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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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Upcoming programs & events:

Club Changeover Thursday 27 June 2013.

BOOK FAIR 18th & 19th May

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

Duty Officers' Roster

	Thursday 16 th May	Thursday 23 rd May	Thursday 30 th May
Programme	Annual Book Fair Set up night Stock collection from 3 pm	Bruce Duffy-Nepal	Honeywell Engineering: Our Student Patrick Burns
Attendance	Karel Bijker Allan Duffus	Karel Bijker Mike Murray	Karel Bijker Glendyn Groves
Greeter	Not Required	Laurie Fromholtz	David Payne
Short and Sweet*	Not Required	Tim Crowley (Show and Tell or a Joke)	Not required (week 5)
Sergeant at Arms	Not Required	Paul Galloway	Bruce Heydon
Introduce Speaker	Not Required	John Studdert	Ruth Barber
Vote of Thanks	Not Required	Barry Francis	David Friedlieb
Bulletin	Gerry Page	David Friedlieb	Neil Hilpern



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.

<u>Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot fulfil your rostered duty, and advise the Bulletin Reporter.</u>

Short and Sweet Key

Week 1 Inspiration
Week 2 International Toast
Week 3 Rotary Information

2nd May 9th May 16th May

Week 4 Show and Tell or a Joke 23rd May ("Just the One')

Week 5 Not Required

ATTENDANCE:

There were 33 members present at the meeting giving us a percentage of 79%. Guests for the evening were Trevor and Carol Philipson (RC Mundingburra), Margaret Bandiera (RC Griffith Avanti) and our guest speaker Susan Najor and partner Jerry Baker. Member's guest was Thara Pech (Ruth Barber). Apologies received by 2:30 on Wednesday were from John Goldsworthy, Karen Brill, Tim Crowley, Ian Gibson, Ellen Brasier, Mike Murray, Rob Sharkie and Phil Jackson. (But this week's reporter is certain that Phil played a much larger role in the meeting than a simple apology!!)



President Daya presenting Trevor Philipson with a RC Wagga Wagga banner.

CLUB NOTES:

- ➤ **District Assembly:** 19th May at Grenfell High School from 9.00 a.m. for new Board members.
- ▶ Darkness to Light Project and Fund Raising Dinner: Alok Sharma confirmed the dates for the next Eye Camp as 15-17 November, 2013. Ajoy Joshi has agreed to come to Wagga Wagga, again, for the 2013 Darkness to Light Fund Raising Dinner which will be held at the Mater Dei Catholic College on Saturday 17th August. Further details will be supplied in the coming weeks.
- ➤ On the Sick List: Bruce Heydon reported that John Goldsworthy (now back in Sydney) has received a good report following his fifth round of chemotherapy. Meanwhile Zvonne Hribar was recently visited by Arthur Nixon, a visit Zvonne very much appreciated.
- ➤ MS Mowdown: Graeme Callander is looking for support for MS patient, Megan Healey, when she "Mows" into town on Monday 20th May. Megan is riding a Lawnmower from Melbourne to Sydney to raise awareness and funds for MS, but more importantly, she wants to meet all the young "carers" in the community who are in the same situation as her children are as they care for her daily needs while their father is at work. If you know of any young "carers" would you please advise Graeme as he is attempting to arrange for a meeting with Megan at the Civic Centre at 4 p.m. on Monday, 20th May. For more information google Megan Healey on Sunrise and hear her story. Graeme would also like us to meet Megan at the RSL Bistro for Dinner that evening at 6 p.m.
- ➤ SIDS Awareness, Fundraiser Kokoda Trek: A Wagga Wagga family lost a three month old baby boy to SIDS twelve months ago and five brothers from that family, along with five friends & relatives, are walking the Kokoda Track with Brian Freeman as their Leader, commencing May 22nd, 2013. For more information: http://www.everydayhero.com.au/harrys_kokoda Support for this cause would be worthwhile.
- ➤ **Coolamon Changeover-**The 42nd Annual Changeover Dinner will be held on Monday, 1st July 6.30-7.00 p.m. More information following.

BOOK FAIR DIARY - 1 WEEK TO GO

- ₹ Hall Set-up. We need a crew for Wednesday 15th May at the Showground from 9am to set up the hall with around 100 tables and to bring down some of the supplies and loose material from the storage room. This is obviously very important so please consider coming to help.
- The uplift of stock is next Thursday 16th May, starting from 3pm at South Campus. If you are coming later, report to the Showground. Bring a trolley if you have one.
- The Roster has been distributed separately if your name doesn't appear for some reason look for the spots which seem a bit light on and come then. Otherwise, come when you can it's better to have too many than too few. We have had some marvellous support from people outside the club if you know of folk who might like to help, invite them along, particularly at set-up and pack-up— we are almost certainly going to have to do more of that in the future.
- At the Sales Desk this year we propose trialling a 'per bag' option eg 'Fill a Bag for \$50', the objective being to speed sales during busy times. Signage will offer the option. From 2pm on Sunday we will trial a similar but much cheaper 'stock clearance' offer.
- This week's tip: Set-up night. When distributing boxes to the tables, remember that we need to decant and display the books which have been used to top up each box, so only put about 10 boxes per table in the Fiction and Children sections. The excess will go into other empty boxes which will be placed on the tables. (If we run out of spare boxes, the decanted stock will need to be placed on display between the other full boxes.) Non-Fiction will have signage showing the space allocated to each of the 30 categories. But keep the above in mind, particularly with big sections like Biography.

Gerry has also provided the club with a sheet of 'Useful Tips for Workers' at the book fair. Gerry described this as a must read for all volunteers prior to commencing your shift at the Book Fair. Basic details of this document are:

- Familiarise yourself with the layout of the displays.
- Offer people a bag to put their books in and encourage them to fill it.
- Keep the tables / displays tidy with the labels facing out.
- The club will conduct a survey of the postcodes where customers come from.
- Basically, smile and be polite to the public and encourage them to purchase books.

Further details of the 'Useful Tips' have been forwarded to all members in a separate email.

- PP Barry Francis informed the club that he is no longer busking for charity. Over the last five years PP Barry has raised in excess of \$20,000.00! The funds have been donated to various local charities to help with local community projects. PP Barry received a rousing ovation for his efforts over the last five years. PP Barry's entertaining skills will not be lost to the local community though: he has decided to make a career of music and will continue to busk at his usual location in Forsyth Street.
- ➤ Club Secretary Peter Harding: Reported on the Board Meeting held on the 2nd May 2013.
 - Approved the payment of \$1,000.00 to MS Australia as help for Megan Healy's "MS Mowdown" which is raising awareness for Multiple Sclerosis..
 - Approved payment of \$1,400.00 for a special baby pram for a baby 13 months old with a neurological condition.
 - 15 people, (including 7 of our members), have indicated their intention to participate as volunteers to India for Darkness to Light.
 - Approved payment of \$500.00 to a local family who are walking the Kokoda Track for 'SIDS'.
 - Positive response from Wagga attendees at the recent RYLA camp. Two people have expressed interest in joining a local Wagga Rotary club.
 - Approved the payment of \$1,000.00 to the repairing of a school in Cambodia, in response to a request from Pat Heath of Sturt Probus.
- ➤ President Daya read to the club a letter from Kate Elder. Kate was last week's guest speaker from the CSU vet science course who received sponsorship for the club. Kate expressed in the letter her appreciation to the club for the financial support we made towards her education and was grateful for the opportunity to speak at last weeks meeting.
- > Raffle Winner was John Studdert.
- ➤ **Sergeant at Arms:** Peter Veerhuis conducted the sergeant's session where he enlightened about a dying Farmer husband and long-suffering wife; an overly ambitious dung eating pheasant; and a Saudi man with over 100 grandchildren and great grandchildren. In addition he showed us two videos of events which were caught on film in churches very humorous, suggesting that god has a sense of humour.

<u>In cross fines</u> Terry Mecham fined Mary Ann Kelly for her 'Moonlighting' career, where Mary Ann has been sharing her life experiences through books. In support of his claim, Terry produced the following published literature:

- 1. Mary Ann's Angles
- 2. Marriage and Mary Ann
- 3. Love and Mary Ann

<u>Phil Jackson</u> (see, he wasn't an apology), attempted to fine the whole club. Jacko was feeling a little fragile saying that he is constantly being told that he drinks too much. Jacko went on to say that during his life he has had a long, dry period of 14 years. Phil said this dry period was probably the hardest period of his life - until he started drinking at 15!

Guest Speaker: Alok Sharma introduced our guest speaker Sue Najor. Mrs Najor has an impressive CV in the education field that has included specialising in teaching talented and gifted children in both Australia and the UK.

Sue gave a presentation on how to teach to the current generation of children - generation Z. Sue explained the basic make up of generation Z is:

- Born between 1995 and 2009 in the western world.
- Numerically the smallest living generation.
- They have fewer siblings.
- They grow up faster.
- Are educated earlier and later.
- Exposed to marketing in a more targeted way.
- Are Tech literate.
- Value speed rather than accuracy.

Sue is currently working as an 'Instructional Leader' at Ashmont Public School. This position aims to help improve the academic levels of students in Low Socio Economic Schools by instructing teachers in 'Best Practice'.

By using generation Z's interest in technology and the fast paced world in which they have become accustomed, Sue explained that actually teaching the students can be relatively easy. By using their tools of internet, smart phone and social networking, generation Z have the ability to research and draw answers and conclusions on topics faster than any generation before them. In addition, Sue explained, by teaching generation Z the 'Whole Topic', and by allowing the students to research and learn how they end up at the correct result, they are seeing improvements in the academic achievement of students.

Using her experience as a parent of four children and years of experience in the classroom as a teacher, Sue is helping to slowly change the thinking of teachers in the classroom. She uses practical methods to show teachers that by using the technology and language that generation Z has become accustomed to they can increase the interest levels of students and therefore the student's ability to absorb and retain the subjects being taught.

After explaining the interesting characteristics of generation Z, Sue went on to explain the challenges faced by the teachers on a daily basis at the Ashmont Public School. She did ask that if anyone in the club had time available to help with the reading program, to read to/listen to students at the Ashmont Public School, the teaching staff would be very grateful. If anybody has the time to help please contact Sue by emailing her at susan.najor@det.nsw.edu.au.



President Daya, Sue Najor and Peter Harding who gave the vote of thanks to Sue on the presentation.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES 17th May to 23rd May

<u>Birthdays</u>: Graeme Callander (18/5), Morris Gissing (19/5),

Paul Galloway (19/5), Don Pembleton (21/5),

Laurence Brill (18/5).

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Rotary Anniversaries: Nil





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A blonde girl enters a store that sells curtains. She tells the salesman:

"I would like to buy a pink curtain in the size of my computer screen."

The surprised salesman replies: "But, madam, computers do not have curtains...."

And the blonde said: "Helloooo......I've got Windows!!!!!!!!!!!"

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.