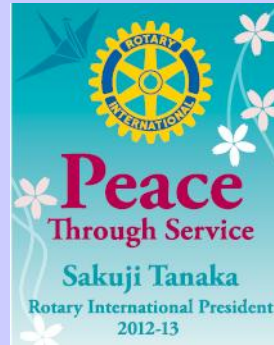


THE BIDGEE

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Welcome: PAST PRESIDENT JOCK HAMILTON -Welcomed all and guests John Clout from Kidney Kar Rally and John Stewarts guest Wes Fang.

International Toast: JOHN RORRISON - Tonight's International Toast is to The Rotary Club of Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA.

Cambridge is a city in Middlesex county Massachusetts, situated directly north of Boston across the Charles river. It was named in honor of the University of Cambridge England. Cambridge is home to two of the worlds most prominent Universities in the world, Harvard University and The Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the City has a population of 160,000 .

In 1636 Harvard College was founded by the colony to train ministers. The first President and first Benefactor (John Harvard) and first schoolmaster of Harvard were all Cambridge Alumni as was the First Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony (John Winthrop). In the middle of the 19th century there was a literary revolution and Cambridge was home to Henry Wordsworth Longfellow, James Russell Lowell and Oliver Wendell Holmes who were as popular as Rock stars are today.

The Cambridge Rotary Club was founded in 1922, has 56 members and meets at 12.30 on Thursdays upstairs on the square at 91Winthrop street. The President is Randolph C Lindel and the secretary is Louise Olsen.

Reports:

- **BRUCE DUFFY** - Back from Nepal where he worked on construction of a school and a women's clinic. The building project was very successful, and buildings are almost complete.
- **LAURIE MYERS** - Grainflow from West Wyalong expressed interest in sponsoring Circus Quirkus, and requested information for their meeting, Laurie prepared a presentation for them, there could be a substantial donation.
Caloola Court working bee will be at 9:30 next Sunday 5th with a BBQ lunch. With a Rotunda to dismantle and relocate. The project will need 8 people, Laurie has a trailer and ladders and helpers can bring own tools to relocate it, Volunteers: Col Dunn, Dave Carroll Jock Hamilton, Bill Roche, Des Hamilton, Clive Willis, John Stewart, Laurie Myers, Richard Sleeman. Meet in the car park.
- **BILL ROCHE** - has a text from Greg Bannon, the Koorngal Rotary fishing trip to Talbingo is on 17-19 May. See Bill if you are interested. There will be a Relay for life meeting on Friday. Bill will attend.
- **COL DUNN** - Bowell Scan project is progressing. There is a need for helpers to take more kits to chemists ready for sale after 1 May. Pick ups also need to be made, there will be a spreadsheet detailing these. Geoff and Charlie to assist.

General Business:

- **PRESIDENT TONY CRAWFORD** -The model aero club day was a great success.
- **BILL ROCHE** - Regarding the Club fee structure it has been declared that after July 1st members can choose to pay dues quarterly or can pay meals plus 10 percent each attendance plus quarterly Rotary fees, new members can start with this now.
- **KERRY FLINN** -The Chris Blake Country Hope BBQ tomorrow will need 2 people to cook, on Tumbarumba Rd. Henry Hope and Richard Sleeman will assist. Kerry is also organizing Rotary signs for bbqs and is looking into business cards.
- **JOHN WRIGHT** - Has been asked if we are interested in building a park for adults with disabilities. There is land near Willans Hill school, to be fenced with keypad entry.

GUEST SPEAKER – LAURIE MYERS INTRODUCED JOHN CLOUT OUR GUEST SPEAKER FOR KIDNEY HEALTH.

John is involved with Kidney Health. He was originally from Tumut, John works at Riverina TAFE. He visited his GP and a blood test indicated that his kidneys were failing. He had to have dialysis just before he was given his kidney transplant in 2009, his donor was his wife. She was a one in six match to John. It normally takes 12 weeks to get fit again and go home after a transplant, but John was home in 10 weeks. In 2010 he was invited to go in a kidney car rally. In 2011 he decided to put his own car in the Rally. SWWRC donated to sponsor his car. He asked us to imagine our life so far, then imagine if every week we spent 3 days a week on dialysis, and only 4 days doing what we need to do. Then imagine if we were child in that condition.

The last Rally went from Mandura WA to Bendigo via Kalgoorlie, and the funds go to kids with kidney problems. Rally's are fun, there are over 60 cars in the rally. It takes \$4,500 to go in the off road rally, on road cars cost \$2500. Sleeping most of the time in swags, otherwise participants pay for their own accommodation, meals covered by the entry fee. Ladies go too but have time to go shopping. Timed event, average speeds, go by the clock. There are 3-4 kids in Wagga on the donor program. John would like another sponsorship from the club, but was so grateful for our last sponsorship, he presented the club with a wonderful thank you gift and left us with very important brochures and information about kidney health and indicators of kidney disorders.

Vote of Thanks: Karen Mackney thanked John for his informative and engaging talk and presented John with the club gift.

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

Date	Monday 6 th May	Monday 13 th May	Monday 20 th May
Venue	RSL Club 6.15pm	RSL Club 6.15pm	RSL Club 6.15pm
Program	RYLA – Ladies Night	tba	tba
Intro.& Hosting	Laurie Myers	tba	tba
Sergeant at Arms/Boxer	Kerry Flinn David Carroll	John Wright Harry Wilson	Brian Roy Bill Roche
Furnishings & Setup	Henry Hope Clive Willis Jock Hamilton	David Dunn Col Dunn Des Hamilton	Geoff Mackney Karen Mackney Joy Reid
Int. Toast	John Rorrison	John Rorrison	John Rorrison
Guest Speaker	RYLA Candidate Madison Smith	tba	tba
Vote of Thanks	Michael Slinger	tba	tba

Sergeant at Arms: GEOFF MACKNEY, AND BOXER CHARLIE BAKER.

☺ Laurie Myers – new car had to drive it – to the coast	☺ Ken Post – tipping his bear out
☺ Charlie Baker – put his name down for roster, then took it off	☺ Karen Mackney – left the ipad behind
☺ Tony Crawford – Wake in the meeting room -he joined in	☺ David Dunn – domestic at the BBQ
☺ Jock Hamilton – old shearing mate shouted ice creams	☺ John Rorrison – no one would tell a tale
☺ Those that marched on Anzac day	☺ The table talking the most
☺ David Carroll – all his mates behave themselves	☺ John Stewart – pulled a muscle refereeing
☺ John Wright – skid marks on from lawn	☺ Clive Willis – not getting phone numbers
☺ All football supports of all codes	☺ Harry Wilson - talking

Heads and Tales: John Stewart.

Attendance 94%

Joke of the Week 1

Peace building

An Englishman and a Scotsman, both driving too fast in opposite directions at night on a narrow, twisting road, collide at a sharp bend.

To their amazement, they are unscathed, though both cars are total wrecks. In celebration of their luck, they agree to put aside their nationalistic antipathy for each other.

At this point, the Scotsman goes to the boot of his car and fetches a 12-year-old bottle of sherry. He hands the bottle to the Englishman, who exclaims, "May the Scots and the English live together in peace and harmony forever!"

The Englishman then tips the bottle and gulps half of the bottle down. Still flabbergasted over the whole thing, he hands the bottle to the Scotsman, who waves it away saying, "No thanks, I'll just wait until the police get here."

Joke of the Week 2

Doctor knows best

A woman went to the doctor's office and was seen by one of the new doctors.

After only four minutes in the examination room she burst out screaming as she ran down the hall.

An older doctor stopped her and asked what the problem was and when she explained he sat her down in another room to relax.

The older doctor marched back into the first doctor and demanded an explanation.

"What's the matter with you? Mrs Terry is 63 years old, she has four grown children and seven grandchildren and you told her she was pregnant?"

The new doctor smiled smugly as he continued to write on his clipboard. "Cured her of hiccups, though, didn't I?"