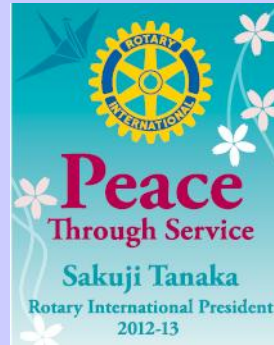


THE BIDGEE

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Monday 13th May, 2013

Welcome: PRESIDENT TONY CRAWFORD - welcomes back our President Elect Brian Roy and our own Guest Speaker Bruce Duffy.

International Toast: JOHN RORRISON - Tonight's International Toast is to The Rotary Club of Antwerp, Belgium.

Antwerp is a city and municipality in Belgium and has a population of 512,000 people. The city is one of the largest seaports in Europe and includes 5 oil refineries and a massive concentration of petrochemical industries second only to Houston Texas. It also has 4 nuclear power stations. Antwerps other great mainstay is the diamond trade that takes place in the Diamond district. The city has 4 diamond exchanges. Since World War II. Families of the large Hasidic jewish community have dominated Antwerps trading although the last 2 decades have seen Indian traders becoming more important. Antwerps World Diamond Centre plays an important role in setting standard, training, and promoting Antwerp as the centre of the diamond Industry. The Antwerp Rotary Club was formed in 1926 and has 63 members and meets on Thursdays at 12:15 at the Chateau Den Brandt at Beukenlaan 12. The President is Jean Marie Blot and the Secretary is Frederic Kort.

Reports:

- **LINDSAY WILSON**- Correspondence from Country Hope Board sincere thanking Richard and Henry for their work at the Ladysmith Clearing sale BBQ. Well done guys; TAAG also sent a letter of thanks for our support at the last BBQ will be needing our help at another this year; Interplast newsletter; The council to run BBQ at the go-cart track for a tree planting day! Seeing Eye dogs request for donation, and the care flight magazine.
- **LAURIE MYERS** - Finalised the roster for the Marketplace information booth for Bowelscan. To be emailed.
- **BRUCE DUFFY** - Will be attending the Rotary Australia World Service meeting in Richmond.
- **CHARLIE BAKER** - Reported on further involvement in football gate duties.

General Business:

- **TONY CRAWFORD** - The 19th May District assembly will be at Grenfell.
- The 27th May will be a special dinner meeting, a ladies night for the Biggest Morning Tea evening. There will be a Winter Warmth raffle so please bring a special winter treat to donate to the hamper, such as chocolate, wine or other nibbles. Also there will be an extra payment of \$5 each to go towards the fundraising. The guest speaker will be Donna Cavanagh of CanAssist.

GUEST SPEAKER – JOHN STEWART INTRODUCED BRUCE DUFFY OUR GUEST SPEAKER FOR ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Bruce gave Tony a ceremonial scarf, and a banner from a Nepali Rotary Club with just 25 members, which has projects raising money for hospitals. Bruce also spoke about projects with RC of Kathmandu, building the rural college. Kathmandu has a good climate The region crops grow according to the side of the mountain that they are on, very diverse weather conditions Hillsides are terraced for cropping. The nearest neighbour is Bhutan, with Tibet to the north. In the last 7 or 8 years air pollution has become a problem. Nepal is growing, and coal fired brick kilns are common to cater for the demand for buildings. Nepal is approximately 800 km wide, and averages up to 150 km deep, with 20 million people. There is a road between India and china, one lane wide, but many transport trucks on that road, traffic jams when a truck breaks down. Japan is building a road for an aid project. The Rotary Club of Kathmandu has some very wealthy members and sponsors aid workers like Bruce. Families are very influential in the area. Dr Tharpa from Sindhuli is the first heart surgeon in Nepal and owns the Heart hospital. He wants to teach young people good farming practices, developed the idea of building an agricultural college. The project team had to go to the district governor and the political parties for the authority to build the school. The college has land, quite flat, and has good access to power lines, and plans have been drawn. The vision is to improve education, agriculture, standard of living for the poor. There is a curriculum for teaching. Local school teachers want to be involved, when they built their school they built a flat for the sheriff/foreman of the college building works.

Vote of Thanks: Michael Slinger thanked Bruce for the talk and presented him with the club gift.

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

Date	Monday 20 ^h May	Monday 27 th May
Venue	RSL Club 6.15pm	RSL Club 6.15pm
Program	tba	Ladies Night Biggest Morning Tea
Intro.& Hosting	tba	Rod Bowman
Sergeant at Arms/Boxer	Brian Roy Charlie Baker	Eugene Moloney Bruce Duffy
Furnishings & Setup	Geoff Mackney Karen Mackney Joy Reid	Charlie Baker Milena Dunn David Carroll
Int. Toast	John Rorrison	John Rorrison
Guest Speaker	tba	Donna Cavanagh
Vote of Thanks	tba	John Wright

Sergeant at Arms: JOHN WRIGHT AND BOXER KEN POST.

☺ Laurie Myers – in the paper	☺ Richard Sleeman – doesn't look like Michael
☺ John Rorrison – famous/infamous friends	☺ Col Dunn – Project copied in Tumburumba
☺ Brian Roy – welcome back	☺ Charlie Baker – Going to Arian Park
☺ Bruce Duffy – effluent or affluent	☺ Top Table – not paying attention to ringing phones
☺ Ken Post - now called Marg	☺ Tony Crawford –no badge
☺ Charlie Baker – not playing golf	☺ All who did not listen to instructions – no sweets
☺ Ken Post – not crossing the fines off	☺ All who were late.

Heads and Tales: .

Attendance 93%

Joke of the Week

Three Englishman walk into a bar and spot a Welshman sitting alone at a table. One fellow said to the others, 'Let's pick a fight with that Welshman over there.' His partner replied, 'Wait, we don't want to be arrested. Let's make him start the fight.'

The third Englishman said, 'Wait here chaps. I know how to do it.' He went over to the Welshman and said, 'St David was a flippin' sissy.' To this the Welshman replied, 'Ah well you don't say!' and calmly resumed drinking his beer.

The second Englishman now tried his luck and said to the Welshman, 'St David was a stupid fool that wore a dress!' The Welshman again replied, 'You're very sharp, you don't say!' and calmly resumed drinking his beer.

The last Englishman told his friends he knew how to rile the Welshman and bounced up to the table and yelled, 'St David was an Englishman!'

The Welshman replied, calmly, 'That's what your mates were trying to tell me.'