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BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA INC.

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Upcoming programs & events

AGM AT RULES CLUB THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2011

NEW MEMBERS, PARTNERS NIGHT 17 NOVEMBER 2011

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

	Thursday 3rd November Venue Micah House	Thursday 10th November Venue Rules Club	Thursday 17th November Venue Rules Club
Programme	Micah House Visit	Annual General Meeting	Looking Ahead Partners' Night New Members' Night
Attendance	Karel Bijker Allan Duffus	Karel Bijker Daya Govender	Karel Bijker Glendyn Groves
Greeter	Not required	Peter Harding	Mary Ann Kelly
Sergeant at Arms	Not required	Bruce Heydon	Tony Hutchinson
International Toast	Not required	Neil Hilpern	Not required
Introduce Speaker	Not required	Not required	Ruth Barber/Phil Cross
Vote of Thanks	Not required	Not required	Not required
Bulletin	Peter Veerhuis	Gerry Page	Ellen Brasier
BINGO Ticket Sales commence at 12.30 p.m!	Sun 6th November Karen Brill Terry Mecham	Sun 13th November Barry Francis Graeme Callander	Sun 20th November Allan Duffus John Studdert



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: 26 members attended our meeting at the Rules Club. Together with make-ups by 16 Rotarians at Borambola, the Club achieved an attendance of 97.67%. Our Guest Speaker was PDG Fred Loneragan and John Retallick from the Rotary Club of Cessnock was a visiting Rotarian, accompanied by his wife, Rudite. John Studdert's guests were his wife, Carol and Vici Murdock.

Apologies were received from President Barry Francis, Christine Atkinson, Charlie Blomfield, Tim Crowley, Zvonne Hribar, Michelle Maddison, Neil Hilpern, Tony Hutchinson, Gordon Saggars, Gerry Page, Graham Russell, Mary Ann Kelly, Karel Bijker, Bryan Short, Allan Duffus, Mike Murray, Graham Gorrel, David Payne, David Cannon, Karen Brill, John Turner and Ailsa Bowman.

CLUB NOTES:

- In President Barry's absence the meeting was chaired by President Elect, Daya Govender.
- Don Pembleton reported that **Tim Crowley** has improved considerably and is likely to return to Wagga soon



- PE Daya presenting Alok Sharma with his Centurion Certificate.
- The Launch of Kuleana Kids will be held at the Garden Court on November 18th at 6.30 p.m.
- An omission from last week's Report on RYDA-thank you Terry Mecham!
- Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th November-Art in the Gardens supporting Country Hope; two Gardens in Wagga Wagga, two at Ladysmith and two at Borambola. Sing Australia Wagga Wagga will be complementing the Art at the Borambola Winery on Saturday, 5th November between 12 noon and 2.00 p.m.
- Ruth Barber gave a short report on the successful Activity Day-Looking Ahead-at Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre on Saturday 22nd October and thanked: Alok Sharma (for coming up with the idea), President Barry Francis (for his after Dinner entertainment), the willing Rotarians who gave up the whole day to assist the Vision Impaired students and their siblings: Bruce Barber, Charlie Blomfield (who came back especially), Ellen Brasier, Graeme Callander, Phil Cross, Allan Duffus, David Friedlieb, Bruce Heydon, Mary Ann Kelly, Mike Murray, Peter Veerhuis, Graham Gorrel and Terry Mecham. **A special Thank You to Merryl Cross, Joan Veerhuis and Jenny Gorrel for their assistance at Borambola last Saturday.**
- **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.
- **Please seriously consider inviting some Guests to the Meeting on November 17th as potential new members.**
- **A Report/Thank You Night** for the Borambola Darkness to Light Day will be held on 17th November. An opportunity to bring along a prospective new member as this new Rotary Project is showcased. **This will be a Partners' Night**

- **SHINE AWARDS NOMINATIONS** for workers with a disability and employers are now being accepted and forms are available from Alan Lean. Advertising this Award will be commenced soon as the Award is scheduled for 3rd December.
- **District Conference 2012** at Young on 23/24/25 March 2012. Don't forget that accommodation will be tight so if planning to attend, **hurry - book now.**
- **The Rotary Club of Tumburumba (1961-2011)** will be celebrating their 50 Years in the Pioneer Hall on **Saturday 19th November at 6.30 p.m. RSVP to Secretary by 28-10-11. (Tumburumba Club was sponsored by our Club). President Barry intends to go to this Function as the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga sponsored the Rotary Club of Tumburumba. He would like a car load please.**
- A thank you note from our guest speaker last week, Gilli Williams, was read to the members. Gilli wrote that she had received all sorts of gifts for her presentations over the years, such as pens, teaspoons, etc but never before the gift of polio eradication and she was thrilled to receive the certificate stating that ten children would be immunised in her name.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST:

Paul Galloway proposed the Toast to the Rotary Club of the Bay of Islands in New Zealand because of its link with the Rugby World Cup through Lord & Lady Bledisloe who once lived in that part of New Zealand. The Rotary Club of the Bay of Islands is in District 9910, has 36 members and its President is Sue Hamnett.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: **Laurie Fromholtz** was our Sergeant for the evening and he regaled us with some "home truths" and fined us for the privilege! 'In Vino Veritas' got all the people who drank wine, beer or water; 'an expert is one who knows more and more about less and less' and 'he was like the cock who thought that the sun had risen to hear him crow' got everyone in the room again!

GUEST SPEAKER: John Goldsworthy introduced **PDG Fred Loneragan**, who is heading to Uganda in November with John Glassford from Coolamon and a group of dedicated Rotarians to climb the Mountains of the Moon, a climb for the Orphans of Africa. They hope to commence the climb on December 1st, World Aids Day. Fred told us about RFFA is the first Rotarian Action Group in the world of sixteen RAGs which have now been formed. With a Swiss mountaineer to carry the RFFA Banner to the summit, 5109 metres high and a guide called Moses Kashumba, Fred is confident he and the other climbers will return to collect our pledged donations. Fred gave us the frightening statistics of what the AIDS epidemic is doing to the African people and their culture and that we must act before it is too late. The climbing team will be accompanied by the WAGS (Whisky and Gin Set) as their support crew.

Size of the AIDS epidemic

33.4 MILLION PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV

910 000 young people

430 000 children

2 MILLION DEATHS PER YEAR

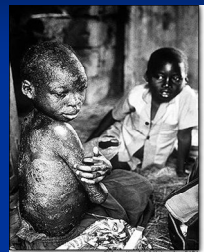
ONLY ABOUT 40% KNOW THEIR HIV STATUS

10 million are waiting for treatment

5 million people are on treatment

AFRICA: The Statistics

- Today 24 million Africans are living with HIV/AIDS, or 70% of the world total of 33 million.
- 90% of the AIDS global death toll occurs in Africa.
- More than 15 million African children have lost both parents to the AIDS virus.
- By the end of the decade in 2020, 20 million + children will be orphaned in Africa.
- 6,000 new infections occur every day in Africa.
- 61% of all new infections are women in Africa, of which 40% are young women 14-24.



SOUTH AFRICA

- The Good Hope of Africa.
 - 40 million people
 - 6.2 million HIV+/AIDS
- An increase of 900,000 cases in 12 months.
 - The number of orphaned children has increased by 43% to 1 million*
 - The number of children with HIV/AIDS increased by 162%
- In KwaZulu-Natal the death rate due to AIDS is now higher than the birth rate.

*Child welfare society of South Africa.

We have raised around \$200,000 to date with our African projects including PDG Fred Loneragan and D9700 and the Rotary Foundation's Matching Grants



PDG Fred Loneragan was thanked for his thought provoking presentation by Graeme Callander

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES 11th November to 17th November

Birthdays: David Friedlieb (11/11/11) David Payne (14/11)

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Rotary Anniversaries: Bruce Heydon (12/11/1998)

KOOKABURRA

Quiz for Bright People

There are only **three** questions this week....

This is a quiz for people who know everything!

I found out in a hurry that I didn't. These are not trick questions.

They are straight questions with straight answers.

- 1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.*
- 2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?*
- 3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?*

Answers To Quiz:

- 1. The one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends: Boxing.*
- 2. North American landmark constantly moving backward: Niagara Falls ... The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.*
- 3. Only two vegetables that can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons: Asparagus and rhubarb.*

