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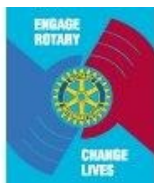
BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA INC.

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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?

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Thursday, 12th September, 2013

SEPTEMBER IS NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

(Time to focus on programs conducted for young people 14-28 years
and the role they play in shaping the Rotarians of tomorrow: RYLA RYPEN etc)

Upcoming programs & events:

District Governor's Visit – 26th September
(Partners' Night at Country Club – Rules Club Unavailable)

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

Duty Officers' Roster

	Thursday 19 th September	Thursday 26 th September	Thursday 3 rd October
Programme	Donna Goodwin Base Hospital Re-Development	District Governor Geoff Tancred Partners' Night (at Country Club)	Lauren Slater Pharmacist, Rotary President
Attendance	Karel Bijker Marion Moran	Karel Bijker Bryan Short	Karel Bijker Allan Duffus
Greeter	John Studdert	Mary Ann Kelly	Thara Pech
Short and Sweet*	Peter Veerhuis (Rotary Information)	Tony Hutchinson (Show and Tell or a Joke)	Bill Prest (Inspiration)
Sergeant at Arms	David Friedlieb	Graham Russell	Don Pembleton
Introduce Speaker	Bill Prest	President Brad	Graham Russell
Vote of Thanks	David Cannon	Bruce Barber	Gordon Saggars
Bulletin	Neil Hilpern	Ruth Barber	David Friedlieb



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 3rd October
Week 2 International Toast 10th October
Week 3 Rotary Information 19th Sept
Week 4 Show and Tell or a Joke 26th Sept

ATTENDANCE: There were 27 members present. Club Guest was guest speaker Deborah Braines (Wagga Sunrise RC). Members Guests were Joe Fealy (Alan Lean) and Elaine Almond (Mary Ann Kelly). Visiting Rotarian was Sarah Luff (Young RC).

Apologies: John Goldsworthy, Peter Harding, Ian Gibson, Peter Veerhuis, Thara Pech, Graeme Callander, Brad Bland, Paul Galloway, David Friedlieb, Mike Murray, Glendyn Groves, Gerry Page and David Cannon.

District Governor, Geoff Tancred and his wife, Bettye will be visiting our Club on Thursday 26th September. **This Meeting will be a Partners' Night. The Venue has been changed-we are NOT meeting at the Rules Club; INSTEAD we are meeting at the Country Club.** The Meeting time is 6-6.30 p.m. and the cost is \$20 per person. Advice of apologies and guests still should be made to the Rules Club.

CLUB NOTES:

- Past President Daya Govender was in the chair for the night in the absence of President Brad
- Graham Russell wants anyone who is interested in a Cultural Weekend on the banks of the Bidgee this year to talk to him, as time will run out if the Weekend is not organized soon.
- Barry Francis invited members to attend the Peace Oration on Saturday 21st September, and to purchase tickets for the Battle of the Rugby Men's Choirs (Wagga v Sydney) at the Civic Theatre on Saturday 19th October 7:30pm.

COMING UP:

- **ART IN THE GARDEN** - stunning Artwork & Sculpture showcased in 6 magnificent gardens - Sat. October 12th 10am – 5pm & Sun. 13th 10am-4pm. Tickets from Anglican College Farrer Rd or the Gardens. Enquiries & bookings Mary-Ellen Taylor 0408 313 530. (Sing Australia, of which Ruth, Marion & Ellen are members, will be performing in one of the gardens).
- **CONCERTS AT THE RIVERINA CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC** MEREDITH & THE CON MEN - (this is the group which performed at our changeover evening) - Contemporary Songs Jazz Standards & Ballads with guest artist Andrew Heap 7.30pm Friday 20 September 2013. Riverina Conservatorium of Music ,College Ave, Wagga Wagga Ph: 6925 3522 \$25/\$15/\$5

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Phil Cross handed out some stunning red shirts for travellers to India for the Darkness to Light Project. He then proceeded to list various medical issues faced by members in recent times and with complete disregard for any sensitivities fined most of us for failing to keep a clean bill of health (doctor's bills not a sufficient disincentive to an unhealthy lifestyle?). After cheering us up with some amusing health and medical tales, we all felt relieved to have lost some weight (if only from our pockets).

RAFFLE: Won by Marion Moran

GUEST SPEAKER: Phil Cross introduced our Guest Speaker for the evening, Deborah Braines, a fourteen-year member of Wagga's Sunrise Rotary Club. Deborah works for Wagga's Ronald McDonald House and was able to pass on information about the house at 300 Edward Street.

The house looks after the families of those sick and injured children who find themselves in Wagga for treatment at Wagga Base and Calvary Hospitals, or attending medical appointments and receiving day procedures, as well as providing accommodation for expectant mothers and families with newborns staying longer in hospital.

The service is provided to those who live outside Wagga Wagga, from the South West Slopes and the Riverina. With four bedrooms, ensuite and disabled bathroom facilities, common areas, a large kitchen, and laundry, families are well looked after during what can be a very stressful time. A wonderful group of 90 volunteers who work on a fortnightly or monthly roster keep the place going, and since opening in 2005 the house has provided 8,000 bed-nights. Some families can stay for well over a month, and the house is often full.

A small charge for accommodation can be waived in needy circumstances, and funding from local service clubs, community raffles, and local initiatives throughout the region are vital to continuing Wagga's home-away-from-home for many families.

She was thanked by Peter Chenoweth in the usual manner.



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES 20th September to 26th September

Birthdays: Peter Harding (24/9) Bronwyn Callander (20/9) Fran Mecham (26/9)

Wedding Anniversaries: Gerry & Joan Page (20/9)

Rotary Anniversaries: Brad Bland (22/9/2011) and Hay 2008-2010
Barry Francis (23/9/2004)



∞Kookaburra∞

DOG FOR SALE

A guy was driving and the back woods of Montana and he saw a sign in front of a broken down shanty-style house: 'Talking Dog for Sale '. He rang the bell and the owner appeared and told him the dog was in the backyard. The guy went into the back yard and saw a nice looking Labrador retriever sitting there.

"You talk ?" he asked.

"Yep." the Lab replied.

After the guy recovered from the shock of hearing a dog talk, he said "So, what's your story?"

The Lab looked up and said, "Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA. In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies & world leaders; because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping."

"I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running."

"But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I decided to settle down. I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals."

"I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired."

The guy was amazed. He went back in and asked the owner what he wanted for the dog.

"Ten dollars," the guy said.

"Ten dollars? This dog is amazing! Why on Earth are you selling him so cheap ?"

"Because he's a liar. He's never been out of the back yard !!"

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.