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BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA INC.

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Upcoming programs & events

DARKNESS TO LIGHT RIVERINA Family Day at Borambola 22nd OCTOBER

Duty Officers' Roster

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

	Thurs 15th Sept. 2AAA FM (See note within)	Thurs 22nd September The Rules Club	Thurs 29th September The Rules Club
Programme	Celebrating 30 years of Broadcasting	Callum Donnelly Rotary Veterinary Scholarship	TBA
Attendance	Karel Bijker Ailsa Bowman	Karel Bijker Allan Duffus	Karel Bijker Bruce Barber
Greeter	Not Required	Bruce Heydon	Ruth Barber
Sergeant at Arms	Not Required	Michelle Maddison	Tony Hutchinson
International Toast	Not Required	Bryan Short	Glendyn Groves
Introduce Speaker	Alan Lean	Peter Chenoweth	TBA
Vote of Thanks	Mike Murray	Paul Galloway	TBA
Bulletin	Neil Hilpern	Ailsa Bowman	Gerry Page
BINGO Ticket Sales commence at 12.30 p.m!	Sun 18th September Ailsa Bowman Gordon Sagers	Sun 25th September David Cannon John Goldsworthy	Sun 2nd October Graham Gorrel David Payne



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: There were around 30 members attending the meeting, Club Guest was our speaker Ryan Dent. Members guests were: Brad Bland (Bruce Barber), and Vicki Murdock (John Studdert)

CLUB NOTES:

- **NEXT WEEKS MEETING**, at the usual time, takes the form of a visit to Radio 2AAA FM to celebrate 30 years of broadcasting by the station. A barbeque tea will be provided – **bring a chair**. Parking on the site is limited, so **park in the street**. 2AAA FM studios are situated at the far eastern end of Coleman St. (past the TAFE), on the corner of Young St.
- President Barry reported that Tim Crowley is still receiving treatment in Wagga Base Hospital.
- Our sympathy goes to Graham Russell whose mother has passed away in Canberra.
- Paul & Judy Galloway are celebrating the arrival of their 8th grandchild, while Gordon & Margaret Sagers have chalked up what I think is their 4th. Congratulations.
- **Darkness to Light - Looking Ahead** Family Day at Borambola is on 22nd October -because of regulations relating to working with children, and insurance aspects, members intending to take part need to complete a form available from Ruth Barber, to enable security check etc.
- **District Conference 2012** at Young on 23/24/25 March. Don't forget that accommodation will be tight so if planning to attend, hurry - book now.
- Diabetes Buzz Day-16th September-*Help Take the Sting out of Diabetes!* You can help by volunteering, selling merchandise, buying merchandise or donating. For more information, if you are able to assist, E-Mail buzz@buzzday.com.au as soon as possible.
- A big Thank You to the members who assisted at the annual Wagga Wagga Jazz and Blues Festival. There was a great turn out of Wagga Wagga Rotarians in the new Rotary Shirt, Vest and/or Jacket and some good PR as a result.
- The next BOARD MEETING is scheduled for Thursday, 20th October, 2011.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST: Graham Gorrel delivered the toast to the Rotary Club of Nelson West, New Zealand, in District 9970, with 26 members, chartered in 1966. Nelson, atop the south island of New Zealand is the second oldest settled city in the country, was named for Admiral Horatio Nelson and many of the roads and public areas around the city are named after people and ships associated with the 1805 Battle of Trafalgar. Australia plays Russia there, in one of the early matches of the Rugby World Cup.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Alan Lean amused with a range of medical and other trivia, noting that right handed people live longer than left-handed, cockroaches can carry on without a head; explained how one guy came to the wrong conclusion about the difference between Catholics and Protestants, while extracting plenty of cash for the boxes.

GUEST SPEAKER: for the evening was Ryan Dent, from the Multi-Cultural Council of Wagga Wagga. Ryan explained that the Council is responsible for assisting in the resettlement of refugees in Wagga, Albury-Wodonga, and Griffith. They provide initial settlement support, meet and greet arrivals, take them to the main services and generally support for the first six months or so. The Council operates in a consortium with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, who provide goods and a basic household package while MCCWW provides support and case work.

There are around 400 on file with the Council, comprising humanitarian entrants, family stream migrants, and the dependants of skilled migrants, and they receive basic Centrelink/ Medicare services on arrival. Most are keen to work and places like Cargills in Wagga provide entry level opportunities. A major hurdle for many to overcome is the lack of English language skills, while many are traumatised by their experiences. Sudanese predominate in Wagga with a variety of others; while those of Bhutanese origin form the largest group in Albury.

The Council runs functions & events to raise awareness in the community/ provide an opportunity to interact e.g. Refugee Week/ Harmony Day; as well as providing activities to meet client's needs e.g. school holiday tutoring.

After a busy question time, Ryan was thanked by Graeme Callander.



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES 15th September to 21st September

Birthdays: John Studdert (16/9), David Cannon (17/9), Philip Cross (17/9), Bronwyn Callander (20/9).

Wedding Anniversaries Gerry & Joan Page (21/9)

Rotary Anniversaries: Keith Condon (18/9/68)

KOOKABURRA



I pulled into the crowded parking lot at the local shopping centre and rolled down the car windows to make sure my Labrador Retriever pup had fresh air.

She was stretched full-out on the back seat and I wanted to

impress upon her that she must remain there. I walked to the curb backward, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically, "Now you stay. Do you hear me? Stay! Stay!"

The driver of a nearby car, a pretty **young blonde**, gave me a strange look and said, "Why don't you just put it in 'Park'?"

If you are a senior you will understand this one, if you deal with seniors, this should help you understand them a little better, and if you are not a senior yet.....God willing, someday you will be.....

The \$2.99 Special

We went to breakfast at a restaurant where the 'seniors' special' was two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for \$2.99.

'Sounds good,' my wife said. 'But I don't want the eggs.'

'Then, I'll have to charge you \$3.49 because you're ordering a la carte,' the waitress warned her.

'You mean I'd have to pay for not taking the eggs?' my wife asked incredulously.

'YES!' stated the waitress.

'I'll take the special then,' my wife said.

'How do you want your eggs?' the waitress asked.

"Raw and in the shell", my wife replied. She took the two eggs home and baked a cake.

**DON'T MESS WITH SENIORS!!!
WE'VE been around the block more than once!**