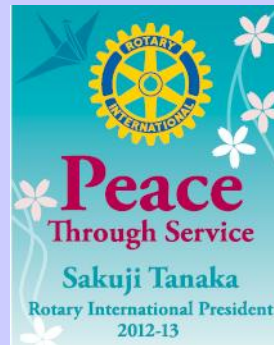


THE BIDGEE

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Welcome: President Tony Crawford - President Tony welcomed our guests from visiting local Rotary clubs and the team from the Science and Engineering Challenge. Welcome to Trevor Webb, Peter Fullager, Neville Want from Newcastle University very dedicated teachers and guest speakers. President Jenny Fyfe, Natalie Walsh, Amanda Tillyard, Lauren Slater, Trevor Webb, Ron Walker, Lyn and Matt Lockwood, Jenny Lovekin, Julianne Horsnen, Scott Bredin, from Murrumbidgee, Rick Preist from Wollundry, and Val Samuelson, from Wagga Sunrise Rotary.

International Toast: JOHN RORRISON - Tonight's International Toast is to **The Rotary Club of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.**

Addis Ababa is the capitol of Ethiopia in north Africa, and is the largest city with a population of about 4,000,000. Being the headquarters of The African union and of political and historical significance and a thriving university Addis Ababa is known as the political capitol of Africa. The country surrounding Addis Ababa consists of people from 80 different nationalities speaking 80 languages. Ethiopia has been called the original home of mankind with DNA research showing our genetic diversity declined steadily as our ancestors moved further away from Ethiopia. The Addis Ababa Central Rotary Club was formed in 2008 and has 19 members meeting at the Harmony Hotel 6.30 pm on Thursdays. The president is Ibrahim Mama and the secretary Is Bezawit Eshatu.

Reports –

- **SECRETARY - LINDSAY WILSON** – Correspondence from:
 - letter from Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) requesting nominations for board members.
- **BRUCE DUFFY** – visited Holbrook Rotary, now a peace city presented a club banner
- **JOHN WRIGHT** - golf day is progressing well, do not need more teams, have 54. Next week is a planning night, so will need all the support we can get. Friday week very busy day. Can put banners out late on Thursday afternoon.
- **BRIAN ROY** – Raffle money also goes to John Wright
 - This Saturday at Tolland supermarket
 - The child protection forms need to be filled out and returned to Brian Roy ASAP.

General Business

- **BRIAN ROY** - Reminders of Science challenge tomorrow; Illabo melodrama is all booked ; Next week RYDA Bill will be in touch with RYDA volunteers.
- **PRESIDENT TONY CRAWFORD** - have 5 rooms booked for District conference. GSE organization is progressing well

Guest Speaker: PETER FULLAGER

The Teams challenge is to change perceptions about science and engineering, make it fun and engage with the communities. They do this by bringing the events out to the community.

Huge skill shortage of scientists and engineers, so the aim is to encourage students to look at these careers. Ian Chubb recognized the problem and wanted something done.

The problem springs from the decision by universities to reduce training engineers and closure of courses. Federal funding cuts did have an impact. The team is also targeting girls as well as boys. They respond to science in a different way. Metropolitan schools run events from all locations. The selective schools achieve good results but Regional schools can do well.

Vote of thanks: LAURIE MYERS

Date	Monday 18 th March		
Venue	RSL Club – 6.15 pm	RSL Club – 6.15 pm	RSL Club – 6.15 pm
Program	TBA	TBA	TBA
Intro.& Hosting		Des Hamilton	Eugene Moloney
Sergeant at Arms/Boxer	Henry Hope David Dunn	Paul McLoughlin Michael Slinger	Brian Roy John Wright
Furnishings & Setup	Des Hamilton Geoff Mackney Karen Mackney	Brian Roy Bil Roche Milena Dunn	Richard Sleeman David Dunn Col Dunn
Int. Toast	John Rorrison	John Rorrison	John Rorrison
Guest Speaker	TBA	TBA	TBA
Vote of Thanks		TBA	TBA

Sergeant at Arms – MICK LUCKE WITH BOXER, KERRY FLINN

☺ Tony Crawford - Late start	☺ Eugene – another table
☺ Harry Wilson - golf shirt	☺ Karen Mackney – not bringing Geoff on ladies night
☺ Laurie Myers – welcome back	☺ Brian Roy – bringing raffle tickets
☺ Murrumbidgee members – foreign money	☺ All not wearing their badges
☺ Mobile phone users	☺ Everyone wearing a tie

Attendance: 100%

Joke of the week 1

An old sea captain was sitting on a bench near the wharf when a young man walked up and sat down. The young man had spiked hair and each spike was a different color.... green, red, orange, blue, and yellow.

After a while the young man noticed that the captain was staring at him.

"What's the matter old timer, never done anything wild in your life? The old captain replied, "Got drunk once and married a parrot. I was just wondering if you were my son!"

Joke of the week 2



"Balls lost in the rough are not deductible -- and you can't claim your caddie as a dependent."