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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, 1st August, 2013 **BULLETIN NO: 5**

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION MONTH

Upcoming programs & events:

'DARKNESS TO LIGHT' FUND RAISING DINNER - SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST 2013.

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

Duty Officers' Roster

	Thursday 8 th August	Thursday 15 th August	Thursday 22 nd August
Programme	Jayne Christian; Solicitor and Young Achiever	Suicide Prevention David Hayes	Tech Developments David Merlino
Attendance	Karel Bijker David Payne	Karel Bijker Marion Moran	Karel Bijker Thara Pech
Greeter	Gordon Saggers	Bryan Short	Bruce Barber
Short and Sweet*	Don Pembleton (International Toast)	Ellen Brasier (Rotary Information)	Graeme Callander (Show and Tell or Joke)
Sergeant at Arms	Rob Sharkie	Graeme Callander	Ruth Barber
Introduce Speaker	Daya Govender	David Cannon	Karel Bijker
Vote of Thanks	Graham Russell	John Studdert	Peter Chenoweth
Bulletin	David Friedlieb	David Payne	Neil Hilpern



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 15th Aug Week 4 Show and Tell or a Joke 22nd Aug

1st Aug 8th Aug

Week 5 Not required

ATTENDANCE:

32 members were in attendance giving us an attendance percentage of 78%. Member's guest was Gabi Bland, daughter of President Brad Bland. Club Guest was Steve Jacques. Apologies received by Wednesday 2.30 pm came from John Goldsworthy, Terry Mecham, Tim Crowley, Thara Pech, David Friedlieb, Peter Chenoweth, Tony Hutchinson, David Cannon, Marion Moran and Graham Gorrel.

CLUB NOTES:

- PRESIDENT BRAD opened proceedings by pointedly inviting Graeme Callander, (overlooking Mike Murray who wore an English shirt and was clearly barracking for their cricketers), to lead the National Anthem! He then welcomed our visitors, including his daughter Gabi and our Guest Speaker Steve Jacques from Kurrajong Waratah.
- FROM THE OUTSET President Brad kept reminding us he would be playing a game of Aussie Rules sometime over the weekend, but insisted on not providing us with details of when or where! ???????? We look forward to a report next week.



- ▶ PAST PRESIDENT BARRY FRANCIS reminded members we will need to staff a BBQ on Wednesday 7th August at the Dream Cricket which will be held this year at Tolland Public School, Raye St, from 11.15 am
- CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY was Sunday morning 4th August. Report next week.



The Gloating Pom

*Tim Crowley is making good progress and will soon be discharged from hospital.

*John Goldsworthy is at home, and visitors are welcome - please call first.

➤ GRAHAM GORREL presented the club's professional experience scholarship at a ceremony at the CSU School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences on Wednesday. This year the judges could not decide between the two best students and the scholarship was split. The winners were George Watson and Renee Paarman and from Graham's discussions with them they appeared to be worthy winners. They will come and talk to our club sometime in the New Year. The Head of School, Nicholas Sangster, spoke highly of our club's contribution to the scholarship saying it was very generous and highly sought after.

Graham told the audience that our club valued its association with the faculty, and especially mentioned how the vet students had made a huge contribution to our Book Fair and he reiterated Gerry Page's written letter of thanks to the students' association. A photo of the presentation and some notes about our two winners will be published in our bulletin soon.

➤ REPORT OF BOARD MEETING HELD 18TH JULY 2013:

- 1. Donation requests from "Kidney Kids Kar Rally" \$ 250, Ashmont Public School \$750 and a Special Needs 9 year old Fijian girl \$ 500 were all approved for payment.
- **2.** A further amount of \$ 350 to AP Vision Team was also approved.
- **3.** Candidates for financial assistance from the Goodwin Estate are being reviewed by that Committee.
- **4.** The First Secretary of the Indian Delegation is to attend our "Darkness to Light" Dinner.
- **5.** \$ 2,500 was approved in principle for the supply of 500 pairs of glasses to Indian patients.
- **6.** The special pram donated by our club has been returned to Country Hope as the baby has passed away.

➤ DARKNESS TO LIGHT PROJECT AND FUND RAISING DINNER: Alok Sharma's next Eye Camp in India will be held 15 -17 November, 2013 and the 2013 Darkness to Light Fund Raising Dinner will be held at the Mater Dei Catholic College on Saturday 17th August with Ajoy Joshi coming to Wagga Wagga again, to do the catering. (Ajoy is featured on page 168 of the current (July) issue of the Women's Weekly Magazine.)

Plans for the Dinner are in hand, with most seats sold, and the final tasks will be allocated at the next two Rotary Meetings. Assistance will be required on Friday afternoon and Saturday for setting up and Sunday for Cleaning up. Times will be advised as soon as possible and as The Darkness to Light Project is our other "Flagship" Project along with the Book Fair (and a "Flagship" Project for District 9700 - the DG will be in attendance at the Dinner along with other dignitaries), full club support will be appreciated.

- ANNUAL FEES DUE 30TH JUNE 2013: Treasurer Don Pembleton thanks the overwhelming majority of Club members who have renewed their Club Memberships for the 2013/2014 year. He asks those members who have yet to renew to forward their fees of \$250 asap.
- **OUR LATEST MEMBER:** A reminder when we speak with Thara, remember she is vision impaired so mention your name so she will remember your voice and your name.
- > CHILD PROTECTION FORMS need to be completed see Ellen Brasier.
- ➤ CAN ASSIST IS CONDUCTING A FUNDRAISING COCKTAIL PARTY AT THE RULES CLUB ON FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST FROM 7 PM TO 10 PM AT A COST OF \$ 45 PER HEAD. ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE KAPOOKA ARMY BAND JAZZ ENSEMBLE. RSVP AND ALL PAYMENTS TO BE RECEIVED BY 6TH AUGUST.

SHORT & SWEET: (Inspiration) Alok Sharma told us he gets his inspiration from friends and associates who have helped and encouraged him through his life, including those who have become actively involved in the Darkness to Light projects. He paid tribute to specific club members in his audience.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: As the 1st August happened to be the horses' birthday, David Payne chose that as his theme for the fine session. Testing our general knowledge about events over the centuries which involved horses, David was able to raise considerable funds as he went from table to table as well as fining Neil Hilpern for winning the raffle.

<u>GUEST SPEAKER:</u> Graeme Callander introduced Steve Jacques, who has been CEO of Kurrajong Waratah for over 20 years. Steve gave us an enthusiastic summary of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (to be known as "Disability Care Australia") which has bi-partisan political support. He made it clear that organisations like Kurrajong Waratah had been facing serious problems, because many carers are of advanced age. Up until now those organisations had been crisis driven, mainly due to Government neglect. An example of how the new system will be good for all beneficiaries is that the new system will be nationwide – instead of the current system which forces people to remain in their towns or States.

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Graham Russell who presented Steve with a certificate stating that 10 people will be vaccinated against polio.

August is Membership Month:

WHAT IF... All Rotary clubs were vibrant and engaging?

THEN... Younger members would be more likely to join.

WHAT IF... Every club brought in two new members this year?

THEN... We could expand Rotary's impact in communities around the world.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES 9th August to 15th August

Birthdays: Peter Veerhuis (9/8), Wendy Bijker (9/8),

Wedding Anniversaries: Mike & Carol Murray (9/8)

Rotary Anniversaries: Nil





Contemporary Philosophers

As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind – every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder. – John Glenn

When the white missionaries came to Africa they had the Bible and we had the land. They said 'Let us pray.' We closed our eyes. When we opened them we had the Bible and they had the land. – Desmond Tutu

America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real but the moon landing was faked. – David Letterman

I've been married to a communist and a fascist, and neither would take out the garbage. – Zsa Zsa Gabor

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.