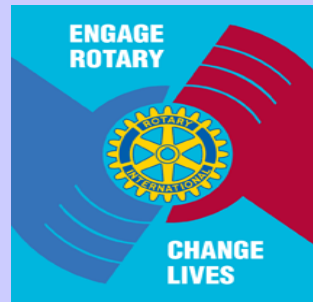


THE BIDGEE

The Bulletin of the
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Welcome: PRESIDENT BRIAN ROY - welcomed all members, and Rotary Guest speaker Ray "Scruffy" Henry from Alice Springs Rotary

International Toast: BRIAN ROY - Tonight's International Toast to **Rotary Club of Abbottabad Pakistan**

Abbottabad is a city located in the Hazara region of the Kyber Pakhtukhwa province in Pakistan. The city is 50 km north west of Islamabad and 150 km east of Peshawar and is at an altitude of 1260 metres. The city is well known throughout Pakistan for its pleasant weather, high standard of educational institutions and military establishments. It is a major hub for tourism and has a population of approximately 160,000. The Abbottabad Rotary Club was formed in 1983 and has 14 members, meeting on Mondays at 9:00pm. The President is Mohammad Rafique Ahmad and the Secretary is Azmarai F Khan.

Reports:

- **Secretary LINDSAY WILSON:** Still has Windscreen shades for sale. He will be handing out to members the Melbourne Cup Trifecta tickets for sale. Letter from Royal Flying Doctor Service Christmas cards for sale – See Lindsay if interested. Lindsay announced the Foundation Centurians in 9700 have a special promotion. All who sign up are eligible for a chance to win a Tap King dispenser and two 3.2 litre bottles of beer. Centurians who join in November will go into a draw for this prize.
- **Treasurer STEVE BIGGIN:** has debit forms for Subs - See Steve for details.
- **President Elect LAURIE MYERS:** thanks all members who assisted with fundraising for Relay for Life, he is touched and amazed at Wagga's generosity. Citizens and businesses gave generously financially, their time, and in kind donations. Laurie recommends that anyone who has not done it, do it next year.
- **DAVID CARROLL:** The catering for Motor Neuron day went very well, organisers invited us to do it again next year. On Wednesday 12:30 our club representatives will be attending a Wagga Wagga City Council function promoting Polio Plus efforts. Alan Sharpe has announced that Rotary Clubs are now collecting funds for bushfire aid.

General Business:

- **President BRIAN ROY :** Brian adds his appreciation, he really missed going, and thanks Greg Bannan for his assistance. Next Monday's Membership Cocktails Bill needs helpers to do furnishing for the room. The District AGM in Temora Sunday 10 November. Meeting - Brian needs a volunteer to attend this. Administration - Updates to personal details for home address, phone numbers - See Michael Slinger please before end on November.

GUEST SPEAKER – GREG BANNAN introduced Ray Henry.

Ray is a member of the Rotary Club of Sturt, in Alice Springs. He has been a Rotarian for over 30 years. Ray is on the committee and from one of the three Rotary Clubs in Alice Springs that organise the Henley on Todd which has been going for 52 years. Ray gave a very entertaining talk on the event. The event is series of "Boat" races, and Rotary runs a bar, and coordinates stalls. They have cannons that fire flour or water. There is a Viking boat with Vikings and Viqueens, and a square rigger with pirates and wenches. Competitors come from around the world. The clubs have been inducted into the International Fellowship of Yachting Rotarians (for a short time ☺) Clubs and the Henley on Todd do a lot of promotional work for the Alice Springs Tourist Commission bringing enormous benefits to tourism. Rotary exchange students participate, and a Rotary District Conference in Alice Springs had the Henley on Todd as the theme. The boats have been to Melbourne and Perth. Sponsors pay to have their name on sails. The Naval Association have assisted in the rebuilding of one of the boats.

Vote of Thanks: John Stewart presented Ray with the club memento and gave a vote of thanks for the enjoyable talk.

John Clout: showed videos of his Kidney Kar Rally in Northern NSW. His car a Subaru Outback, raised over \$14,000. Well done John.

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

Date	Monday 28th October	Monday 4 th November	Monday 11 th November
Venue	RSL Club 6.15 pm	RSL Club 6.15 pm	RSL Club 6.15 pm
Program	Membership Cocktail Evening	Melbourne Cup Night	TBA
Intro.& Hosting	Bill Roche	NA	David Carroll
Sergeant at Arms/Boxer	Michael Slinger Karen Mackney	Charlie Baker Steve Biggin	Greg Bannon Henry Hope
Furnishings & Setup	Col Dunn Richard Sleeman	Tony Crawford Richard Sleeman Clive Willis	David Dunn Milena Dunn Bruce Duffy
Int. Toast	John Rorrison	John Rorrison	John Rorrison
Guest Speaker		John Wright	
Vote of Thanks		Kerry Flinn	Rod Bowman

Sergeant at Arms: JOHN WRIGHT, AND BOXER GEOFF MACKNEY

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Tony Crawford – on the buses ☺ John Stewart – didn't learn grammar at school ☺ David Carroll – Jeep must be getting older ☺ Greg Bannan – sold the Titanic ☺ John Stewart – working hard, needed a beer or 2 ☺ Henry Hope - interesting scenery ☺ Col Curtis – off bush walking ☺ Laurie Myers – missing Rotary ☺ Col Dunn – joined a new Club. ☺ Jock Hamilton – bring fingers next week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Karen Mackney - haven't done anything ☺ Geoff Mackney – also did nothing ☺ Dick Bostock - late ☺ David Dunn - late ☺ Top table – all wearing beards ☺ David Carroll – playing golf ☺ Football followers ☺ Bob – bought chooks, the foxes got in. ☺ Lindsay Wilson- can't count ☺ Everyone with torches.
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ATTENDANCE: 83%

JOKE OF THE WEEK

The sergeant answered the phone in the police station. The voice at the other end was slow and slurred.

"I wanna report a theft offisher. I've been robbed. Shum dirty crook has shtolen things from my car."

"What kind of things?" asked the sergeant.

"My shtearing wheel, brakes, dashboard, accelerator..... the bloody lots gone."

The sergeant humoured him for a moment, and said he would investigate. "Bloody Bannon again," he said when he hung up.

Five minutes later the phone rang again.

"Cancel that report. It's alright. Yers can stop lookin," said the same voice. "My mistake. I got inter the back seat!"

Henry and Eugene were in London and down on their luck when they saw an advertisement for two footmen.

"References essential," it said. "That's okay," said Eugene, "I'll write yours and you can write one for me."

Thus they arrived on the estate and offered the duchess two glowing references.

"First things first," she said. "Formal wear here means wearing kilts, so drop your trousers while I check your knees."

The lads were a little surprised but they did so. The duchess gave the knees the nod of approval and said, "Okay, now let me see those testimonials."

After they were thrown off the property Henry said: "With a little more education we would have got that job!"