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BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA INC.

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Thursday 8th March, 2012

Upcoming programs & events:

***District Conference Young 23rd- 25th March**

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

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

Duty Officers' Roster

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

	Thursday 15 th March	Thursday 22 nd March	Thursday 29 th March
Programme	Book Sorting Night CSU South Campus (From 5.30pm)	Visit Erin Earth (Kildare Ave) Sr Carmel Wallace	Visit Riding for the Disabled
Attendance	Karel Bijker Daya Govender	Karel Bijker David Payne	Karel Bijker Bryan Short
Greeter	N/R	N/R	N/R
Sergeant at Arms	N/R	N/R	N/R
International Toast	N/R	N/R	Phil Jackson
Introduce Speaker	N/R	David Payne	Bill Prest
Vote of Thanks	N/R	Graham Russell	John Studdert
Bulletin	Ellen Brasier	Peter Veerhuis	Ruth Barber
BINGO Ticket Sales commence at 12.45 p.m.	Sunday 18th March Phil Jackson Neil Hilpern	Sunday 25th March Mike Murray John Goldsworthy	Sunday 1st April Glendyn Groves Karen Brill



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: 35 members attended, with make-ups from Neil Hilpern (Book Sorting) and Charlie Blomfield (Bega), giving us an attendance of 79.5%. Apologies were received by 2.30 pm Wednesday from Christine Atkinson, Zvonne Hribar, Charlie Blomfield, Barry Francis, Paul Galloway, Neil Hilpern, Peter Veerhuis, Brad Bland, Mary Anne Kelly, Rob Sharkie and Michelle Maddison.

CLUB NOTES:

- The **“Clean Up Australia”** working bee which was cancelled due to inclement weather, has been **re-scheduled for Sunday, 18th March**, (instead of 11th March) after a review of members preferences.

- **Floods.** Bryan Short gave the meeting a few comments about the recent flood event, explaining the river data and levee bank concerns which led to the decision to evacuate the city area. Bryan indicated that the council has secured funding for an update of the levee bank, including an increase in its height. (A few photos from the 1950's flood, below, show what was narrowly averted by the levee bank, designed by past City Engineer John Andrews.)



- **Erin Earth Visit** on 22nd March. For those not familiar with this facility, it is located at the bottom end of Kildare Avenue, which is off Coleman St at the rear of Kildare College.
- The **District Conference** will be held in Young on the weekend of the 23-25th March. Some accommodation is still available and President Barry has Registration forms.
- 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. Full details in the email from A/g President Daya.
- **Diary note - Club Changeover Dinner 5th July 2012**
- 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. Ruth Barber has been investigating venues which can cater for an attendance of 300. The RSL Club is not available and Mater Dei, Joyes Hall or the CSU Convention Centre are under consideration. Suggestions for venues and caterers will be welcomed.
- **RYDA** will be held 27th – 30th March at the Equex Centre. Staffing was somewhat sorted out at the meeting, however others who may be available to assist should advise Ellen Brasier who is overall co-ordinator for the day. Volunteers will also be needed to man barbeques.
- **Origin Energy (at Bomen), has been providing our BBQ team with free gas for a number of years.** Origin will be having an “Open Day” on 16th March. The Club will be putting on an all-day BBQ at the Origin Energy Depot from 9 am to about 3 pm.

➤ **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!

- Graeme Callander has organised the production of a new Club Banner to present to other Clubs. Members who intend to visit Rotary Clubs on their travels should see Graeme.
- **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)

INTERNATIONAL TOAST was delivered by Bruce Heydon to the Rotary Club of Richmond, British Columbia, Canada in District 5040. The club was chartered in April 1962 (50 Years) and has 22 members. Its President is Ken Whitney. Richmond is the fourth largest city in British Columbia, and has an immigrant population of 60%, largely of Asian descent. The city comprises most of the islands in the Fraser River delta, which means rich alluvial soil for agriculture with the drawback that, with land only a metre above sea level, it is prone to flooding and all the major islands are surrounded by dykes.

SHOW AND TELL Graham Russell and Terry Mecham revealed a mystery object with club history, which turned up from a Wollongong Rotary Club. It relates back to the days when our club was straining to assist the emerging Camp Quality and a fund-raising idea included a *Travel Seat*, in the form of a wooden toilet seat which was intended to move around Rotary Clubs as a receptacle for donations. At some stage it sank from view and has only now re-emerged. (You can see the strange object lurking, at right, behind our guest speaker in his photo below.)

SERGEANT AT ARMS was Peter Harding. For some reason in this youthful club he thought he could make money out of fining 'over 55's'; defending the older brigade against claims by the 'others' that we didn't have 'the green thing' in past generations. It emerged that this generation have less need to be exposed to green buzz-words, because their activities were less wasteful in themselves. They paid willingly enough..



GUEST SPEAKER

Jeremy Hutchings is a leading business coach within the world-wide Business Coaching Company ActionCOACH, with his local franchise consistently among the top ranking of 1300 ActionCOACH outlets in the world. Jeremy gave us surprising figures for the number of start-up businesses which fail in the first years. Typically, as a business grows, proprietors need to assume much different roles eg plumbers require management and marketing skills etc and often don't successfully make the transition.



Jeremy indicated that many of the same principles apply across professions, and ActionCOACH teaches the steps towards results: Master various key aspects; find niche; gain leverage; build the team; gain synergy; leading to results. They run some group workshops and also one-on-one coaching for established businesses. Jeremy has been assisting Country Hope in growing the business and is associated with a program mentoring youth from juvenile justice institutions (for which he is interested in receiving expressions of interest from possible mentors.) Jeremy was thanked by Bill Prest.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES 16th March to 22nd March

Birthdays: Michelle Maddison 18/3; Ellen Brasier 21/3;

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Rotary Anniversaries: Ailsa Bowman 16/3/06.



KOOKABURRA

A man was sitting on his front porch watching the rain. The rain came down harder and harder and the man realized that it was a flood. So the flood waters were rising and when the water started to spill over the porch, a man in a rowboat comes by. And the man in the rowboat says, "Need any help?"

But the man said, "Nope, the Lord'll take care of me!" A few hours later, the man was standing on a chair on his front porch and another rowboat comes by.

And the man inside yells, "Need any help?" But the man smiles and says, "Nope, the Lord'll take care of me!" A few hours later, the man is on his roof and a helicopter comes by and the pilot inside yells, "Need any help?!" But the man just says, "Nope! The Lord'll take care of me!"

A few hours later, the flood gets to be too much for the man and he drowns. When he enters Heaven, he asks the Lord, "Lord, why didn't you take care of me?" The Lord says, "Well, I sent you two rowboats and a helicopter!"



A Close Thing!! Views from the Pre Levee- Bank 1950s Flood

Left:
Cnr Albury & Docker Sts.

Right:
The current Knights Meats
Premises, Fitzmaurice St.

