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BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA INC.

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Thursday 17th November 2011

Upcoming programs & events

CHRISTMAS PARTY at John & Helen Goldsworthy's home Friday 16th December 2011

Duty Officers' Roster

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

	Thurs 24 th November CSU South Campus	Thursday 1st December	Thursday 8 th December
Programme	BOOK SORT	David Kennedy 'A life with music'	Men's Shed (tbc)
Attendance	Karel Bijker Glendyn Groves	Karel Bijker Mike Murray	Karel Bijker David Payne
Greeter	N/R	David Payne	Rob Sharkie
Sergeant at Arms	N/R	Don Pembleton	Alok Sharma
International Toast	N/R	Bill Prest	Bryan Short
Introduce Speaker	N/R	Graeme Callander	John Studdert
Vote of Thanks	N/R	Gordon Saggars	Peter Veerhuis
Bulletin	Neil Hilpern	Ellen Brasier	Peter Veerhuis
BINGO Ticket Sales commence at 12.45 p.m	Sun 27 th November David Friedlieb Karel Bijker	Sun 4 th December Ruth Barber Bruce Barber	Sun 11 th December Graham Russell Ellen Brasier



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: There were 32 members attending the meeting with Makeups from Charlie Blomfield, Graham Russell, John Goldsworthy, Bill Prest, Brad Bland, Rob Sharkie, John Studdert, Graeme Callander and Barry Francis making an attendance of 100%. Apologies were received from by 2.30 pm Wednesday from: Christine Atkinson, Tim Crowley, Ailsa Bowman, Don Pembleton, Zvonne Hribar, Peter Chenoweth, Bill Prest, Alok Sharma, Bryan Short, John Studdert and Karen Brill. There were eighteen guests of members in attendance also.

CLUB NOTES:

- Tim Crowley is home in Wagga Wagga but is back in hospital in ICU. No visitors are allowed at present.
- Ailsa Bowman is on the mend but not back at meetings yet.
- Tony Hutchinson arranged volunteers to assist the barbecue team on Saturday 12th November from 11 am to 1 pm to cater for a Multi-Cultural activity in the main street. This is to be a higher profile event over the next five years following a grant from the State Government. **Tony reported the success of this activity with 550 sausages, 300 steaks and 'thousands' of drinks being sold. Tony hopes to be involved again next year.**
- **Nominations of Year 9 students are still being sought for the forthcoming RYPEN Program. Contact Ellen Brasier URGENTLY if you know of a suitable nominee.**
- **SHINE AWARDS NOMINATIONS** for workers with a disability and their employers are now being accepted, closing on 18th November. Forms are available from Alan Lean. The presentation night will be held on 3rd December.
- Friday, 2nd December, is the Disability Dance at Hammond Hall at 5 p.m. where Tony & his Team will be catering.
- A reminder to sponsor the Mountains of the Moon climb to raise funds for the ongoing fight against AIDS in Africa.
- **Doug Conkey of Wollundry Club (phone 6925 3039)**, still needs volunteers to be Mentors to Indigenous Drivers to help them acquire 120 hours of experience using the learner's car.
- **The Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Sunrise (1991-2011)** will be celebrating their 20th Anniversary at the Mirage Room in the Wagga RSL Club on **Tuesday 29th November at 6.30 for 7pm**. Cost will be \$35 per person for a buffet meal. Pres. Barry has copies of the invite and will have them available this Thursday night. **(We must respond by Monday 21st November)**
- A Working Bee was held at Tim Crowley's garden last Friday, 11th November, with willing workers Graham Russell, John Goldsworthy, Bill Prest, John Studdert, Peter Harding, Bruce Heydon and Graeme Callander getting the garden 'ship-shape' before Tim's return home.
- President Barry read out a Thank You letter from the Secretary of the Rotary Club of Innsbruck, Austria, for our International Toast to that Club earlier this year.

- **BOOK BOOK BOOK!** This week's meeting on 24th November is our first book sorting night, from 5.30pm. Come along and have a go. We have received some very timely book donation offers from a number of our great supporters: the City Library, the Base Hospital fete, and the Salvation Army. Some of our members have also been sourcing, with big donations coming via Graham Gorrel and Charlie Blomfield. So there will be plenty to do. If we all work hard enough, the BBQ Team should provide us with tea and refreshment. Bring along any books sourced from friends, family etc. **For the info of newer members etc the site is shown below.**

Site Map



INTERNATIONAL TOAST: Terry Mecham proposed the Toast to the Rotary Club of Honolulu, Oahu, in honour of the United States President, Barack Obama, who was born in Honolulu on 4th August 1961. President Obama has just been visiting Australia. RC Honolulu was Chartered in 1915 and currently has 198 members. It meets on Tuesdays at midday at The Royal Hawaiian Hotel. The President is Kerry Cloward, the Secretary is Jessica Rich and the District this Club belongs to is D5000.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Bruce Heydon entertained the audience with his medical jokes: Artery is the study of art; a CAT scan is looking for the family pet; a Coma is a punctuation mark; Dilate is to live for a long time; an Outpatient is someone who has fainted; a Terminal Illness is getting sick at the airport. Sensing his audience was enthusiastic for more jokes Bruce then moved onto a series of blonde jokes and was just warming up for his next topic when he was gonged off "the stage"! Bruce extracted many dollars much to the enjoyment of his audience. Thank you Bruce!

HISTORY SESSION: An appropriate history session was delivered by Laurie Fromholtz on the Borambola Sport and Recreation Facility which was a project of the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga under Steve O'Halloran's Presidency. In 1950-51, the late Steve O'Halloran presided over the inauguration of the Borambola Camp in which 25 eight to twelve year old boys whose "home circumstances denied them the opportunity for a holiday" were treated to a ten day summer camping holiday. Beginning with virgin country belonging to the NSW Pasture Protection Board Reserve on the Tarcutta Creek, the Club arranged transfer of the land to the Department of School Education. Improvements were added each year as the

number of local and Sydney children selected increased (73 in 1955/6) to a level of 80 to 100 by 1980, when the Camp was vested in the Department of School Education. Over the whole period of the Club's controlling interest, the Department of School Education provided instructors, the Army and Air Force camping equipment and catering staff, the Wagga Wagga business houses assistance of all kinds, for which the Club is still appreciative and thankful. Now, although Borambola Camp is still under the direct control of the NSW Department of Sport, Recreation and Racing, the Club maintains a fatherly interest in its activities.

PROGRAMME: President Barry introduced Phil Cross and Ruth Barber to report on the very successful "Looking Ahead" Project which had been developed and implemented by staff members from Vision Australia, the Itinerant Support Teacher Vision Team from Koorringal Primary School and members of the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga, all under the watchful eye of Ophthalmologist, Dr Alok Sharma.

Alok had decided to expand his very successful "Darkness to Light" Project, which is a RAWCS programme in India, to include some local community service and to this end a Committee was formed to bring this idea to fruition.

Lyn Butler, from Vision Australia, contacted all the families within her region and set the scene for us with the age range, vision acuity range and number of siblings we were catering for and the planning meetings commenced at Alok's office. The ISTV AP, June Brayne, came up with the title "Looking Ahead" and with Graham Pack, Lyn Wilson and Phil Cross we planned the Programme to cater for the diverse range of ages and abilities.

A site visit to the Borambola Sport and Recreation Facility was necessary and the Activities Officer, Michelle Clarke, along with the general Manager, Peter Santin, was very receptive to our planned outcome of allowing the parents to network and discuss with the Forum Presenters how they have functioned with a vision disability, as well as a physical disability, in their everyday lives. To this end an appropriate programme of activities was planned for the children over eight years old while the Teachers from Koorringal Primary School planned the Programme for the younger children, the youngest of whom had just turned three.

The Rotarians were asked to volunteer to assist on Saturday, 22nd October, 2011 and the response was amazing, despite the fact that they didn't really know what they were volunteering for!



Nine of the Volunteers who were guests at the meeting on Thursday, 17th November, with their Certificates of Appreciation which were presented by President, Barry Francis.

Throughout the Activity Day Alok Sharma and Phil Cross took many photographs and Alok compiled and collated the visual Report shown to the Rotarians, Partners and Guests on Thursday, 17th November. As most participants only saw what was happening in their part of the Programme this visual report proved to be interesting to all as they saw what had happened in other sections of the day's events. From the beginning of the day, with the younger children decorating their name badges, through the icebreaker activities and on to the low rope activities or the modified archery activities all participants were kept very well occupied and entertained. The adults present had no hesitation in becoming involved and joining in with the young people and this was a big factor in making the whole day so successful. The food provided by the Borambola Sport and Recreation Facility catering staff was plentiful and suited all tastes while the Rotary Catering Team, led by Terry Mecham, provided sustenance for the long drive home. There were twelve families from twelve different communities and the furthest travel time was approximately two hours so after Terry's Barbecue Dinner and President Barry's entertainment, some very tired children returned home to bed.

After the Slide Show, Video and PowerPoint presentations the non Rotarian volunteers who helped make the Activity Day happen were presented with a framed certificate of appreciation by President Barry.

A special thanks to Alok, Phil and Barry for all their organising as well as all the Rotarians who helped on the day along with the volunteers, was expressed by acclamation.

The planned future Activity Day is possibly going to be in the first half of 2013 as Alok is hoping to undertake another trip to India for the main Darkness to Light Project in the second half of 2013.

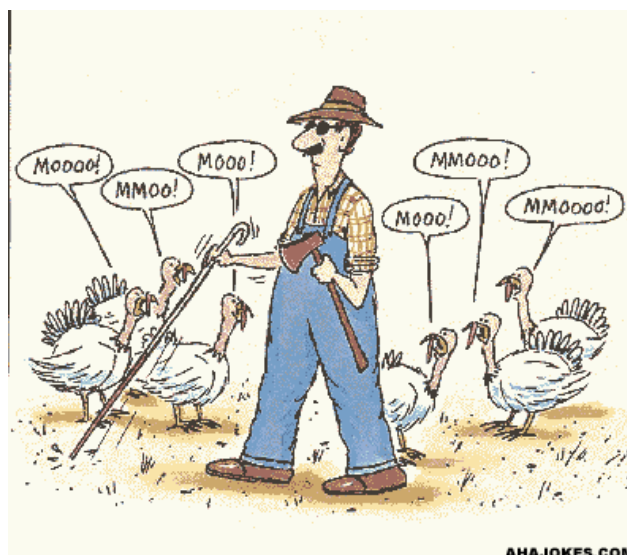
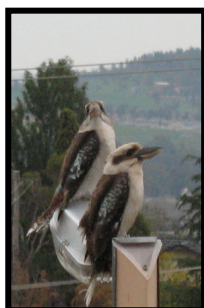
UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES 25th November to 2nd December

Birthdays: Ruth Barber (26/11)

Wedding Anniversaries Nil

Rotary Anniversaries: Nil

KOOKABURRA



There are no dogs allowed here

A man goes to a bar with his dog. He goes up to the bar and asks for a drink. The bartender says "You can't bring that dog in here!" The guy, without missing a beat, says "This is my seeing-eye dog." "Oh man," the bartender says, "I'm sorry, here, the first one's on me." The man takes his drink and goes to a table near the door.

Another guy walks in the bar with a Chihuahua. The first guy sees him, stops him and says "You can't bring that dog in here unless you tell him it's a seeing-eye dog." The second man graciously thanks the first man and continues to the bar. He asks for a drink. The bartender says "Hey, you can't bring that dog in here!"

The second man replies "This is my seeing-eye dog." The bartender says, "No, I don't think so. They do not have Chihuahuas as seeing-eye dogs." The man pauses for a half-second and replies "What?!?! They gave me a Chihuahua?!?"