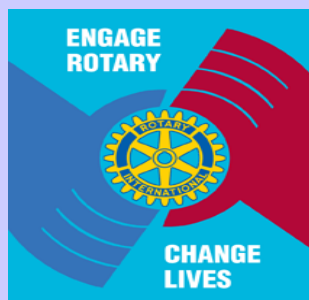


THE BIDGEE

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Welcome: PRESIDENT BRIAN ROY - welcomed members and guest speaker Lex Bittar, for Meals on Wheels, and guest Allistair Drummond.

International Toast: BILL ROCHE- Tonight's International Toast to the Rotary Club Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Sao Paulo is the largest City in Brazil with a population of over 11 million and a metropolitan population of about 20 million. It is the capital of the south eastern state of Sao Paulo and is also a beehive of activity that offers a jovial nightlife and an intense cultural experience. Sao Paulo is one of the richest cities in the southern hemisphere though the inequality between the classes typically observed in Brazil, is blatant. It is in fact a great city to explore with its own idiosyncrasies, with world class restaurants and diverse regional and international cuisine. Following Sao Paulo's extraordinary growth during the 20th Century most of the old buildings have given way to contemporary architecture leaving down town the only place to see 17th century churches although they are overshadowed by modern sky scrapers. The Rotary Club of Sao Paulo was formed in 1953, has 18 members and meets on Mondays at 12:45 at the Salao Nobra do Colegio. The President is Alberto C Gamboggi, and the Secretary is Aleido Jacob Binsfield.

Reports:

- **Secretary LINDSAY WILSON:** incoming mail from Newsletters from Kurrajong Waratah, and Care Flight. Reminder to members of the Polio Plus night, if interested please see Lindsay. The movie is Last Vegas on Thursday 20th February \$20 each. Lindsay will take numbers, need to book.
- **Laurie Myers** - thanks members who attended the Theatre performance of Peace Train, we all thank Laurie for organising a great night out.
- **Administration MICHAEL SLINGER** - the club contact sheet is being prepared.
- **DAVID CARROLL** : David Carroll – The Pro Rodeo is on Saturday 15th February. Volunteers are:

Other 6:30-9:00pm	Parking Attendants 4:00-7:30pm	Main Gate 4:00-6:30pm
Tony Crawford	Clive Willis	Laurie Myers
Henry Hope	Richard Sleeman	Brian Roy

General Business:

Clive Willis - reminded members of Peace Day coming up on Sunday 23 February.

Lindsay Wilson - if anyone knows any young person 18-28 years old that shows leadership potential for a candidate to RYLA, we need this by next meeting.

President BRIAN ROY -

On Thursday 13 March we can sell tickets at South City for Golf Day Raffle, with 2 days booked at Tolland Shops.

Please bring back guest speaker sheets, with suggestion for future speakers.

District Conference is on in Orange from 21-23rd March

Col Dunn is in WWBH in High Dependency, but is not able to have visitors yet.

TONY CRAWFORD introduced our guest speaker LEX BITTAR to speak about his great passion, Meals in Wheels, on the list after his family, his career as a teacher, gardening and the bush.

Lex has a history of association with South Wagga Rotary, having helped Don Harper during a previous golf day, Lex's father was born in Syria, came to Australia at 16 never saw his family again. His older brothers were here, had a drapery shops in the main street. The family ran Deeps Menswear, the oldest business on its original site in town. The daughter of a Lebanese orchardist, eloped to Australia married Moses Deep a hawker in the district in the early days. Lex is very proud of his son who is CEO of British horse racing, was offered the job without face to face interview. Lex indicated that volunteers in Australia contribute more than 6 percent of gross national product and Rotary contributes so much to the community. The social side of volunteering is extremely worthwhile. Lex encourages us to all enjoy our privileges. Meals on Wheels started in England during WWII by 2 women with delivered by bike and pram. It started in Australia in Melbourne in 1952. It started in Wagga in 1963 in the Methodist church. Now all meals are frozen and come from local and interstate suppliers. Some recipients take them in bulk, some get them delivered daily. In Wagga there are 165 clients, and 84 volunteers, Lex has been in service for 11 years, is president, with a committee of 9 and 5 paid staff. The longest client has been receiving meals for 27 years. The committee will purchase and put microwaves into homes that need them. They also keep an eye on people to make sure that the meals are not wasted, and well stored in freezers. Many of the volunteers can come at short notice, and are a great group of people.

LAURIE MYERS - thanked Lex, who is legend as a teacher, with a claim to fame for his work with community college, and many other community organisations.

ROSTER: Apologies to be phoned to Lindsay Wilson - (0419 611 424) to assist catering please!

Date	Monday 17 th February 2014	Monday 24 th February 2014	Monday 3 rd March
Venue	RSL Club 6.15 pm	RSL Club 6.15 pm	RSL Club 6.15 pm
Program	Rotary Youth Science Forum	TBA	Tba
Intro.& Hosting	Michael Slinger	Jock Hamilton	Harry Wilson
Sergeant at Arms/Boxer	Clive Willis Geoff Mackney	Charlie Baker Col Dunn	John Wright Geoff Mackney
Furnishings & Setup	Lindsay Wilson Col Dunn	Clive Willis John Rorrison	Eugene Moloney Mick Lucke
Int. Toast	John Rorrison	John Rorrison	John Rorrison
Guest Speaker	Happy Aghara		
Vote of Thanks	John Wright	Bill Roche	John Stewart

Sergeant at Arms: ROD BOWMAN, AND BOXER HENRY HOPE

☺ Lindsay Wilson – bringing another lady to the theatre	☺ Everyone who did not know where Socci is
☺ All who did not go to the theatre show	☺ Lindsay Wilson – too hot to ride
☺ Bill Roche – the dinner suggestion	☺ Tony Crawford – scarred like a pirate
☺ Bill Roche – not giving way	☺ Lex Bittar - for his Jokes
☺ Henry Hope – having a domestic	☺ Richard Sleeman – giving victory signs
	☺ Kerry Flinn – another sore eye

ATTENDANCE: 84%

HEADS AND TALES: Clive Willis.

Lex's Jokes

Three men died in a car accident and met Jesus himself at the Pearly Gates. The Lord spoke unto them. To the first man the Lord asked, "How many times did you cheat on your wife?"

The first man replied, "Lord, I cheated on my wife about 8 times." The Lord replied, "I will allow you to come in, but for your unfaithfulness, you will get an old motor bike for your transportation.

To the second man the Lord asked, "How many times did you cheat on your wife?" The second man replied, "Lord, I cheated on my wife twice." The Lord replied, "I will allow you to come in, but for your unfaithfulness, you will get a Commodore.

The last man replied, "Lord, I was a good husband. I never cheated on my wife."

The Lord replied, "Very good! Not only will I allow you in, but for being faithful to your wife I will give you a Mercedes for your transportation. A couple hours later the second and men saw the last man crying his eyes out. "Why are you crying?" the two men asked. "You got the mercedes!" The first man replied, "I'm crying because I saw my wife a little while ago, and she was riding a skateboard!"

Mrs Donovan is walking down the road and she sees Father O'Flaherty. He says 'Why hellur there, isn't that Mrs Donovan who I married not two years ago now..?' 'Aye Father, it is' she replies. 'Are the any little wee 'uns yet then..?' he asks. 'No Father, not yet' she replies. 'Ah well' he says 'I'm on my way to Rome to see the Pope, I'll light a candle for ye' 'Thank ye Father' says Mrs Donovan... and on they go... A few years later along the road is walking Mrs Donovan and she comes across the Father again and he asks 'Well, are there any wee uns now Mrs Donovan..?' 'Aye Father there are, 3 sets of twins and 4 single uns, 10 in all!!!!' 'Oh my' says Father O'Flaherty 'and Mr Donovan how's he coping with all this then..?' 'He's gone to Rome Father, to blow out yer bloody candle!' she says.