



**ROTARYCLUB**  
**OF WAGGA WAGGA**

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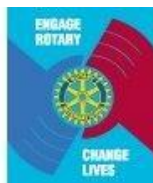
## BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA INC.

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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?

BULLETIN NO: 35

Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2014

## MARCH IS LITERACY MONTH

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

### Duty Officers' Roster

	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2014	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2014	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2014
Programme	Wagga Gold Cup & MTC Scott Sanbrook	CSU Scholarship Winners - George Watson & Renee Paarman	Hany Hanna 'Egypt Now'
Attendance	Karel Bijker Elaine Almond	Karel Bijker David Payne	Bryan Short Mike Murray
Greeter	Peter Chenoweth	Thara Pech	Alan Lean
Short and Sweet*	Tim Crowley (International Toast)	Don Pembleton (Rotary Information)	Marion Moran (Show & Tell or a Joke)
Sergeant at Arms	Phil Cross	David Payne	Terry Mecham
Introduce Speaker	Graham Gorrel	Gerry Page	Peter Veerhuis
Vote of Thanks	Barry Francis	Mike Murray	Graham Russell
Bulletin	Peter Chenoweth	David Friedlieb	Peter Veerhuis



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	6 <sup>th</sup> March
Week 2 International Toast	13 <sup>th</sup> March
Week 3 Rotary Information	20 <sup>th</sup> March
Week 4 Show and Tell or a Joke	27 <sup>th</sup> March

## THIS WEEK:

### ATTENDANCE:

25 members were in attendance giving us 63%. There were no Member's Guests; Club Guests & Guest Speakers were Anne Lowe from TAFE & Julie Perri recipient of the Rotary Outstanding Leadership Student Award. Visiting Rotarians were Garry Roberts DG Elect, with his guest David Lavica, & Lauren Slater from Murrumbidgee Club. Apologies were received from: John Goldsworthy, Ian Gibson, Phil Jackson, Gordon Saggars, Peter Harding, David Cannon, Elaine Almond, Daya Govender, Graham Gorrel, Thara Pech, Peter Veerhuis, Graeme Callander, David Friedlieb, Karen Brill, Ailsa Bowman, Ellen Brasier, Tim Crowley, Bryan Short and Paul Galloway.

**SERGEANT AT ARMS:** Neil Hilpern took this opportunity to first of all remind Members of the coming Saturday's Book sort & kicked off the session by fining all those who could not attend.

Neil went on to advise that The Wagga Show will be celebrating its 150th Year. The Showground is one of only 3 in NSW which is privately owned and was purchased by the then Murrumbidgee Pastoral Association. An effort is being made to mark this occasion with an exceptional Show & Rt. Alan Lean has come aboard with the Show Society Committee to help achieve this aim. Beef cattle have not been shown for a few years & this Section is to be revived with an aim to fill the Cattle Sheds again. All members with connections with Cattle are asked to pass on contact names. All members who did not attend the Show in 2013 were fined & all those who did not intend to attend this year's Show were also fined.

**SHORT & SWEET** Barry Francis claims to have been inspired by all Club Members but then became more credible when he claimed inspiration from Singers, Song Writers & Authors; Mothers, particularly his own, who taught him practical skills such as gutting fish, preparing & cooking chooks from their chook yard. She influenced his outlook on life, instilling in him the view that there always someone in the world worse off than you are & if you can't say something nice about someone then don't say anything at all.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Anne Lowe is the Director of Community Health & Access at TAFE. She taught a number of the member's children at St Michaels with John Egan. Anne explained that the Wagga Institute is one of 10 in the State and its qualifications are recognised across Australia & some overseas areas. There are 19 Campuses here in an area from Lake Cargelligo to Young & Tumut to Coomealla. There are 400 Programs on offer with 1300 Employees & 28 to 35,000 students each year. They are looking at overseas opportunities. 92% of Graduates either find employment or follow further training. Funding is gained from the State & also businesses & enterprises for specific courses.

Ann indicated that the community wants Vocational Skills from TAFE Graduates but is also looking for leaders, hence the focus of this club's Rotary Outstanding Student Leadership Award, which was awarded to Julie Perri this year.

Julie thanked the Club & TAFE for the Award. She completed a number of courses 20 years ago in Small Business & Marketing. She ran a Photography business with her husband and practised Art in her spare time. In 2005 she had a life changing event & commenced Holding Art Classes for children (including Varoon Sharma). She decided gain a qualification in Art & enrolled at TAFE with a CSU integrated Degree in Visual Arts. She has exhibited in a number of Art Exhibitions & sold 70 of her Works. Her first solo exhibition will be held in the E3 Art Space at the Wagga Gallery, later this year. Julie closed with the statement that we should never stop believing in ourselves & shouldn't wait, as she did, for a life changing event to spur us to follow our dream.

Anne & Julie were thanked by John Studdert & presented with certificates of polio vaccinations of 10 children.



## CLUB NOTES:

### Note!

- Keep in mind the **new rules for Working with Children**, which requires initial application on the website [www.kids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au) and later a visit to the new State Government Service Centre (the old RTA in Fox Street) with registration number. In applying on line it is important to click the 'volunteer' category to avoid charges, and to make sure that the name you register with is the same as the one on the ID that you will use when you go to the Service Centre. (Queries re this to Ellen Brasier)
- A Directory for all Rotary Clubs In Australia, New Guinea & The Islands is available from Secretary Terry for \$2.50
- **RYDA** (Details below) Our club requires six volunteers for 20<sup>th</sup> March – let Mary Ann know.
- John Goldsworthy & Gordon Saggars send their regards.
- **Alok's Walk.** Alok gave a brief account of his "Walk" there were there were 16 from Wagga including 4 Doctors & 8 Nurses & they raised \$25,000. Altogether there were 300 entrants around Australia. The Sydney beach walkers copped 4 hours of rain! One of the walkers collapsed and was fortunate to have the Wagga Team on hand to stabilise him. Alan Lean has carried out an interview on 2AAA & further Donations should be forthcoming.
- Rob & Rhonda Sharkie are off on a Bus Tour ranging over to South Australia & Rob is an apology from 20<sup>th</sup> March to 17<sup>th</sup> April.

## SATURDAY BOOK SORT

A keen & efficient group attacked the piles of books (mainly hauled in by Graham Russell from Elder's with Bruce Hayden adding loads from Red Line Auto & various bulk pickups). Sorters included members Elaine Almond, Phil Cross, Allan Duffus, Ian Gibson, Glendyn Groves, Neil Hilpern, Mike Murray, Gerry Page, Don Pembleton, Graham Russell, & Rob Sharkie as well as visitors Christine Lee, Pauline Mead, Joan Page, & Carole Murray. Tony Hutchinson provided very tasty roast chicken rolls to round off an extremely successful group effort.

## COMING UP: Club Calendar

- **March 11<sup>th</sup>** University of Newcastle annual **Science and Engineering Challenge**, for students from years 9 and 10, will be held on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March at the Murrumbidgee Turf Club.
- **March 16<sup>th</sup> BBQ Breakfast** at Kildare Catholic College. To raise awareness of Melanoma, as well as Funds to help find a cure, Raphael McGowan is cycling from Adelaide to Sydney in memory of his sister, Tess, who died, aged 30, in 2012, from Melanoma. Raphael will arrive in Wagga on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> March and has organised a BBQ Breakfast on **Sunday**. **Volunteers are required to cook this.**
- **March 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness)** - 6 members will be required on **Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> March**. Please advise Mary Ann of your availability.
- **March 29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> "The Kulcha Weekend"** is scheduled, and a preliminary meeting took place on Thursday night.
- **May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Book Fair Ten Weeks to Go!!** Our stock is building and things seem set for another great event, eagerly awaited by many in the community – make sure you note it in your diary.
- **June 26<sup>th</sup> Changeover Dinner**

## COMING UP: Other

- **March 14<sup>th</sup> Little Paths Charity Ball**, raising funds for street kids in Tanzania, Capital Night club 6.30p for 7pm \$90 Contact Kate 0421 378 393. *Numbers need a boost and they will appreciate support from Rotarians.*
- **March 22<sup>nd</sup> (Saturday) Northcott Afternoon Tea with Karen Viggers** (author of *The Grass Castle*) - 2p for 2.30p at Grange Village. Tickets \$30 at Collins Booksellers 6921 8933.
- **March 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> The District Conference** will be held in Orange. The Registration Form is available at: [www.clubrunner.ca/Data/9700/HTML/218151/registrationForm.pdf](http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/9700/HTML/218151/registrationForm.pdf) - *registrations now open to Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> March.*
- **April 5<sup>th</sup>** Sunrise Rotary is holding a **Roaring Twenties and all that Jazz'** Cocktail Party on 5 April, 2014 at the new International Hotel with drinks and canapés from 6.00 pm, accompanied by suitable dress, decorations and jazz, with an opportunity for interaction, conversation and a good time to be had by all. Ticket cost is \$65.00 per person, which includes canapés and drinks, the jazz band and the dance floor, from 6.00 pm to late. Funds raised are to be shared equally between Polio Plus and the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital. For further details [contact Len Wade](mailto:contact@lenwade.com.au) or go to the Sunrise website at [www.rotarywaggasunrise/jazz](http://www.rotarywaggasunrise/jazz)
- **June 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Rotary International Convention** in Sydney from June 1-4, 2014. For more information contact Marilyn Roberts from RC WW Murrumbidgee.

## ROTARY NEWS

A.H. Royce Abbey, a former RI president and World War II hero who championed the inclusion of women members in Rotary clubs, died on 20 February. He was 91. Abbey, who joined Rotary in 1954, was a member of the Rotary Club of Essendon, Victoria, Australia.

During his term as RI president, one of the most dramatic changes in Rotary's history occurred when the Council of Legislation changed the constitutional documents to allow women membership to Rotary clubs.



Abbey's commitment to community service was recognized by Queen Elizabeth II, who, on Australia Day in 1988, made him a Member of the Order of Australia. The next year he was chosen Victorian of the Year by the State of Victoria. Additionally, while serving in World War II, Abbey was awarded one of Australia's highest military honours, the Distinguished Conduct Medal for an act of heroism and leadership.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

14<sup>th</sup> March to 20<sup>th</sup> March

**Birthdays:** Marion Moran (14/3), Georgina Gibson (19/3)

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Nil

**Rotary Anniversaries:** John Goldsworthy (15/3/1990)





# ❧Kookaburra❧

## GREAT GOURMET EXPERIENCES OF THE PAST

### **NO. 3 - PET FOOD SURVEYS**

That animals cannot speak, much less command a language, should not be taken to mean that there cannot be effective communications between them and us. Body language, body contact, tones of sound, and eye to eye contact can clearly convey a message. Signs of impatience are very graphic and if you have not received one from a cat it means one of two things viz:-

- You have been deemed to be too dense or insensitive to be communicated with and are consequently ignored, or
- You are exceptionally attentive and have provided every need your companion desires.

A common cat signal, seen daily, takes the form of a swish of the tail, an accusing look and a few steps in the appropriate direction, meaning: "Get your a..e into gear and get my tea." Now before you become impatient and start swishing your proverbial tail, I'll return to the subject matter.

Unlike manufacturers of human products, who only work out that their product is deficient when it no longer sells, pet food manufacturers spend a lot of resources surveying their 'clients' to see that their products are still relevant. Knowing that their 'clients' are subject to supply by careless, uncaring or just plain stupid shoppers, it is important to encourage the long suffering animal to clearly indicate which product is superior and suitable for their tastes. In this regard, while dogs will generally eat anything, cats, like humans, desire variety and continuous servings of Dine sardines will not lead to your being crowned 'Pet Owner of the Year'

Pet food company surveys are concise and regular. Once an animal establishes a reputation for clear concise and fearless critique it is likely to remain a highly respected survey animal for years. The owner, of course, is needed for interpretive duties and is similarly appreciated by the company.

The survey, of course, depends on effective communication and, as with human surveys, the questions are directed from many angles aimed at overcoming human denseness, as the cat is not prone to deception or confusion.

Finally there is a line for the animal's direct comment, which in the case of a cat can evoke comments (clearly signalled to the interpreter), which might contain such messages as:-

- Mouth licking good. My compliments to the chef.
- Not bad, but not too often thanks.
- Bloody awful- Cease manufacturing immediately.
- How dare you feed me poison?

By contrast, I recently purchased a 'no name' fruit cake, which was a shoddy product. I wish I had a survey form and a cat to help me in wording the comment.

LJF 7/2/14