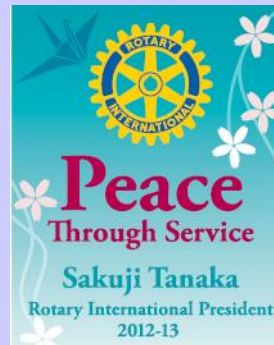


THE BIDGEE

The Bulletin of the
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**Monday, 25th February,
2013**

Welcome: President Tony Crawford welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. He welcomed Guest Speaker Milton Schirmer. **International Toast:** BRUCE DUFFY Tonight's International Toast is to The Rotary Club of Voss, Norway.

Voss is a municipality in Hordaland county, Norway. It is part of the traditional district of Voss. The administrative center of the municipality is the village of Vossevangen. Voss was established as a municipality on January 1, 1838.

According to legend, the people of Voss were forcibly converted to Christianity by king Olav, who later became St. Olav. A stone cross situated in the town of Vossevangen is said to have been erected at this time. The town contains a stone church from 1277, with a 16th century excentric, octagonal steeple. Just outside the town is Finnesloftet, a 13th century wooden guildhall believed to be the oldest profane wooden building in Northern Europe.

The town's proximity to the Sognefjord and its position between Bergen and Flåm on the scenic railway have made it popular with tourists. One of the sights on the road to Flåm is the waterfall Tvindefossen. The Club meets on Wednesdays at 6:30pm at the Fleischers Hotel. Vanasaata 29. Voss.

Reports –

- **SECRETARY - LINDSAY WILSON** – Correspondence from
 - Science and Engineering Challenge will be on Tuesday 12th March
 - Reminder of the Clean Up Australia day this weekend
- **TREASURER - STEVE BIGGIN** – subs are being taken
- **MEMBERSHIP –DAVID CARROLL** – We all need to be aware of the need to look out for new members.
- **PRESIDENT ELECT BRIAN ROY** – Attended President Elect seminars. Membership is a Rotary wide focus of attention at the moment.. There is a candidate selected for RYLA.. Brian will bring our equipment to Copland Street on Sunday for our Clean up Australia efforts
- **INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS - BRUCE DUFFY**
The Rotary Club of Penshurst in Sydney has chosen Bruces Nepal project as a beneficiary of its Pink Umbrella Foundation .There are now 4 pacific countries malaria free thanks to RAMs projects, another 17 nearly there. Polio plus, India is now polio free, still 3, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria need work. Bruce would like to see unused hospital equipment taken to Sydney to FAIM and RAWCs projects.
- **BILL ROCHE** - RYDA Wednesday 20 march
- **DES HAMILTON.JOHN WRIGHT** - Golf day report teams are arranged, need to get money now, make calls next week pls.catering is organized, need to let des Hamilton know of what teams you have please ASAP

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **KERRY FLINN** - Raffle prizes are organised, and raffle books will be distributed next week. Kerry has been approached by Karen Humphrey who would like to invite members to fundraising a black and white dinner dance at the RSL

Club,\$50 per head. At the sad news of Joe Howard passed away, looking for ways that we can assist the family. David Carroll will look into something that we can do to help the family.

- **BRIAN ROY** –Reminders to all that there will be a bus to pickup, drop off those wishing to attend the Dramatic performance in Illabo, there are 2 seats left. The Grenfell District Assembly will be 19 May, and the District conference 19-20 April in Leeton.

Guest Speaker: –MILTON SCHIRMER FROM BIG W – INTRODUCED BY KERRY FLINN

Milton Schirmer was our guest speaking of his connection from Lockhart, and French Park. His family had the 1st automated chicken sheds on their poultry farm. He moved to Cootamundra and after marriage he and his wife moved to Canberra joined BIG W in 1985. He was sad that having to work weekends, he had to give up playing football. He was first appointed as manager of a Big W store at Menai in 1994. He left the company for a short time, but returned to manage the new Wagga stores in 1997. He is longest serving Big W store manager. He began working with the charity concert It Takes 2 singing last year. The Concert raised over \$16,000. It raised money for Riverina Cancer Care Trust, a local charity. He did this after a personal experience with cancer in his family. He is a very keen supporter of local football, and looks forward to future club management of the Tigers.

Date	Monday 4 March	Monday 11 th March	Monday 18 th March
Venue	RSL Club – 6.15 pm	RSL Club – 6.15 pm	RSL Club – 6.15 pm
Program	Peace Prize presentation/ Daily Advertiser	TBA	TBA
Intro.& Hosting	Kerry Flinn	Bill Roche	Des Hamilton
Sergeant at Arms/Boxer	John Wright Clive Willis	Mick Lucke Geoff Mackney	Henry Hope David Dunn
Furnishings & Setup	Col Dunn Richard Sleeman David Carroll	Lindsay Wilson Rod Bowman Col Dunn	Brian Roy Bll Roche Des Hamilton
Int. Toast	John Rorrison	John Rorrison	John Rorrison
Guest Speaker	Paul McLoughlin	TBA	TBA
Vote of Thanks	Brian Roy	Laurie Myers	Eugene Moloney

Sergeant at Arms – BRUCE DUFFY WITH BOXER, DAVID CARROLL

☺ Kerry Flinn – need to sell churches	☺ Karen Mackney – not knowing if shopping in Woolies or BigW
☺ Tony Crawford – tree lopping	☺ Bruce Duffy – not at the peace day
☺ Tony Crawford – Getting good value from the flowers	☺ John Wright – Sledging the President.
☺ Joy Reid – no tablecloths	
☺ Richard Sleeman – beer too warm, beer too cold	

Heads and tails: John Wright

Attendance: 60.3%

Joke of the week

*A man arrives at the gates of heaven, where St. Peter greets him and says:
"Before I can let you enter I must ask you what you have done in your life that was particularly good."*

The man racks his brains for a few minutes and then admits to St Peter that he hasn't done anything particularly good in his life.

"Well," says St Peter, "have you done anything particularly brave in your life?"

"Yes, I have," replies the man proudly.

St Peter asks the man to give an account of his bravery.

So the man explains, "I was refereeing this important match between Liverpool and Manchester United at Anfield. The score was 0-0 and there was only one more minute of play to go in the second half when I awarded a penalty against Liverpool at the Kop end."

"Yes," responded St Peter, "I agree that was a real act of bravery. Can you perhaps tell me when this took place?"