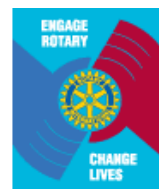




ROTARY CLUB of

WAGGA WAGGA KOORINGAL

Chartered - 23rd July, 1969



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JANUARY ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

“January is Rotary Awareness month, which is not only about our organisation’s history but also our future. Assuming we are serious to attract new members, seasoned Rotarians must be prepared to share their knowledge and experience. Prospective members will want to know all about the opportunities for service and the resources available to them if they do commit to join a Rotary Club. And when we welcome that new member, there are traditions to pass on and a rich heritage to share.” *Peter Chivers PDG 9700*

MEETING 44 - 30 29 January, 2014

Attendance Members - 27 Apologies - 7 Leave - 1 Absent - 0 Make ups - 0

Guests Fiona Koeck (YX), Hildegard Koehler, Sam Smith Roberson, Deidre Tome, Carol Bishop, Margaret Francis, Brenda Roberts, Sue Guttler, Val Garthon, Leanne Brown

International Toast **Rotary Club of Shanghai, China** was originally chartered as club number 545 on 1 October 1919. It recently celebrated its 90th birthday.



Kung Hei Fat Choi
(Wish you make a fortune)

International Toast **Rotary Club of Wien-Schonbrunn**, Fiona’s sponsoring Rotary club was chartered in 1976 and has 63 members.

PROGRAM

Congratulations, Sam.



After his successful presentation last week, **Sam Smith Roberson (YX)** received the news and proudly informed members he had passed a test showing his proficiency in the Japanese language at Level 4. All foreigners residing in Japan are required to take the test graded from Level 5 (easiest) to Level 1.

This result is an acknowledgement of Sam’s studies in Japanese over the past year (2013) while on exchange.

Well done!



Ladies' Night to meet Hildegard Koehler, Fiona's mother.



To begin the evening, President Phillip Tome welcomed the club's guests particularly, the club's exchange student Fiona Koeck and her mother Hildegard Koehler.

He wished everyone a happy Chinese New Year, indicating that this would be the theme for this week's meeting. A variety of Chinese style dishes was served followed by fortune cookies.

Instead of the usual bottle of wine for this week's lucky draw, 'Lucky Horse' scratchies were substituted. After lamenting that she hadn't won in the past, Fiona was successful, as was her host mother Leanne Brown. **Kung Hei Fat Choi - Wish you make a fortune !!**

Hilde sincerely thanked club members for all they had done to make Fiona feel welcome at the club and here in Wagga Wagga. She was pleased to know that Fiona was happy on her exchange year and hoped she would be able to reciprocate when an Australian exchange student from Gulgong comes to stay with her in the near future.

Fiona then, brought us up-to-date with her exploits so far. She advised that she had settled into school well and made some great friends. She has now finished Year 10 and has started Year 11. She has been reading a lot ... and is slowly finishing the Harry Potter series of books ... in English.

She has assisted with promoting the Youth Exchange program and been interviewed on 2WG and Star FM prior to the Information Night held last year. Fiona has participated in the inbound students training weekend at Young where she met the other exchange students in the district. Since then, the inbound students have had two weekends together socialising. This morning, she went to the airport to farewell Nelson Alvarado returning to Peru and met Elise Delpiano from Griffith who has just returned from living with Nelson's parents in Peru.

Fiona has holidayed on the Central Coast at Hat Head with her first host family, the Selveys spending Christmas with them. She returned to Wagga for New Year and then headed off to Hawk's Nest with her second family, the Browns. Fiona has spent time at the beach getting tanned and saw some dolphins.

As many of us do, Fiona has spent time watching cricket and tennis on TV. She confessed to being more interested in tennis and understanding the rules of the game better than cricket. However, she knows about the Ashes.

Fiona celebrated her 16th birthday with friends and host families at a party at La Porchetta last Saturday night before showing up to assist at the Big Breakfast on Australia Day wearing her club service shirt.

Fiona will be returning to Austria to see her grandmother who is unwell before returning in time for the Recognition Dinner on February 21.



Photos – Dennis Bishop

FIONA'S 16TH BIRTHDAY PARTY - La Porchetta -



Below - Guests at Fiona's birthday party from left to right Chris Selvey, Richard and Susan Pottie, Leanne and Ray Brown (all host parents) and Sue Guttler (Fiona's counsellor)



Guests at Fiona's birthday party from left to right Lizzie Selvey (host sister), Nelson Alvarado (from Peru on Youth Exchange), school friend, Georgia, Leah Tome, Sam Smith Roberson (YX student and host brother), Fiona and host siblings, Amy and Tom Pottie

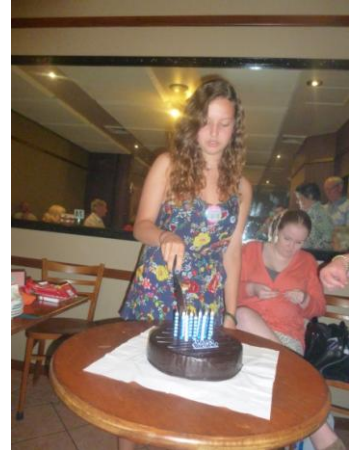
Photos – Margaret Francis & P Tome



More Guests – Left Greg Guttler, Fiona's mother Hildegard Koehler & Carolyn Astill

Right – Ricky Smith and Margaret Francis

Below – Fiona with her bracelet and her birthday cake.



AUSTRALIA DAY LONG WEEKEND

**Australia Day Big Breakfast
Civic Centre Precinct - 6am - 9am**

Wearing the new pumpkin coloured service shirts for the first time at a major project – Kevin Pascall, Sid Clarke, Jack Morgan, Richard Pottie, Wayne Hooper, Phillip Tome, John Roberson, Michael Haggard, Rod Francis, Ray Brown, Malcolm Nixon, Doug Masterson, Peter Keith, and Digby Foster – to name a few!

Photos – Margaret Francis & Phillip Tome

Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Koorngal



AUSTRALIA DAY LONG WEEKEND

A steady stream of locals out to celebrate Australia Day began the day by enjoying a 'free breakfast' cooked by a team of Rotarians from Koorungal Rotary Club – bacon, eggs, sausages.



Kevin Pascall, Richard Pottie & Wayne Hooper using the new BBQ



Two heads or is that hats are better than one - Jack Morgan and Harry Nixon.



Assisted by Wagga Wagga City councillors - Yvonne Braid, Kevin Poynter, Greg Conkey and Alan Brown serving hungry locals.



Sam Smith Roberson (YX) helps out.



Henry Gardiner and Margaret Gardiner taking a break while Amy Pottie 'gloves up' for the next round.



Barry Elliott makes sure the snags are cooked.



Fiona Koeck (YX) getting 'all shook up'.



Visiting from Vienna, Austria Fiona's mum, Hildegard Koehler helped Deidre Tome.



Peter Keith, Brian Roberts, & Michael Haggart

REPORTS

Service: Sid Clarke

- acknowledged that Australia Day was very hectic. Unfortunately no photos were taken at the MTC Races.
- recognised the efforts of club members who attended the Big Breakfast and the MTC Races and especially thanked Sam Smith Roberson, Amy Pottie, Margaret Gardiner, Deidre Tome, Fiona Koeck and Hilde Koehler for their efforts at the Big Breakfast.
- gratefully acknowledged those who doubled up attending both service projects.
- commented that numbers at the breakfast were down on previous years, possibly because celebrations were split over three days and it was a long weekend.
- Members were updated by Richard Pottie on the current status of the Wilks Park project at North Wagga
 - (i) establishing fire pit has been rejected due to liability issues
 - (ii) the Jaycees shelter will be demolished
 - (iii) the club has been acknowledged by a sign on the BBQ with a larger sign to come
 - (iv) a working bee will be required in the future.

Public Relations: Malcolm Nixon

- happily informed members that the club received excellent publicity through 2WG for the club's involvement and assistance provided on Australia Day. It was the first organisation acknowledged in the promotion of the Big Breakfast.
- congratulated all those who donned the pumpkin coloured shirt in the name of club service
- let members know that a coloured photo appeared in the Daily Advertiser following the event.
- reminded members if they needed to change their shirt to a different size to make request as soon as possible and to make payment by next week – Membership Night.

Membership: Richard Pottie

- reminded members that the next membership night would be **next week** 5 February with the speaker to be Sgt Ross Jackson. Please bring a prospective member as your guest.

Rotary Foundation: Reg Miegel

- informed by co-ordinator Greg Guttler that he had distributed a flyer to the tables regarding the End Polio fundraiser - February 20 - and would be asking for numbers and payment next week to the movie '*Last Vegas*'.

Club Administration: Greg Guttler

- Harry Nixon thanked Doug Masterson and Carol Bishop for their efforts selling the Shoo Away fly deterrent raising valuable dollars for the club.

Treasurer: Wayne Hooper

- **advised payment of subs is now overdue. PAY UP PLEASE !!!!!**

President: Phillip Tome

- welcomed Hilde and Fiona to the meeting together with the wives of members.
- thanked Dennis Bishop for his dual toasts in recognition of Chinese New Year and the visit to the club by Fiona's mother Hilde.
- again presented (for the benefit of members) Fiona with her 16th birthday gift from the club. Initially given to Fiona at her party on Saturday night, the gift was a Pandora bracelet and

beads. Guests also added beads to the bracelet creating a special memento of her visit to Australia. See photo page 1

DID YOU KNOW?

This year, Chinese New Year also known as the Spring Festival or Lunar New Year will begin on 31 January, marking the first day of the New Year in the Chinese calendar.

- Lunar New Year lasts 15 days. It is a season of superstitions.
- On the first day, you can live like a college student – no showers, laundry or cleaning and especially no taking out the garbage as it is said you wash away your luck and prosperity.
- You hang out with family especially the in-laws on the second day.
- For those singles who dread interrogation about settling down, there is now a solution – boyfriend rentals The package comes with "a free embrace, hand holding and a goodbye kiss on the cheek," as well as a list of additional specific service charges.
- Fireworks are used to drive away evil.
- Red envelopes with money are given to young children to keep the children healthy and long living.
- A few days before Chinese New Year people will completely clean the house getting rid of the old and welcoming the new.
- After cleaning, houses are decorated using red decorations such as lanterns to welcome the New Year.



2014 is the Year of the Horse. *Courtesy of the program for Sydney Chinese New Year* People born in the Year of the Horse are clever, kind and energetic. Although they sometimes talk too much, they are cheerful, perceptive, talented and love to be the centre of a crowd. They are popular among friends, active at work and have a deft sense of humour. 2014 is the year of the Wooden Horse. Wood horses are strong and stable and have a better ability to make decisions. Excellent at interacting with others, they are successful personally and professionally.

People born in the Year of the Horse – 1930, 1942, 1954, 1966 - Margaret Court, Sir Isaac Newton, Barbara Streisand, John Travolta, Oprah Winfrey, Rembrandt Paul McCartney and Genghis Khan. ... Ray King, Sid Clarke, Michael Haggart, John Goodwin, and Wayne Hooper

What year were you born according to the Chinese calendar?

万事如意

May all your wishes be fulfilled.

Rat	1924	1936	1948	1960	1972	1984	1996	2008
Ox	1925	1937	1949	1961	1973	1985	1997	2009
Tiger	1926	1938	1950	1962	1974	1986	1998	2010
Rabbit	1927	1939	1951	1963	1975	1987	1999	2011
Dragon	1928	1940	1952	1964	1976	1988	2000	2012
Snake	1929	1941	1953	1965	1977	1989	2001	2013
Horse	1930	1942	1954	1966	1978	1990	2002	2014
Sheep	1931	1943	1955	1967	1979	1991	2003	2015
Monkey	1932	1944	1956	1968	1980	1992	2004	2016
Rooster	1933	1945	1957	1969	1981	1993	2005	2017
Dog	1934	1946	1958	1970	1982	1994	2006	2018
Pig	1935	1947	1959	1971	1983	1995	2007	2019

MAY THE YEAR OF THE HORSE BRING PEACE, PROSPERITY AND GOOD FORTUNES

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

IMPORTANT DATES to CELEBRATE

Happy Anniversary !

05 Feb Ray & Clare King

05 Feb	Meeting - Membership Night - BRING A FRIEND TO ROTARY !
11 Feb	Service - MTC Races
12 Feb	Fellowship Night and BBQ - In lieu of 29 January (5th Wednesday)
19 Feb	Meeting - transferred to 21 Feb
20 Feb	Rotary Foundation fundraiser – Film Night –‘Last Vegas’ \$20
21 Feb	KRC Inaugural Recognition Dinner - RSL Club - 6:30pm
23 Feb	Rotary Peace Day Ceremony –Victory Memorial Gardens
26 Feb	Change of Venue - Meeting – now at Garden Court Guest Speaker Deirdre Moulden St Vincent de Paul
28 Feb	Service - MTC Races

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

COMING UP	5 February	12 February	19 February
Program Topic	Membership Night	Fellowship	Meeting transferred
Guest Speaker			
			20 February
Set Up	Michael Haggar	Not	‘Last Vegas’ 7pm
Toast to Australia	Sid Clarke	Required	End Polio Fundraiser
Grace	Henry Gardiner		
Fines Session	Greg Guttler	Polio Pig	21 February
			Inaugural
Introduce Speaker	Gavin Davies		Recognition Dinner
Vote of Thanks	Richard Pottie		6:30pm
			RSL Club



The ‘Four Way Test’

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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REMINDERS

- Assisting Kurrajong – Waratah with selling art union tickets ... phone Jane 6925 5002
- Save the date – Meeting transferred - **INAUGURAL RECOGNITION DINNER** - from Wed 19 Feb to Fri 21 Feb at RSL Club

MEETING Wednesdays - Wagga Country Club, Plumpton Rd - 6:00pm for 6:30pm

Apologies – Ken Post on 0418 693 648 by noon on Tuesday.

Absence without an apology will require payment.