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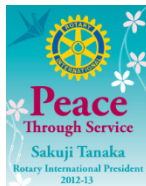
## BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA INC.

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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, 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2013

Upcoming programs & events: **BOOK FAIR 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May**

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

### Duty Officers' Roster

	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> February
Programme	Professor Jim Pratley Agricultural Science Investigation	David Kennedy Antibiotics and Superbugs	Book Sort CSU
Attendance	Karel Bijker Ailsa Bowman	Karel Bijker Bryan Short	Karel Bijker Allan Duffus
Greeter	Bruce Heydon	Gerry Page	N/R
Sergeant at Arms	Neil Hilpern	David Payne	N/R
Short and Sweet *	Mike Murray Inspiration	Terry Mecham Int. Toast	N/R
Introduce Speaker	Peter Chenoweth	Graeme Callander	N/R
Vote of Thanks	Allan Duffus	Alan Lean	N/R
Bulletin	Peter Veerhuis	David Friedlieb	Ellen Brasier
 Ticket Sales 12.30 pm	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> February Terry Mecham Alan Lean	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> February Barry Francis Peter Harding	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> February Karel Bijker Rob Sharkie



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 7<sup>th</sup> Feb.  
Week 2.....International Toast 14<sup>th</sup> Feb.  
Week 3.....Rotary Information 21<sup>st</sup> Feb  
Week 4.....Show and Tell or a Joke 28<sup>th</sup> Feb.

## **ATTENDANCE:**

There were 27 members in attendance, one guest (Tim's nephew Phillip) and a visiting Rotarian from RC Bathurst East, Kathy Woodley.

Apologies were received from: Peter Veerhuis, Ian Gibson, Gerry Page, Allan Duffus, Gordon Saggars, Daya Govender, Bill Prest, Rob Sharkie, Peter Chenoweth, Ailsa Bowman and John Goldsworthy.

## **CLUB NOTES:**

- Our condolences are extended to Rhonda and Rob Sharkie on the death of Rhonda's father, Bruce Verner.
- Nominations are being called for this year's Rotary Youth Leadership Award. This seminar will be held at the Kurrajong Camp, Oura Road, from 8<sup>th</sup> until 13<sup>th</sup> April 2013. Below is a message from the RYLA Co-ordinator, Gary Roberts.

### **So what is RYLA ?:**

RYLA is about leadership, learning and laughter; it is about co-operation, consideration, communication and confidence. It is a "kick-start" for young people aged 18-28, who have demonstrated leadership, intelligence and compassion within their local community.

I can promise that it is a worthwhile program for young people.

As always, the more participants the merrier so we would love for each Club to nominate at least one participant.

**We would appreciate having received all nominations by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.**

For more details on how to nominate a participant please contact Ellen Brasier.

- Mary Ann Kelly advised that the Peace Awards are coming up next month and nominations of suitable people are being sought. (Nominees can't be Rotarians).
- Kate from Little Paths, a charity set up locally to benefit children in Tanzania & Cambodia, visited our meeting to request support for a Charity Ball her Committee is holding on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February at the Capital Nightclub – 6.30pm for 7pm start. There will be a 3 course meal with entertainment by The Mighty Yak and Rythem Konnections. Tickets are \$90 and available from Kate on 0421 378 393 or [kate.littlepaths@gmail.com](mailto:kate.littlepaths@gmail.com), as well as Emma 0417 657 344 or [emma.littlepaths@gmail.com](mailto:emma.littlepaths@gmail.com).
- **Cricket Guessing Competition.** President Daya has tickets in a Guessing Competition in aid of Dream Cricket. The prize is a framed T-Shirt worn by Ricky Ponting during the 4<sup>th</sup> Test in Adelaide. This will be drawn in February and the tickets are \$1 each.
- Programs chairman, Graham Gorrel, has asked that members use the microphone provided, each week, to ask questions of the guest speaker. It is an innovation we introduced this year so that all members can hear the question.
- **HELP!** Our old friends Kurrajong Waratah are still desperate for help with manning the ticket selling points for their Art Union from January until 22<sup>nd</sup> February, with the situation made more difficult through the loss of one of their regulars. Volunteers do not have to ask people to sell, just be there to write tickets on request. Ring Cathie Smith on 0438 219 487 to volunteer or discuss. They are desperate for helpers, so consider it or mention to spouses or other family members.
- Holly Shields, our NYSF student, will be presenting a Report on her attendance at this Forum in Perth, during late January on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March. This meeting will be a Partners' Night and is also a good programme to introduce a potential new member to Rotary.

## **MEETING MICAH HOUSE 31 January 2013**

In President Daya's absence, Brad Bland ably assumed the Chair.

John Goldsworthy is going well; he is having 3 weeks of intensive treatment in Sydney and is looking forward to his return home.

The Club met at Micah House, a special work of the St Vincent de Paul Society, providing care and support for the lonely, disadvantaged and marginalised. Staff and volunteers do mighty things.

A wonderful meal was enjoyed, provided by Micah House. We acknowledged their efforts with acclaim and a significant donation.

Sergeant Peter Harding imposed a levy on all, then proceeded to "entertain" us with jokes and a quiz; we showed our latent intelligence to guess the answers.

### **GUEST SPEAKER BRAD BLAND**

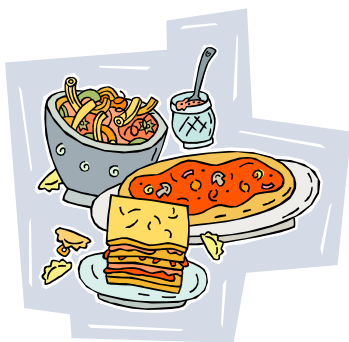
Showing a variety of skills, Brad introduced himself for his vocational address.

Raised at Dandenong and Leongatha, Brad's early claim to fame is his brother being the lightest baby of his time to survive, born at 28 weeks.

Brad completed a degree in Agriculture at Melbourne University, then became a livestock auctioneer first at Dandenong, and then at Shepparton. He then joined Rodwell's back at Dandenong, and after an assertive exchange with Mr Rodwell he applied for a job with VPCC at Ballarat. It turned out that "Ballarat" was in fact Hay, so it was off to NSW.

A two year deal turned into a thirteen year stay at Hay, with VPCC becoming Elders, marriage, daughter Gabrielle, and a redundancy. Brad then branched into a variety of work and businesses including:

- Vegetable farm as owner
- A homewares shop as owner
- Bookkeeping for clients, which extinguished a promising accounting career
- A pasta factory as owner



Managing a large vegetable farm for distant owners



Managing a local hardware store.

A highlight was Brad's participation in a Rotary Group Study Exchange to Switzerland, during which he had a chance encounter with a stranger who turned out to be the CEO of UBS, a rather large financial institution (a Swiss gnome?). Brad joined the Rotary Club of Hay.

After waiting out the drought, and realising that the new breed of backpacking fruitpickers did not eat pasta, it was time to move on and so Brad came to Wagga as a CBA Agribusiness Manager, and joined our illustrious ranks.

Via a certain Barber connection in Rotary, Brad found his first Wagga digs in the form a shed with a fridge, very salubrious, on the Barber property.

A well crafted and enjoyable presentation, with humour and feeling.

## **BOOK FAIR**

Now that we are well into the New Year, make sure you have the Book Fair dates **18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May** recorded in your diary. Books are flowing in so there will be a sorting night on 21<sup>st</sup> February.

## **UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES 1<sup>st</sup> February to 7<sup>th</sup> February**

**Birthdays** : Nil

**Wedding Anniversaries**: Nil

**Rotary Anniversaries**: Philip Cross (4/2/1999) and Deniliquin (1992-1999)



# **KOOKABURRA**

With an election in the offing, we turn to George Bernard Shaw:

“When governments rob Peter to pay Paul, they can count on the support of Paul.”

### *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.