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#### BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA INC.

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**The Four Way Test** Of the things we think, say or do Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Thursday, 12th December, 2013 **BULLETIN NO: 24** 

#### **DECEMBER IS 'FAMILY OF ROTARY' MONTH**

A good opportunity to focus on the vast range of clubs, groups and programs that make up the extended family of Rotary International.

Upcoming programs & events: Phil Liggett Dinner 14th January 2014

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

**Duty Officers' Roster** 

	Thursday 19th December	Thursday 2nd January 2014	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2014
Programme	Trevor Urquhart St Vincent de Paul Care and Support - new project	NO MEETING December 26 <sup>th</sup> & January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pat Coombs
Attendance	Karel Bijker Bryan Short	N/R	Karel Bijker Allan Duffus
Greeter	Rob Sharkie	N/R	Glendyn Groves
Short and Sweet*		N/R	Paul Galloway
Sergeant at Arms	Bruce Heydon	N/R	Barry Francis
Introduce Speaker	John Studdert	N/R	Graeme Callander
Vote of Thanks	Mary Ann Kelly	N/R	David Friedlieb
Bulletin	David Friedlieb	Ruth Barber	Ruth Barber



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, and advise the **Bulletin Reporter.** 

\*Short and Sweet Key

Week 1 Inspiration Week 2 International Toast Week 3 Rotary Information Week 4 Show and Tell or a Joke N/R

19th December

N/R

**ATTENDANCE:** There were 30 members giving an attendance of 75%. Visiting Rotarians were Sara Luff from Young along with Garth and Margaret Perkin from Coolamon. Members' guests were David Kennedy, Evelyn Barton and Bal Krishna.

A good turnout of 17 partners helped to make the evening a success.

**Apologies:** John Goldsworthy, Glendyn Groves, Bryan Short, Bill Prest, David Payne, Elaine Almond, David Cannon, Paul Galloway, Alan Lean, Mike Murray, Ian Gibson.

#### **CLUB NOTES**

- > **John Goldsworthy** has returned to Sydney for the next stage of his treatment. Best wishes John.
- ▶ Please Note there will be no Meetings on December 26<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Brad welcomed the fact that his and Daya's paths had finally crossed at a meeting and presented Daya with a Certificate of Thanks from last year's District Governor for his efforts in Organising the International Peace Conference at Wagga.
- > Brad, while at T.A.F.E. for Rotary presentations, witnessed Ruth Jackson's award of a Diploma in Visual Arts. Congratulations Ruth.
- > Terry Mecham advised that he had Letters of Appreciation, for our running of the B.B.Q. at the Dance Party at Hammond Hall, from Kurrajong & Disability Advocacy.
- Phil Liggett MBE, the English commentator and journalist will be presented by SBS and the Wagga Rotary Club at a Dinner/Fund Raiser at the R.S.L. Club on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2014.

Phil has been the Commentator for the SBS coverage of 43 consecutive Tours de France in addition to covering 9 Summer Olympics, 5 Winter Olympics and 7 Commonwealth Games. The cost is \$95 per head, including a 2 course meal. There will be tables of 9, 12 & 14. Only 300 tickets are available on a first come basis.

Bookings at the Civic Theatre Phone 02 6926 9688 General enquiries to Graeme Callander on 6922 5046 or 0412 072 71.

- Terry Mecham, attending the "Kangaroo March" Re-enactment last Saturday, congratulated Rhondda Vanzella for her efforts in organizing the day and thanked her for attending our meeting at Mitchell Road. She mentioned to Terry that they now had eight descendants of the original marchers and are looking for more.
- Alok told us that whilst he follows the Hindu Faith he celebrates Christmas with the same zest as Hindu celebrations. It is about love, friendship, understanding, sharing and enjoyment. He stated that the Darkness to Light Program was inspired by his late father and Peter Walsh. Alok informed us that since 2005 there have been1000 Cataract operations performed; 800 pairs of glasses dispensed and 8,000 patients treated. Wagga Rotary presented 2 Paul Harris Sapphire Pins to Philip Cross & Rotarian Rajiv Bhatia & a Paul Harris Fellowship to Dr Rajiv Mohan at a Rotary function in India. These 3 have been associated with, and mainstays of, the Project each year since its inception.
- The Dinner took the form of Finger Food with tables only used to carry the food; clusters of chairs were set around the room. Members enjoyed the informal nature of the night taking the opportunity to move around and chat. Barry Francis entertained us, in his inimitable style, with a variety of songs. Thank you Barry.





A large number of Gifts for children of all ages were placed under the Christmas Tree and delivered to the main office of the St Vincent de Paul Society on Friday morning. The staff members receiving the Gifts were extremely grateful to us for this gesture, on behalf of many of their clients.

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES 20th December to 26th December

**Birthdays** Brad Bland (21/12)

**Wedding Anniversaries** David & Josephine Cannon (22/12)

Rotary Anniversaries Nil



## **Kookaburra**



When he ordered a plate of oysters he admired the waitress and when she served them he said "how about a smile and a few kind words," She smiled and walked away. "Hang on" he said "how about the kind words?" She walked back bent down to his ear and whispered "don't eat the oysters."

### The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.