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BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA INC.

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Thursday 19th April, 2012

Upcoming programs & events:

*District Assembly 29th April

*Book Fair 19th & 20th May (4 weeks 2 go)

* World President's Visit 22nd May

*Club Changeover Dinner 5th July

Duty Officers' Roster

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

	Thursday 26 th April	Thursday 3 rd May	Thursday 10 th May
Programme	Dr James Masson Interplast Australia	Book Sorting Night	TBA
Attendance	Karel Bijker Glendyn Groves	Karel Bijker Mike Murray	Karel Bijker David Payne
Greeter	Gerry Page	N/R	Mary Ann Kelly
Sergeant at Arms	Bill Prest	N/R	Alan Lean
International Toast	John Goldsworthy	N/R	David Payne
Introduce Speaker	Daya Govender	N/R	Terry Mecham
Vote of Thanks	Graham Gorrel	N/R	Mike Murray
Bulletin	Ailsa Bowman	Ellen Brasier	Peter Veerhuis
BINGO Ticket Sales commence at 12.45 p.m.	Sunday 29 th April Mary Ann Kelly Graeme Callander	Sunday 6 th May Allan Duffus David Friedlieb	Sunday 13 th May John Studdert Rob Sharkie



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: 23 members attended the meeting, with makeups from Charlie Blomfield at Bega, making an attendance of 54.5%. Guests were Ian Gibson and Brad Bland's Daughter, plus the Steam museum members. Apologies received by 2.30 pm Wednesday came from Charlie Blomfield, Christine Atkinson, Zvonne Hribar, Tony Hutchinson, Rob Sharkie, David Friedlieb, Bruce Heydon, Ellen Brasier, Phil Jackson, Daya Govender, Gordon Saggars, Peter Veerhuis, Paul Galloway, Peter Chenoweth, Alok Sharma, and Terry Mecham.

CLUB NOTES:

- The next Board Meeting will be on Thursday April 26th.
- **The District Assembly**, for the incoming board, is at Grenfell on 29th April. There is a possibility that a bus from Wagga Wagga will be available for all the incoming Rotary Clubs' Boards to travel to Grenfell that day.
- Ian Gibson's wife is taking part in a world-wide fund-raising event run by ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) – "Women Walk the World for ACWW", on 29th April, which is ACWW Day. If you would like to sponsor her in the walk, see Ian at next week's meeting.
- Tony Hutchinson reminds members that the next **Wine Trip** will be on 26th & 27th May, leaving early on Saturday morning & returning late on the Sunday. Venue will be Beechworth & region. Transport will be a 25 seater bus; first in best seated.
- Tony also reminds members that the Club's **Cultural Weekend** will be held 4/5/6 May at Borambola.
- **Hat Day**. Our Club will defer its involvement with Hat Day from 18th May to 31st May due to other engagements. President Barry has involved the Forest Hill School in this activity on 22nd May. We apparently were the leading club in the district for this activity last year.
- **As first chartered Club** in Wagga Wagga, we have 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. It is planned to hold this function at Wagga Country Club. **Please note our meeting night will transfer to Tuesday, 22nd May.**
- **Literary Dinner for Northcott**. The next of these, at the Garden Court Restaurant on 18th May, 6p for 6.30 start, will feature Pat Farmer whose North Pole to South Pole run, completed in January 2012 is one of the greatest endurance feats ever. His book '*Pole to Pole*' recounts a diary chronicle of an amazing journey through some of the most inhospitable places on earth. Tickets at Collins Booksellers \$45 including a 2 course dinner and beverage on arrival.
- **Secretary Peter Harding** has a new **International Directory** for members to refer to when doing the International Toast at a meeting. He also has supplies of a **new Club Banner** for members to present to Rotary Clubs they visit on their travels.
- **Changeover Dinner**. Rotary Club of Coolamon, Monday 2nd July 7p for 7.30p Coolamon Sports & Recreation Club \$30 per head. RSVP by 2nd June to Secretary: Email john@glassford.com.au phone 6927 6027 .

WAGGA STEAM & VINTAGE ENGINE MUSEUM VISIT

The club was hosted to a fascinating visit at the Wagga Steam & Vintage Engine Museum, run by the Wagga Historic Engines Club, where a number of their members acted as guides to their varied collection of equipment salvaged from properties and industries around the area - putting some of the beautifully restored items into action to show the results of many hours of labour. The reserve barbeque team lead by Graeme Callander once more provided a great tea.



Brad Bland with daughter



Looking Around

John Studdert introduced our speakers. Firstly Neil Cole, a club member, who organized the recent Tractor Trek in aid of Camp Quality. Neil told us of the difficulties experienced getting approvals from councils and shires for the trek, & the short organizational timescale between finally getting the approvals in late December and the trek start in early March. The trek had no sooner started than the rain came down, with constant downpours & flooded roads. What made it worthwhile for Neil was the support and hospitality along the way, the tractor buffs taking part – one of them with an early Marshall tractor which proved to be a hit - and, of course, the thousands of dollars raised for Camp Quality.

Club President Phillip Mullins then gave us background on the Club, now 27 years old; and the huge shed housing their collection, a former goods shed of about 1887 vintage sourced from the Railways – it took the club 6 months to dismantle and six years to re-erect. Some engines are privately owned, some owned by the club – with many donated. Their latest project is restoration of the tractor formerly at the children's playground at the Botanic Gardens. They draw on a range of skills within their membership, find needed parts when they can, but often have to get them made. They fund this by donations on open days etc. Graham Russell gave a vote of thanks.



President Barry presented Phil Mullins with \$250 on our behalf



Engine Club members (Neil Cole Centre) with Peter Harding

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!

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES 27th April to 2nd May

Birthdays: Terry Mecham (2/5)

Wedding Anniversaries: Graham & Jenny Gorrel (30/4), Bruce & Chris Heydon (2/5)

Rotary Anniversaries: David Payne and Karen Brill (30/4/2009),

Graham Gorrel (2/5/91), Sth Dubbo 1973-1978, Honsey UK 1979, & Wollundry 1981-1991

KOOKABURRA

THE FISHING-PARTY

(by James Whitcombe Riley – 1849- 1916 American 'Dialect' poet.
Thanks to Charlie Blomfield who saw this in the Bega Rotary Bulletin.)



WUNST we went a-fishin'--Me
An' my Pa an' Ma, all three,
When they wuz a picnic, 'way
Out to Hanch's Woods, one day.

An' they wuz a crick out there,
Where the fishes is, an' where
Little boys 'taint big an' strong
Better have their folks along!

My Pa he ist fished an' fished!
An' my Ma she said she wished
Me an' her was home; an' Pa
Said he wished so worse'n Ma.

Pa said ef you talk, er say
Anything, er sneeze, er play,
Hain't no fish, alive er dead,
Ever go' to bite! he said.

Purt' nigh dark in town when we
Got back home; an' Ma, says she,
Now she'll have a fish fer shore!
An' she buyed one at the store.

Nen at supper, Pa he won't
Eat no fish, an' says he don't
Like 'em.--An' he pounded me
When I choked! . . .Ma, didn't he?