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BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA INC.

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Upcoming programs & events

DARKNESS TO LIGHT RIVERINA Family Day at Borambola 22nd OCTOBER 2011

Christmas Party at John and Helen Goldsworthy's FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2011.

Duty Officers' Roster

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

	Thurs 22nd September The Rules Club	Thurs 29 th September The Rules Club	Thurs 6 th October The Rules Club
Programme	Callum Donnelly Rotary Veterinary Scholarship	TBA	Stephanie Anderson and Melissa Potts Miss Wagga Quest
Attendance	Karel Bijker Allan Duffus	Karel Bijker Bruce Barber	Karel Bijker TBA
Greeter	Bruce Heydon	Ruth Barber	Terry Mecham
Sergeant at Arms	Michelle Maddison	Tony Hutchinson	Mike Murray
International Toast	Bryan Short	Bruce Heydon	Peter Harding
Introduce Speaker	Peter Chenoweth	TBA	TBA
Vote of Thanks	Paul Galloway	TBA	Charlie Blomfield
Bulletin	Ailsa Bowman	Gerry Page	Ruth Barber
BINGO Ticket Sales commence at 12.30 p.m!	Sun 25 th September David Cannon John Goldsworthy	Sun 2 nd October Graham Gorrel David Payne	Sun 9 th October Bruce Heydon Gerry Page



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 our special meeting at the premises of Radio 2AAA FM on the corner of Coleman and Young Streets to help the station celebrate 30 years of broadcasting. There were make-ups from Mary Ann Kelly and Ruth Barber giving us an attendance percentage of 74%. Brad Bland was a visiting Rotarian. Apologies were received from Terry Mecham, Tim Crowley, Christine Atkinson, Allan Duffus, Laurie Fromholtz, Zvonne Hribar, Graham Gorrel, David Friedlieb, Phil Jackson, Paul Galloway, Ellen Brasier, John Studdert and Glendyn Groves.

CLUB NOTES:

- President Barry reported that Tim Crowley is still receiving treatment in Wagga Base Hospital.
- Paul & Judy Galloway are celebrating the arrival of their 8th grandchild, while Gordon & Margaret Sagers have chalked up their 4th. Congratulations.
- ***Darkness to Light - Looking Ahead*** Family Day at Borambola is on 22nd October -because of regulations relating to working with children, and insurance aspects, members intending to take part need to complete a form available from Ruth Barber, to enable security check etc.
- **District Conference 2012** at Young on 23/24/25 March. Don't forget that accommodation will be tight so if planning to attend, hurry - book now.
- The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 20th October 2011.
- Mary Ann is seeking assistance for this year's RYDA which is being held in the week commencing 10th October at Equex. Assistance is required on Sunday 9th October at 10 am for about 1 hour to set-up. On Monday a Crew is required for the BBQ & on Thursday we are responsible for Kildare High School students & 6 helpers are needed. Please see Mary Ann to offer help.
- We again thank the BBQ Team, led by Tony Hutch, for providing delicious sustenance following the 2AAA presentation on Thursday night.

BBQ Apprentice Mary Ann Kelly is going ahead in leaps and bounds and must soon be entitled to receive a Certificate of Proficiency in Catering.



PROUD GRANDPARENTS: Laurie and Pat Fromholtz are swelled with pride with the achievement of their grandson Sean Smee, who ran 3rd in his age division (30-34) in a field of 75 pre-qualified competitors in the World Triathlon Titles in Beijing.

Sean, a couple of years ago, was one of two riders from Tasmania, who circumnavigated the Mediterranean Sea (13,000Ks) by bike, with funds raised going to the Fred Hollows Foundation.

Their daughter Gillian, some years ago, competed at World Levelin Ironman Titles in Hawaii and Madeira in the 45-49 age group. These days Gillian is still active in triathlon at age 56.

They also recently welcomed their 8th grandchild, a girl Eden Grace. They now have 5 boys and 3 girls.

GUEST SPEAKER: Our own member **Alan Lean**, as a Director (in charge of marketing) & Presenter, welcomed the gathered Club members and provided a summary & outline of the history & workings of the Community Radio Station. 2AAA FM broadcasts on 107.1 & 107.9 from Wagga & by Relay Junee 97.9, Gundagai & Coolamon 99.1. (Or listen on line at www.2aaa.net. which boasts listeners all over the world, inc. China, Ireland and even Russia!) Alan introduced **Michael Georgiou**, a Board member & Treasurer, **Carmen Moran** (Associate Dean of Arts at Charles Sturt University) a Board Member & Trainer of Presenters, **Pat Hall** also a

Board member & responsible for Social Activities, Music Resources & Building Maintenance, and **Adrian Sadler** who is the Sales Manager. Adrian has had experience in Commercial Radio as a presenter, working for a national broadcast monitoring service & as well as being a musician. Alan passed on apologies from **Michael McFeeters** who has been with the Station since its inception & is a Life Member; Michael owns MJM Solutions & is an Engineer & Electronics Specialist, **Dr Peter Keith** who is Vice Chairman and **Chris Jackson**, the Operations Manager.

The 30 Year Anniversary Celebrations were held on July 31st this year. The first Official Broadcast hit the airwaves on July 31st 1981 from premises in The Australian Arcade. The move to the current premises was made in November 1982. The building was constructed entirely by Volunteers and with bricks being salvaged from a Church.

The two Studios are considered to provide the best facilities of any Community Radio Broadcaster in Australia. Originally music was delivered via vinyl records & tape to tape & now has progressed from CDs to Computer with some 30,000 tracks available; this is now proceeding to 50 to 60,000 titles.

Market Surveys, & 2AAA's own Research, show that it is the second most listened to radio station in Wagga.

New presenters are welcomed & undergo training programs, which include method & policy & procedures. Training sessions are held on Monday evenings over 3 hours & include homework. Presenters need special skills due to responsibility for accuracy. Many presenters have moved on to commercial broadcasting. The Station is on air for 24 hours seven days a week.

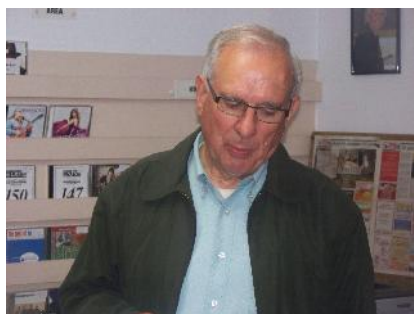
A Program Committee meets on a monthly basis to review programs and ensure that the music relates to the Formats. "Promotion" is limited to 5 minutes in each hour and any advertisement must be tagged with the Sponsor. Sponsorship is the Lifeblood of Community Radio as there is little Government funding now.

2AAA FM has emergency power backup in the event of an electricity failure and provides emergency information (such as during Wagga's December flooding).

2AAA FM has a membership of over 150 of which over 50 are 'on air' Presenters. Feedback from listeners is important to the successful operation of the Station. Membership has an initial fee of \$25 & thereafter \$15 per annum. Members receive regular newsletters, provide feedback & participate in the Management at meetings & the AGM.

There is a payment of approximately \$6000 each year to APRA, which is paid to the composers of songs in proportion to the number of times their title is played. The Presenter logs the necessary information. There must be a minimum of 20% Australian content. Outside Broadcasts require producers to support the Presenter & Technical support; members are called on for assistance.

Mike Murray proposed the Vote of Thanks for the highly informative talk which kept the audience attentive & provoked a multitude of questions



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES 22nd September to 29th September

Birthdays: Peter Harding 24/9, Fran Mecham 26/9

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Rotary Anniversaries: Barry Francis 23/09/2004,
Gordon Saggars 27/09/1974

KOOKABURRA



Three old-timers, who hadn't met for a long time, were having a chat when one said "Hey Jake, isn't this your 50th wedding anniversary?" "Yep" he replied. "What do you plan to do?" he was asked.

"Well, on my 25th anniversary I took my wife to Arizona" "So how about the 50th ? Well, I thought I might go & bring her back."

The Best of British.....

We came across two items recently, which show that the British can be an odd lot!

In Antony Beevor's "D-Day" on page 142 he writes as follows: "An astonishing number of British soldiers, tired from wading in from the waves and relieved to have survived the landing, felt that they had earned the right to a cigarette and a mug of tea. Many started to brew up on Sword beach, even though it was still under fire. Both Canadians and Americans were bemused by the British Army's apparent inability to complete a task without a tea break."

From "Google" 9 August 2011: "Looting rioters queued up patiently for their turn to loot. Only in Britain would you get polite, queuing looters!"

