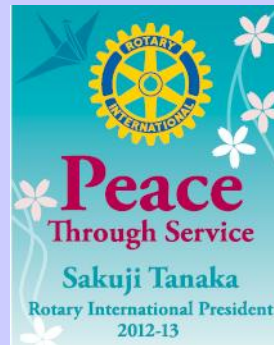


# THE BIDGE

The Bulletin of the  
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**Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

**President's Welcome:** President Tony Crawford welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting, including guest David Benn; and our Guest Speaker Katrina Brown.

**International Toast:** JOHN RORRISON Tonight's International Toast is to The Rotary Club of Abbottabad, Pakistan.

*Abbottabad is a city located in the hazara region of the Khyber Pakhtukhwa province in Pakistan. The city is 50 km north east 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 120,000.*

*The Abbottabad Rotary Club was formed in 1983, has 14 members and meets on Mondays at 9 pm. The president is Mohammad Rafique Ahmad and the secretary is Azmarai F Khan.*

## Reports

- **SECRETARY LINDSAY WILSON** – Correspondence: Invitation to Care Flight Medical Centre Tuesday Nov 20<sup>th</sup>; Email from Milena regarding chairs for elderly in the hospital preadmission clinics; Hospital at home -next board meeting; Irene Gleason Children in Uganda; Email from Graham Callander promoting the Next Rotary Polio Plus movie night for The Life of Pi. See brochure the brochure; Rotary Adventure In Citizenship; RAWCS Rover; Wagga Wagga Rotary Sporting Challenge; The Melbourne Cup Trifecta tickets are available so please offer them for sale.
- **TREASURER STEVE BIGGIN** – Subs are due again.
- **PRESIDENT ELECT BRIAN ROY** – Issuing an invitation to members who may like to take on Board positions for 2014. Suggestion that it would be fine to have two people in a portfolio; Melbourne cup sweep and Calcutta next Monday; Golf day is coming up as well as Friday in the week of golf
- **PAST PRESIDENT MICK LUCKE** - Went on an Angel flight plane trip taking children to treatments were grateful for our donations - Time is donated by pilots need support for the aircraft, maintenance and fuel.
- **PRESIDENT TONY CRAWFORD** – Harry Nixon invited members to The Wagga Wagga Rotary Clubs' Sporting Challenge on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at the Country Club Plumpton Road, at 6.00pm for 6.30pm RSVP 5<sup>TH</sup> November KenPost 0418 693 648 ; Harry Nixon 0408 694 122
- Tony is attending Presidents forum this Sunday
- Club elections are next month

**GUEST SPEAKER –** MICHAEL SLINGER INTRODUCED KATRINA BROWN FROM HEART KIDS

Katrina became involved with Heart Kids after returning to live in Wagga in recent years. Katrina's son was born with heart disease which was diagnosed during prenatal screening. The family moved to Melbourne and Katrina was monitored there, and her son's birth there ensured his quick transfer to The Melbourne Childrens' Hospital for treatment. He has had major surgery after his birth, at 3 months of age, and will have more when he is 3-4 years old. When they visited the hospital at Christmas they were touched by the Christmas gifts that they were presented with by Heart Kids. Continued over page -

Heart Kids also assist families with travel and accommodation needs. The Melbourne Children's hospital treat over 3000 children with heart disorders per year. Heart disorders affect more than 1 child in 100. Around 20 % of cases are genetic in origin, the other 80 % are of unknown cause. Heart conditions account for more than twice the deaths of childhood cancers.

Katrina is Heart Kids Riverina representative for NSW. The organisation is dedicated to children's heart disease, and is not government funded. They offer support to other parents of children with heart disorders. There are a lot of local families, with 20 to 25 families in Wagga Wagga. Heart Kids has spent over \$1.3 million on research into prevention and treatment of genetic causes, and into early detection by screening. Thanks to research and technology it is getting better to diagnose and treat, and children can now live longer and better lives. Heart Kids aims to inform people through fundraising events. Katrina's husband is coordinating the Tour de Ticker. A cycle ride of over 670km in 5 days. There are 15 local riders who have sponsorship of over \$30,000.

**Vote of Thanks** - KERRY FLINN PRESENTED KATRINA WITH THE CLUB GIFT.

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

Date	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November
Venue	RSL Club 6.15pm	RSL Club 6.15pm	RSL Club 6.15pm
Program	Melbourne Cup	tba	Mark Hillis
Intro.& Hosting	John Wright	Laurie Myers	Kerry Flinn
Sergeant at Arms/Boxer	David Dunn Rod Bowman	Mick Lucke Harry Wilson	Jock Hamilton Henry Hope
Furnishings & Setup	Chris Riche Col Dunn Richard Sleeman	Karen Mackney Joy Reid Milena Dunn	David Carroll Harry Wilson Charlie Baker
Int. Toast	John Rorrison	John Rorrison	John Rorrison
Guest Speaker			
Vote of Thanks		Brian Roy	

**Sergeant at arms** –DAVID CARROLL AND BOXER CHARLIE BAKER

☺ Lindsay Wilson – disturbing traffic with his loud vehicle	☺ Bill Roche – swearing to John Rorrison
☺ John Stewart – lost a golf ball	☺ John Stewart – organising Charlie
☺ Bill Riche – something else	☺ Col Curtis – backing up
☺ Joy Reid – fell over at work	☺ David Carroll - phone went off
☺ David Benn - left card on bar	☺ Henry Hope – Zane Grey fisherman
☺ John Wright- arguing with the boxer	☺ Des Hamilton – arguing with boxer

Wine Draw - David Benn

Attendance: 60%

### *Jokes of the Week*

#### *Joke of the Week 1*

*This one was heard while flying in Holland,  
tower is talking to a female helicopter pilot..*

*"What's your altitude?"*

*"1000 feet"*

*"What's your heading?"*

*"175"*

*"What's your speed?"*

*"150 knots"*

*"What's your bra size?"*

*"36B.....AAHHHHH SHHHIITTTTT"*

#### *Joke of the Week 2*

