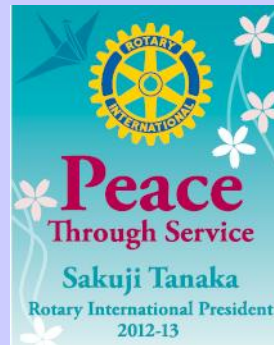


THE BIDGEE

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Welcome: PRESIDENT TONY CRAWFORD – welcomes Guest Speaker Donna Cavanagh for CanAssist, and Rotary guest Rudy Law from Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East and guests Jacqueline Law, Mark Hodge, Jim Biggs, Barbara Jenkins, Owen Smith, Jonathon Scott, Andrea Scott, Max McLoughlin, Jill McLoughlin, Jean Carroll, Penny Crawford, Jenni Duffy, Christine Hope, Julie Lucke, Margaret Post, Lynne Stewart, Jenny Willis, Lee Wilson, Ros Hamilton, Gretchen Sleeman and Bernadette Wilson.

International Toast: CLIVE WLLIS - Tonight's International Toast is to **The Rotary Club of Addis Ababa.**

Addis Ababa is the capitol of Ethiopia in north Africa, and is the largest city with a population of about 4,000,000. Being the headquarters of The African union and of political and historical significance and a thriving university Addis Ababa is known as the political capitol of Africa. The country surrounding Addis Ababa consists of people from 80 different nationalities speaking 80 languages. Ethiopia has been called the original home of mankind with DNA research showing our genetic diversity declined steadily as our ancestors moved further away from Ethiopia. The Addis Ababa Central Rotary Club was formed in 2008 and has 19 members meeting at the Harmony Hotel 6.30 pm on Thursdays. The president is Ibrahim Mama and the secretary is Bezawit Eshatu.

Reports:

- **Laurie Myers** - Eisteddfod went well. Laurie thanked volunteers who helped at this as well as volunteers for the Kurrajong Race Day. The final Bowell Scan roster organised, and has been emailed.
- **PRESIDENT TONY CRAWFORD** – Board Members please finalise your Reports for Printing in the changeover booklet.

General Business:

- Jonathan Scott from Grain Flow presented the club with a very significant donation for Circus Quirkus. The Parent company, Cargill is a significant benefactor and looks after it's communities. Jonathan donates the produce from his land to charities. Cargills also contributed to the donation. Cargills will support the carers and kids of West Wyalong to come to Circus Quirkus and other causes. They have presented a substantial cheque to us this year. Cargills is a private company with no shareholders so they donate 2 percent of profits to countries that they work in. Nutrition and Health Care, Education and environmental stewardship in local communities are some of their causes. They have built a school in China for the children of the workers.

GUEST SPEAKER – ROD BOWMAN INTRODUCED DONNA CAVANAGH OUR GUEST SPEAKER FOR CANASSIST.

Donna has been in Wagga since January. She is the President of Can Assist in Wagga. It stated 57 years ago in Sydney. Can Assist was established in 1955 by Mrs Mona Ham, a trained nurse who recognised the lack of support services specifically designed to assist rural cancer patients and their families. Mona worked tirelessly and in 1961 the Jean Colvin Hospital opened, later to be known as the Jean Colvin Cancer Centre. Today Can Assist continues to provide accommodation to country families with cancer through the Sydney Accommodation Service and Lillier Lodge in Wagga Wagga. There are 49 branches and over 2000 volunteers. The first branch was Forbes in 1958. The Wagga branch formed in 1979. Country people are 35 percent more likely to die than city patients but higher if you live over 100ks away from treatment. Farmers do not have the time to take the treatment, and often give up hope and treatment. The vision of Can Assist is equity of access to all. Can Assist helps with transport costs, accommodation, and bills and will prioritise according to needs. Mona originally had 2 staff, now has 5 paid staff. The rest are volunteers. Only get 8 percent of funding from the government. The next project is a palliative care and hospice facility for Wagga.

Vote of Thanks: Bill Roche thanked Donna for her informative and passionate talk and presented her with the club gift. President Tony presented Donna with a Donation from the Club for Can Assist.

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

Date	Monday 3 rd June	Monday 10 th June	Monday 17 th June
Venue	RSL Club 6.15pm	No Meeting Public Holiday	RSL Club 6.15pm
Program	Harness Racing		tba
Intro.& Hosting	Des Hamilton		Harry Wilson
Sergeant at Arms/Boxer	Brian Roy John Wright		Jock Hamilton Charlie Baker
Furnishings & Setup	Richard Sleeman David Dunn Col Dunn		Karen Mackney Geoff Mackney Clive Willis
Int. Toast	John Rorrison		John Rorrison
Guest Speaker	Graham White		tba
Vote of Thanks	Kerry Flinn		Bill Roche

Sergeant at Arms: BRUCE DUFFY, AND BOXER BILL ROCHE.

A gold coin donation was levied to any seated at all tables. Bruce entertained us with a fine selection of jokes. This dinner meeting was dedicated to our Biggest Morning Tea, and Lee Wilson and the ladies coordinated the wonderful Winter Warmer Hamper and Raffle prizes for which each member generously donated an item/s. A number of prizes were available and winners of the major hamper prizes were: 1st prize Ros Hamilton, 2nd prize Laurie Myers, 3rd prize Margaret Hodge, 4th prize Lynne Stewart, 5th prize Charlie Baker. Proceeds went to the Cancer Council.

Attendance 86 %

Bruce's Joke of the Week

An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%.

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

To which the gentleman said, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've already changed my will three times!"

Joke of the Week

When Charlie, who had been an elevator repairman in life arrived at the pearly gates, Saint Peter looked on the master list and when he failed to find Charlie listed said he must go to the place below.

Upon arriving in Hell, Charlie felt immediately that something was wrong. He protested to the Devil that it was too hot and didn't smell that good besides. The Devil laughed, "It's Hell."

Charlie told the Devil that he had been a pretty good engineer in life and that he would see what he could do about the situation. Before long he had the air conditioning working and it was a comfortable 73 degrees. He also got the plumbing in good working order and things were quite a bit nicer all around.

Saint Peter called the Devil and said, "Hey, that Charlie belongs up here. He's a saint, and we need him." "No way, said the Devil, he's too useful down here." Saint Peter replied, "If you don't send him up here, we'll sue." "Ha," Said the Devil, "Where are you going to get a lawyer?"