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BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA INC.

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Thursday 22nd March, 2012

Upcoming programs & events:

***RYDA 27th- 30th March**

***Book Fair 19th & 20th May**

***Club Changeover Dinner 5th July**

Duty Officers' Roster

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

	Thursday 29th March	Thursday 5th April	Thursday 12th April
Programme	Visit Riding for the Disabled (Plumpton Road)	John Egan Board Member Australian Rotary Health	Book Sorting Night CSU South Campus
Attendance	Karel Bijker Bryan Short	Karel Bijker Ailsa Bowman	Karel Bijker Allan Duffus
Greeter	N/R	Rob Sharkie	N/R
Sergeant at Arms	N/R	Bruce Barber	N/R
International Toast	N/R	Phil Jackson	N/R
Introduce Speaker	Bill Prest	Karel Bijker	N/R
Vote of Thanks	John Studdert	Brad Bland	N/R
Bulletin	Neil Hilpern	Ruth Barber	Peter Veerhuis
BINGO Ticket Sales commence at 12.45 p.m.	Sunday 1st April Glendyn Groves Karen Brill	Sunday 8th April Easter Sunday – No Bingo	Sunday 15th April Phil Jackson Mike Murray



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: 28 members attended our Club Meeting at Erin Earth, Kildare Avenue. Members' partners included Bruce Bowman, Carol Studdert, Sally Short and Judy Galloway. Also in attendance were Sister Carmel Wallace and members of the Erin Earth support committee. Make-ups were received from Charlie Blomfield at Bega, Mary Ann Kelly and Ellen Brasier at RYDA and members who helped with the Red Hill Road clean-up – Karel Bijker, Graeme Callander, Philip Cross, Allan Duffus, David Friedlieb (and Catherine), Graham Gorrel, Daya Govender, Bruce Heydon, Neil Hilpern, Tony Hutchinson, Alan Lean, Terry Mecham, Don Pembleton, Gerry Page and John Studdert, giving us an attendance percentage of 100%. Apologies received by 3.00 pm Wednesday came from Christine Atkinson, Zvonne Hribar, Charlie Blomfield, Terry Mecham, Neil Hilpern and Phil Jackson.

CLUB NOTES:

- **Flood Clean-up.** There has been an approach from John Craig to be involved in a major clean-up day at North Wagga. We would be required to assist with BBQ for the troops. The date has yet to be decided.
- **Visit to Riding for the Disabled** this Thursday 29th March. For those not familiar with this facility, it is located on Plumpton Road, Koorungal, past the Country Club and just before the Gregadoo Road turnoff.
- **Science & Technology Challenge** – this took place on Tuesday. David Payne reported that he, Bryan Short and Peter Harding took part. A more detailed report will be provided by David for our next Bulletin.
- **The District Conference** was held in Young on the weekend of the 23-25th March. Barry and Chris Francis, Terry and Fran Mecham, Tony and Lyn Hutchinson, Peter and Joan Veerhuis, Philip and Merryl Cross, Bruce and Ruth Barber, Daya Govender, Ellen Brasier and Ailsa Bowman all attended. A report will be included in the next Club Bulletin. **Late News! Our Club was awarded the “Graham Barber Vocational Service Award” for Alan Lean’s Rotary Shine Awards!**



President Barry, Tony & Daya at the Conference Dinner on Saturday night



- **RYDA** will be held 27th – 30th March at the Equex Centre. For further details please contact Ellen Brasier who is overall co-ordinator.

- **Supplies of a new Club Banner** for members to present to Rotary Clubs they visit on their travels **are available from Secretary Peter Harding.**
- **GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (GSE)** – to DISTRICT 5690 Kansas USA - 10 September to 8 October 2012. The DG has circulated details of this to all members by email, seeking:
 - 1) Nomination of GSE Team Leader (by 28 March 2012)
 - 2) Nomination of GSE Team Members (by 10 April 2012)
- **Our club** has been asked by Wollundry Rotary to assist with the **Food and Wine Festival** on Saturday 31st March between 12:00 to 10:00pm. **Allan Duffus mentioned that Micah House is to be the recipient of the funds from this year's Festival**, which could be \$40,000. They have been asked to provide volunteer workers and he would be glad if our club assisted them to assemble a team. Let him know if you are available.
- **Centurion Donation.** Philip Cross reported that the Board approved a donation to the Australian Rotary Foundation Trust of \$400 – being \$100 each Centurion contribution for Neil Hilpern, Gerry Page, Bruce Heydon and Graham Russell for their long-term commitment to the Book Fair including the weekly running around town collecting books donated to our Annual Book Fair.
- **Hat Day.** Our Club will defer its involvement with Hat Day from 18 May due to other engagements.
- **Our 'Vintage' Club** has the honour of organising RI President Kalyan Banerjee's visit to Wagga on Tuesday 22nd May. There are plans to have the RI President induct the members joining Rotary as a result of the current Membership Drive, at his visit. It is planned to hold this function at Wagga Country Club.
- **The District Assembly**, for the incoming board, is at Grenfell on 29th April.
- **Interplast Australia** information night/fundraiser hosted by Rotary Club of Temora is on Monday 16 April, 6.30 for 7.00 pm start, at the Temora Ex Services Memorial Club, 130 Baker Street. \$20.00 per person. Guest speaker surgeon Dr James Masson from Wagga. Contact details: Rosalie Byrne, District 9700 Interplast Co-Ordinator, Telephone: (02)63825453 [Email:byrnedemo@ozemail.com.au](mailto:byrnedemo@ozemail.com.au) **Anyone wishing to go to this function can contact President Barry who is planning to attend.**

Our Visit To Erin Earth

The program commenced soon after 6 pm and was led by Sr Carmel Wallace, who gave members and guests a tour of Erin Earth. Set on a three quarter acre block off Kildare Avenue and bordering the train line, the Bush Garden mimics Willans Hill. Using native plants which need minimum watering, this beautiful development is the fruit of a 10 year passion and active co-operation between the Presentation Sisters, their enthusiastic helpers, the Wagga Wagga City Council and more recently, Wagga Tradies and the Men's Shed.

Our member Bryan Short played an important part in the early days. It was he who pointed out Mount Erin's water salinity problems, which in turn propelled the solution of the wise use of available water and recycling.

Erin Earth is a showpiece which is being utilised as a tool for the education of school

students. Co-operation with the Wagga City Council is ongoing, which benefits both organisations. It is an excellent example of what can be achieved when a love of gardening and determination to overcome obstacles come together.

Members were given an opportunity to ask questions. In answer to one question “Where do you think you will be in 5 years time?” Sr Carmel answered “I see a lot of hope!” Mike Murray used this answer as a cue to asking the next question, “Would that include being kind to Pommies?” Sr Carmel hesitated for a moment, looked directly at Mike and replied “I’m Irish!”

Sr Carmel was introduced by long time work associate and friend, David Payne, and was thanked by Graham Russell.

URGENT – 100 MEMBERS IN 100 DAYS – DG’S CHALLENGE!

In order to preserve our existing District 9700 as a cohesive unit, District Governor Ian Simpson is pleading that all District Rotarians join the challenge to recruit 100 members in 100 days. He promises that the Club which inducts the most new members from 1 March to 30 June will not be required to pay District Dues this year! In addition, the member introducing the most inductees will have his year’s dues paid by the District!

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES 30th March to 5th April

Birthdays: Fran Payne (1/4), Ruth Gissing (5/4)

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Rotary Anniversaries: Nil

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From the Court Room.....

“Young man, you are accused of stealing a petticoat.”

“It was my first slip.”

“Have you ever been cross-examined before?”

“Yes, your honour, I’m a married man.”

“Order, order in the Court”

“Whisky on the rocks for me thanks.”

