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**OF WAGGA WAGGA**

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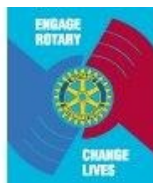
## BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA INC.

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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?

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Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2013

### DECEMBER IS 'FAMILY OF ROTARY' MONTH

A good opportunity to focus on the vast range of clubs, groups and programs that make up the extended family of Rotary International.

Upcoming programs & events: **Phil Liggett Dinner 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

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

### Duty Officers' Roster

	Thursday 12th December	Thursday 19th December	Thursday 2nd January 2014
Programme	<b>Christmas Party at Rules Club Cost \$20 each</b>	Trevor Urquhart St Vincent de Paul Care and Support - new project	<b>NO MEETING December 26<sup>th</sup> &amp; January 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
Attendance	Karel Bijker Thara Pech	Karel Bijker Bryan Short	N/R
Greeter	John Studdert	Rob Sharkie	N/R
Short and Sweet*	Program	Neil Hilpern (Rotary Information)	N/R
Sergeant at Arms	as	Bruce Heydon	N/R
Introduce Speaker	arranged	John Studdert	N/R
Vote of Thanks		Mary Ann Kelly	N/R
Bulletin	Neil Hilpern	David Friedlieb	Ruth Barber



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 N/R  
Week 2 International Toast N/R  
Week 3 Rotary Information 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Week 4 Show and Tell or a Joke N/R

## ATTENDANCE:

24 members were in attendance together with honorary member, Ian Gibson, giving us an attendance percentage of 58.5%. Members' guests were Terry Smithers (Graeme Callander), Geoff Parker and Ross Woodbridge (Don Pembleton). Other guests were Berrima Rotarian, Rhonda Vanzella (OAM) and (Mrs) OJ Rushton – both visiting Wagga for the official launch of the Centenary of the Kangaroo March. Our host for the evening was Denis O'Brien.

**Apologies:** John Goldsworthy, Daya Govender, Karel Bijker, Glendyn Groves, Thara Pech, Ailsa Bowman, Tim Crowley, Phil Jackson, Bryan Short, Bill Prest, Peter Harding, David Payne, Peter Chenoweth, Elaine Almond, Neil Hilpern, Ellen Brasier and Marion Moran.

## CLUB NOTES

- **John Goldsworthy** has returned to Sydney for the next stage of his treatment. Best wishes John.
- **Please Note - there will be no Meetings on December 26<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>.**
- President Brad introduced **Rotarian Rhonda Vanzella OAM and “O J” Rushton**, who are both involved with the launch of the Centenary of the Kangaroo March activities. The enthusiasm of the two ladies for their project was obvious for all to see.
- Tonight's meeting was held at Denis O'Brien's Mitchell Road property (see Report).
- Meal cost for our Christmas Party at the Rules Club this Thursday night is \$20.00 per person.
- President Brad Bland foreshadowed a visit to Wagga by **Phil Liggett MBE**, the English commentator and journalist, who covers professional cycling. Phil will be in Wagga on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014** and our Club is involved with plans to hold a dinner/fundraiser at the RSL Club **on that day**.
- **The Riverina Conservatorium of Music** is associated with the Riverina Chamber Orchestra, whose final concert of the year will be a Christmas concert with RCM Choirs and soloists, to be held in St. Michael's Cathedral on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm. Adult \$25 Conc. \$15 Child \$5. Book at Civic Theatre Booking Office.
- **The Club's Barbeque Committee** attended the **MultiCultural Christmas Party** on Saturday in the Botanic Gardens and served 300 sausages and 150 steaks! Members attending were Tony Hutchinson, Graham Gorrel, Mary Ann Kelly, Bill Prest and Bruce Barber.
- **Ready, Willing and Able!** That's an apt description of the quiet, unassuming and reliable service provided by the Club's Barbeque Committee. We are grateful!

### BARBEQUE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

- **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December**
- **Northcott Christmas Party** in Collins Park from 11.00 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

- **Gazebo Erection for the 1915 Kangaroo March Commemoration.** At 10 a.m. Saturday morning, Terry Mecham, Tony Hutchinson, Ian Gibson and Neil Hilpern were in the

Memorial Gardens to erect the gazebos to enable the organisers to photograph and record memorabilia as part of the 2015 Centenary Celebrations. Ruth Barber was present for most of the day, handing out Programs to the large crowd which assembled throughout the day. At the end of proceedings Terry Meham, Bruce Barber, Alan Lean and Neil Hilpern were on hand to dismantle the gazebos. Thank you to all who participated.

### Program and Guest Speakers

Denis O'Brien's Mitchell Road property "*Muscle Car Master*" was the advertised venue for a display of ten very special cars – well secured in a modern purpose built shed measuring 48 x 15 metres with a height of 6 metres. Past President Gordon Saggars introduced our members to Denis, who was soon joined by fellow motor-sport enthusiasts, Des Gibbs, Ross Woodbridge, Geoff Parker and "big" Craig Smith.

As well as storing valuable cars, the shed is also a workshop used for the repair, maintenance and restoration of historic touring cars – a business that was started back in 1964.

One of the most notable vehicles was Denis' own Ford Galaxie - built for racing by Homan & Moody. This is thought to be the only one of its kind remaining in the world today. This particular car was raced extensively by Denis in the 1970s, sold for \$10,000 and then purchased back for the same amount some years later. Now, in its restored condition, it is far too valuable for general racing, and only appears at historic race events.



Denis has some 45 years of motor racing experience, ranging from racing an old Holden in the 1960s at the Hume Weir and Winton Raceway through to a record breaking Ford GTHO Phase III in the early 70s. 1980s saw the start of the Appendix J category (now known as Group N) when Denis started to build and race a number of cars, mainly Ford Mustangs. Denis then went on to speedway in a Ford XA Coupe fitted with a fuel injected Cleveland V8 motor.

He is a major force within motor-sport in this region and was integral in designing and building the Wagga International Speedway. In his 'spare time', Denis is father to two daughters who are very active and successful in pony events. He also runs O'Brien's Diesel Engineering.



Don Pembleton thanked Denis, on behalf of all members, for his generous hospitality, sharing his passion for cars with us all.

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES 13<sup>th</sup> December to 19<sup>th</sup> December

**Birthdays** Bryan Short (14/12)

**Wedding Anniversaries** Nil

**Rotary Anniversaries** Nil



## ❧Kookaburra❧

A little tribute to recent cool weather!



### *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.