is Polio Plus aiming to eradicate polio worldwide. This contribution is made up of the money raised through heads and tails currently totaling \$637.00 and the balance will be made up from our projects/donation fund. For more info go to: <http://www.rotary.org/en/Pages/ridefault.aspx> or see our foundation director's, Ruth and Natalie.

**Ignite Mentoring Program**, Wagga Wagga is a mentoring program for school children and youths that have experienced various forms of social exclusion. Both the mentor and mentee will receive an experience of understanding and mateship through building supports for each

other. Our funds will help make 10 mentoring sessions possible. For more info go to:

<http://www.ignitementor.com.au/>

**The Amie St Clair Melanoma Trust** is dedicated to raising awareness of melanoma. The trust actively supports medical research and endeavors to provide better access to specialised care for the communities of the Wagga Wagga region. For more info go to: <http://www.amiestclairmelanoma.org.au/>. Again, we had a speaker earlier this year tell us about the work of the trust.

**Vision Support Services**, c/ - Koorungal Public School wrote to the club seeking assistance with subsidising a group of vision impaired students from the Riverina to attend the state wide vision camp in September 2013 at Lake Burrendong Sport and Rec Camp near Wellington, NSW. They sought a contribution of \$200.00 so that each student then pays \$200.00.

**Dramatic Minds Festival working party** wrote to the club seeking sponsorship for the annual short play festival. It is a local initiative started in Wagga 6 years ago. It is a mental health promotion exercise which engages young people in a creative way to explore the issues associated with youth mental health and reduce the stigma of mental illness. The funds given will go towards the running costs of the festival.

**Compact** is a not for profit, community based organisation, funded by the Australian and NSW Government to deliver programs aimed at increasing educational attainment and engagement and improving school to work transitions for young people aged 11 - 19 in the Central Murrumbidgee region. The money will go towards running the 2013 Youth Mental Health Forum in Wagga Wagga on 4 June 2013. Megan Mulrooney the Executive Officer of Compact was our guest speaker this week. Want more info, go to:

<http://www.compact.org.au/>.

If you have a charity that you wish to be considered for a donation, please speak to a board member.