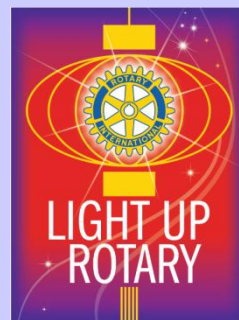


# THE BIDGEE

The Bulletin of the  
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**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2014**

**Welcome:** PRESIDENT LAURIE MYERS - welcomed members, and guest speaker builder Tony McPherson.

**International Toast:** BRIAN ROY - Tonight's International Toast to the Rotary Club of Wuppertal, Germany.

*Wuppertal is a city in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany. It is located in and around the river Wupper Valley, and is situated east of the city of Dusseldorf and south of the Ruhr area. With a population of approximately 350,000 it is the largest city in the Bergisches Land. Two thirds of the total municipal area is green space. From any part of the city it is only a ten minute walk to one of the public parks. In the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries the Wupper valley was one of the biggest industrial regions of continental Europe. The rising demand for coal from the textile mills and blacksmiths shops laid the roots for the expansion of the Ruhr Valley. Wuppertal is still a major industrial centre, being home to textiles, chemicals, electronics and automobiles. Aspirin originates from Wuppertal, as does the vacuum cleaner. The Rotary Club of Wuppertal was formed in 1934 and has 82 members meeting at 1:00pm on Fridays at the Schutzengesellschaft. The President is Dietrich Fudicker, and the Secretary is Axel Jutz.*

## **Reports:**

- **PRESIDENT LAURIE MYERS** – Circus Quirkus was held on Monday 21st July and the attendance at the 2 events was very pleasing. Laurie thanked the Lilliah Lodge volunteers, all tasks have been completed and Richard Sleeman conveyed a message of appreciation from the manager of the facility. There will be a District Governors visit at our 11<sup>th</sup> August meeting. All those interested in participating in Relay For life please see Bill Roche for details or go to the website to join Team 37.
- **SECRETARY LINDSAY WILSON** – Correspondence from Rotary Club of Canberra and Woden, with an invitation from Rotary Adventure In Citizenship to send year 11 or 12 students to Canberra to experience the parliamentary system.
- **FOUNDATION BRUCE DUFFY** - Reported on a coming RAWCs in August over a weekend – See Bruce for details.
- **SOCIAL JOCK HAMILTON** – The plan is progressing for the Christmas in August Lunch at the Illabo hotel on the 24<sup>th</sup> August, \$20-25, as a mixed social event. A bus could be arranged for transport, leaving Wagga at 11:00am. See Jock for details.

## **General Business:**

- **Brian Roy** - has spare changeover dinner books for anyone that missed out. Requested a volunteer at 10-11:00 Kidney Kar Rally fundraising at the Tolland newsagent, Clive Willis confirmed.
- **Eugene Moloney** - Eugene is district chair for Interplast and will be visiting clubs to promote Interplast which aims to raise \$35,000 in our district each year to send a team out to international projects in the Asia Pacific region. The Program has been granted full AusAID accreditation. Eugene attended Interplast information seminars in Melbourne, held at The Australasian College of Surgeons in Melbourne, in a very impressive location.

## Guest Speakers: STEVE BIGGIN INTRODUCED GUEST SPEAKER TONY MCPHERSON.

Tony gave a very informative talk on the status of the industry in Wagga, the economy, apprenticeship system. Tony is a professional builder. He was born and raised in Tumbarumba, and served his apprenticeship with his father. He went to TAFE in Wagga, he took responsibility for his own learning, working, spending many hours travelling and attending TAFE. He went on to attain his Clerk of Work Certificate, and moved to Wagga to work for a Wagga builder then went out on his own in 1976. His company is quite busy and does mostly government and commercial, work, less residential these days. Wagga has 450-500 new homes built per year, and 1percent population growth. Pricing is tight, so buyers cannot expect great discounts on prices, otherwise quality is lower. Client expectations are high. The industry has changed over the years. Tony started out working with hand dug and mixed footings, frame cut with hammer and chisel. Today materials are often prefabricated, to save time and costs. Home warrantee insurance has made a big impact. Technology like the mobile phone has made an impact, It has encouraged tradesmen to expect immediate answers, no matter what the builder is doing. There is some positive in new technologies available such as the Constructor software which will estimate the requirements for the job, profit and loss, and potential loss or gain for the job. Apprentices of today rarely know how to use tools. They have a disdain of low wages. Each Apprentices costs start with 3 hours every week training by the tradesman, First year apprentices now do course online not enough face to face time learning from experienced builders. Wagga has fairly good builders, no real dodgy brothers. The future of housing will show moves to photovoltaic solar, and environmental moves away from English style houses. Tony's company won The HIA Quality and Professionalism award last year.

ROD BOWMAN thanked Tony McPherson for his very entertaining and thought provoking talk and presented him with the club memento.

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

Date	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> August
Venue	RSL Club 6:15 pm	RSL Club 6:15 pm	RSL Club 6:15 pm
Program	Nursing In India	TBA	TBA
Intro.& Hosting	Michael Slinger	Kerry Flinn	Eugene Moloney
Sergeant at Arms/Boxer	Charlie Baker Henry Hope	Des Hamilton Steve Biggin	Mick Lucke John Stewart
Furnishings	Richard Sleeman Brian Roy	David Carroll Tony Crawford	Clive Willis Col Curtis
Int. Toast	John Rorrison	John Rorrison	John Rorrison
Guest Speaker	Krishna Lambert	TBA	TBA
Vote of Thanks	Jock Hamilton	Bruce Duffy	Michael Slinger

## Sergeant at Arms: FINES SERGEANT JOCK HAMILTON AND BOXER ROD BOWMAN

- ☺ Richard Sleeman - buns before grace
- ☺ John Clout - Buns before Grace
- ☺ Brian Roy - Col and Nancy on TV
- ☺ Kerry Flinn - PR at the changeover
- ☺ Eugene Moloney - late
- ☺ Laurie Myers - high costs of phone calls
- ☺ Rod Bowman - St Kilda Won

- ☺ Steve Biggin - on the phone
- ☺ Laurie Myers - dropped a washing machine
- ☺ Those without badges
- ☺ Des Hamilton - about time
- ☺ John Wright - Carlton won
- ☺ Clive Willis - pay up or Jock will tell
- ☺ John Stewart - Ducks on the pond

**ATTENDANCE:** 100 Percent

**HEADS AND TALES:** Brian Roy

## ***Joke of the week***

***An engineer dies and reports to the Pearly Gates.***

***Saint Peter checks his dossier and, not seeing his name there, accidentally sends him to Hell.***

***It doesn't take long before the engineer becomes rather dissatisfied with the level of comfort in Hell. He soon begins to design and build improvements.***

***Shortly thereafter, Hell has air conditioning, flush toilets and escalators. Needless to say, the engineer is a pretty popular guy.***

***One day, God calls Satan and says with a sneer: "So, how are things in Hell?" Satan replies: "Hey, things are going great. We've got air conditioning, flush toilets, and escalators. And there's no telling what this engineer is going to come up with next."***

***"What!" God exclaims: "You've got an engineer? That's a mistake, he should never have been sent to Hell. Send him to me." "Not a chance," Satan replies: "I like having an engineer on the staff, and I'm keeping him!" God insists: "Send him back, or I'll sue!" Satan laughs uproariously and answers: "Yeah, right. And where are you going to get a lawyer?"***