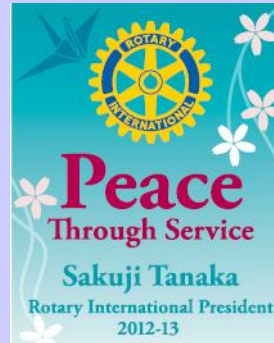


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Monday, 21st January 2013

President's Welcome: President Tony Crawford welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting, including our Guest Speaker Kate Bowyer, her colleagues Sarah Luff, and Sarah Wentworth Perry.

International Toast: MILENA DUNN Tonight's International Toast is to The Rotary Club of Helsinki, Finland.

Helsinki is the largest city in Finland. Located southern Finland on the shore of the Gulf of Finland. The population is 603,000 making it by far the most populous municipality in Finland. Altogether over 1.3 million, or 25% of the population live in the metropolitan area of Helsinki. Helsinki is Finland's major political, educational, cultural and research centre as well as one of northern Europe's major cities. In 2009 Helsinki was chosen as the world's design capital for the year 2012 by the International Council of Societies of Industrial Design and was rated 8th as the most liveable city in the world. The Rotary Club of Helsinki was formed in 1927, and has 127 members and meets on Mondays at 11.30 am at the Ravintola Palace Hotel. The President is Timo Esko and the Secretary is Sari Lounasmeri.

Reports

- **SECRETARY LINDSAY WILSON** – received correspondence from the Council regarding hosting of a band from Nordlingen; Invitation from Kapooka, to greet and inform new to Wagga Defence Force members and families at an open day on the 8th February from 3.30 to 8.00pm. President Tony to attend another volunteer is requested to assist him.; Reminder of the Australia Day Breakfast 8.30am at Margaret and Robert Hamilton's. Bring a chair.; The Peace Day this year will be convened by Wollundry Rotary at the Gardens on 17th February at 11.00am.
- **TREASURE STEVE BIGGIN** – Preparing to take the next lot of quarterly dues.
- **JOHN WRIGHT** – Golf Day to be held on Friday 8 March - report The major sponsor has been confirmed. The prize for Hole in One has been doubled. Members are requested to start thinking about approaching your business houses in regard to their support for teams, banners, and sponsors boards.
- **PRESIDENT TONY CRAWFORD – OUR CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER** – will be held at the RSL Club Pacific Room on Monday
- **Guest Speaker** – Karen Mackney introduced Guest Speaker Kate Bowyer

Kate Bowyer spoke of her beginnings working with Kuleana Kids, now known as Little Paths. Kate highlighted the upcoming event, the Little Paths Charity Ball on Friday 15 February 2013 at the Capital NightClub, 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Ticket are \$90 and available from contacts details at www.littlepaths.org.au. Entertainment includes Grant Luhrs, and many more artists. Money raised is to educate street children in Tanzania and Cambodia. The children often leave their primary school education with no hope of high school or other education or careers offered to them. Kate worked in Africa with Kuleana Kids, and saw the need to continue to support any children who were passionate about continuing their education. Little Paths evolved from Kuleana Kids to set up a scholarship scheme to help these children. The children receive aid for uniforms, equipment and educational expenses. The funding is managed well by Australian financial managers, so the maximum benefit does reach the children. There are currently over 122 children benefiting from scholarships, and to date there have been very insignificant failures to succeed.

Vote of Thanks – Brian Roy thanked Kate and presented her, Sarah and Sarah with the club gift

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

Date	Monday 26 th January	Monday 4 February	Monday 11 th February	Monday 18 th February
Venue	No Meeting	RSL Club 6.15pm	RSL Club 6.15pm	RSL Club 6.15pm
Program	Australia Day Breakfast at the home of Robert and Marg Hamiltons	Pillars of Strength	tba	tba
Intro.& Hosting		Laurie Myers	Brian Roy	Kerry Flinn
Sergeant at Arms/Boxer		Bill Roche Des Hamilton	John Wright Henry Hope	Chris Roche Michael Slinger
Furnishings & Setup		Eugene Moloney Henry Hope Michael Slinger	Laurie Myers Kerry Flinn Clive Willis	Mick Lucke Charlie Baker Harry Wilson
Int. Toast		John Rorrison	John Rorrison	John Rorrison
Guest Speaker		Joe Howard	tba	tba
Vote of Thanks		Chris Roche	Bill Roche	Jock Hamilton

Sergeant at arms – Charlie Baker and Boxer - Kerry Flinn

☺ All members of Probus who had Charlie in heaven	☺ Brian Roy – working at TAFE
☺ Milena and David Dunn – back at last	☺ Kate Sarah and Sarah – Charlie Found them
☺ Brian Roy – Welcome back	☺ Charlie Baker – has a heart
☺ Des Hamilton – Tennis in Melbourne	☺ Rod Bowman – phone call
☺ Lindsay Wilson – can't hear when riding the bike	☺ All who forgot Monday is a Holiday
☺ Geoff Mackney – rode to Tumberumba	☺ Col Dunn – talking during speeches
☺ Henry Hope – going to Hawaii	☺ Brian Roy – 5 weeks holiday and still whinging
☺ Late comers – all fined	☺ David Carroll – In a pool
☺ Milena Dunn – asked David to go Bush	☺ David Dunn – rough in new car
☺ Charlie Baker – false stroke	☺ Mick Lucke – didn't use his calendar
☺ Kate Bowyer – Grant Luhrs is not old	☺ All those who are not wearing badges

Attendance: 70.5% Heads and Tales Geoff Mackney

Joke of the Week - one for Australia Day

An American decided to write a book about famous churches around the world. So he bought a plane ticket and took a trip to Orlando, thinking that he would start by working his way across the USA from South to North.

On his first day he was inside a church taking photographs when he noticed golden telephone mounted on the wall with a sign that read "\$10,000 per call". The American, being intrigued, asked priest who was strolling by what the telephone was used for.

The priest replied that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 you could talk to God. The American thanked the priest and went along his way.

Next stop was in Atlanta. There, at a very large cathedral, he saw the same golden telephone with the same sign under it. He wondered if this was the same kind of telephone he saw in Orlando and he asked a nearby nun what its purpose was. She told him that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 he could talk to God. O.K., thank you," said the American. He then travelled to Indianapolis, Washington DC, Philadelphia, Boston, and New York. In every church he saw the same golden telephone with the same "\$10,000 per call" sign under it.

The American, upon leaving Vermont decided to travel to AUSTRALIA to see if Australians had the same phone. He arrived in Australia, and again, in the first church he entered, there was the same golden telephone, but this time the sign under it read "40 cents per call." The American was surprised so he asked the priest about the sign.

Father, I've travelled all over America and I've seen this same golden telephone in many churches. I'm told that it is a direct line to Heaven, but in the US the price was \$10,000 per call. Why is it so cheap here?"

The priest smiled and answered, "You're in Australia now, mate - it's a local call".