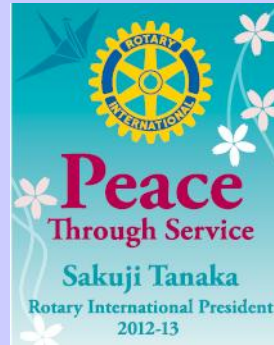


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The Bulletin of the  
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**Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

**President's Welcome:** President Tony Crawford welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting, including our Guest Speaker Mark Hillas and visiting Rotarian Graham Callander.

**International Toast:** JOHN RORRISON Tonight's International Toast is to The Rotary Club of Los Angeles, United States of America.

*Los Angeles is the most populous city in the state of California, and the second most populous in the United States after New York City with a population of over 3,793,621. It has an area of 469 Square miles and is located in Southern California. The city is the focal point of the Larger Long Beach, Santa Ana metro area with nearly 18 million people. The entire area is recognised as the most diverse of the nations large cities. Los Angeles was founded on September 4<sup>th</sup> 1781 by the Spanish Governor Filipe de Neve and it became part of Mexico in 1821 following the Mexican War of Independence. In 1848 Los Angeles and the rest of California was purchased by the United States. Los Angeles is a leading world centre of Business, International Trade, entertainment, cultural, media and fashion, and was ranked as the world's 3<sup>d</sup> richest city and 5<sup>th</sup> most influential in the world. The Los Angeles Rotary Club was formed in 1909, has 378 members and meets on Fridays at 11.30 am at the California Club. The President is J. A. Richardson, and the secretary is Alan J Bernstein.*

## Reports

Board Meeting Report : Suggestion to investigate placing our logo club logo on the country hope website, Kerry Flinn to investigate. Next year's board will be elected at the AGM on the 10th December. We are putting an expression of interest to host the Kansas GSE team next year. Members will be advised regarding the possible change to payment for meals at our meetings in the future either pay as you go or in advance as current.

Visiting Rotarian Graham Callander : promoted the next Rotary Polio Plus Movie night. The Life of Pi is in 3 weeks time. It is a good movie about a boy who is shipwrecked with a live tiger. It is made from the best selling book with scenes shot in India, by an award winning Director. Friends and friends are welcome. It will take the place of our meeting night. Please see Lindsay for tickets \$ 20 each, and bring payment next week at the latest. More information at <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0454876/>



- **SECRETARY LINDSAY WILSON** – received correspondence from the RSL regarding a forum to plan the celebration of Gallipoli century on the 28 November - see Lindsay for details; Letter for Rotary Inspirational Women's award nominations. Needed before Valentines Day 2013. Rural medical school meeting - see Lindsay for details.
- **TREASURE STEVE BIGGIN** - trifecta tickets some remaining to be paid
- **YOUTH DAVID DUNN** - Koorringal High Intellectually Disabled Unit music therapy is inspirational Brian Roy accepted their invitation to visit the class. We sponsored the music enhancement classroom, and their activities are very enlightening. Music was very relaxing, and children were able to retain information following instructions. There is a naming song, and others then have to recall the information. The classroom is very worthwhile. Their Myer foundation grant has finished their support, so the school is looking for funding for next year needs. It costs 200 dollars per week. Hoping for iPads for teaching like those at Willans Hill school.
- **PRESIDENT TONY CRAWFORD – OUR CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER** – will be held at the RSL Club Pacific Room on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December. 🎄 Santa will be there 🎄 and **it will be a ladies night. Please contact Lindsay to book.**

## Guest Speaker – Kerry Flinn introduced Guest Speaker Mark Hillas

Mark's father Tom bought the family to Wagga from Melbourne and the Hillas name has been in the industry here in Wagga since 1967. In his father's day selling cars was straightforward, when TV and the Newspapers had a captive audience. Now with Chanel surfing and internet shopping it is harder to sell cars. However China is selling luxury cars in huge numbers due to their large market. The tariffs were prohibitive back then, protecting our car manufacturing industries. Our cars have tariffs overseas now. Leaders are the popular brands Mazda, Mitsubishi Honda in Australia and the big cars like Holdens and Fords have a quite small market share now. Fords have only 8 percent of the market. Different Cars are now built by the same manufacturer, with different badging. Most dealers make money from servicing, used cars and finance. Strong brands sell cars. Struggle to get and keep good tradesmen, need to keep taking in apprentices. Spare parts can be very expensive due to too many brands small numbers sold resulting in often have to buy on demand.

**Vote of Thanks** – John Wright thanked Mark and presented him with the club gift

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

Date	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
Venue	RSL Club 6.15pm	<i>Forum Cinema</i> <i>Movie Night "The Life of Pi"</i>	RSL Club 6.15pm	RSL Club Pacific Room
Program	Health Topic	Polio Plus.	AGM	<i>Club Christmas Dinner</i>
Intro. & Hosting	Bill Roche	Be early to reserve seats. Ladies, friends and family welcome – Book with Lindsay Wilson	<b>Club Barefoot bowls night and dinner to follow AGM</b> 	Ladies welcome 6.30 for 7.00pm 
Sergeant at Arms/Boxer	Chris Roche Jock Hamilton			
Furnishings & Setup	Richard Sleeman Col Dunn David Dunn			
Int. Toast	John Rorrison			
Guest Speaker	TBA			
Vote of Thanks	Des Hamilton			

**Sergeant at arms** – Brian Roy and Boxer - Henry Hope

☺ All who went to macca	☺ Geoff Mackney – not worried
☺ David Dunn – needs to rehearse Grace	☺ Joy Reid – no bubbles in champagne
☺ Kerry Flinn – Extra phone	☺ David Carroll – in court
☺ Lindsay Wilson – serving at the sausage sizzle	☺ Chriss Roche – hosting a womens group
☺ Charlie Baker – giving away sausages	☺ Mick Lucke –winning sweep
☺ Col Dunn – found a seat	☺ Mick Lucke – Wedding Anniversary
☺ Steve Biggins – Collingwood supporter	☺ Lindsay Wilson – upside down on his bike
☺ Karen Mackney – Keen on James Bond	

Attendance: 100% Wine Draw : Karen Mackney



"There's nothing wrong with saying hard luck!  
Just learn to do it without the snigger."