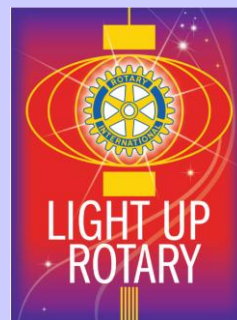


THE BIDGEE

The Bulletin of the
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Welcome: PRESIDENT LAURIE MYERS - welcomed members, and guest speakers Amanda and John Norman.

International Toast: ALISTAIR DRUMMOND - Tonight's International Toast to the Rotary Club of Le Mans, France.

Le Mans is a city in France located on the Sarthe River and is capital of the Sarthe Department. It has been host to the famous Le Mans sports car race since 1923 and has a population of 294,000 in the metropolitan area. Le Mans has a well preserved Old Town where the old cobbled streets and half timbered house fronts provided the settings for Gerard Gepardieu's role in Cyrano de Bergerac. There are remnants of an old Roman wall in the old town, and Roman Baths by the river. The famous 24 hour race is the worlds oldest active Endurance race for sports cars, and is commonly known as the Grand Prix of Endurance and Efficiency. Race teams have to balance speed against the cars ability to run for 24 hours without sustaining mechanical damage to the car, while managing the cars consumables like fuel, tyres and brakes. The race begins in mid afternoon, racing through the night and the following morning covering over 5,000 kilometres. The Le Mans Rotary Club, was formed in 1932 has 57 members, meets at 7:00pm at the Hotel Concorde. The President is Donald Dupuy and the Secretary is Vincent Tremenbert.

Reports:

- **PRESIDENT LAURIE MYERS** – Special thanks to John Wright for the great job as MC at the changeover dinner, and congratulated Kerry Flinn for his Paul Harris Fellow award.
- **LINDSAY WILSON** Secretary –Correspondence from Angel Flight in appreciation, Cheques from BowelScan, Chamber White, Appreciation from Kurrajong Waratah, RSL Confirming approval for funds to charity, Wagga Wagga City Council information regarding next Clean Up Australia Day in August, Ronald McDonald House Tony Aichinger has guaranteed continued and increased sponsorship for future Charity Golf Days (thanks to Kerry Flinn) Tony is organising Ride for Kids to Westmead in August, details next meeting.
- **STEVE BIGGIN** - is planning to take Subs soon for the next Quarter.
- **PRESIDENT LAURIE MYERS** – Presented club service award to Michael Slinger from PP Brian Roy for his work on the Board.
- **SERVICE DAVID CARROLL** – Saturday 12 July will be holding a gardening working bee at Lilliah Lodge in preparation for other works. Volunteers and details next meeting.
- **SOCIAL JOCK HAMILTON** – wants all to think of suggestions for social activities such as Theatre trips, Fishing Tris June Rotary changeover is coming up as well.

General Business:

- **EUGENE MOLONEY** – Eugene is District Coordinator of Interplast. Eugene reported on the work of Interplast. This Rotary project team works with the Australian College of Surgeons. Interplast sends teams of our surgeons to countries in the South Pacific Islands and Asia. The teams have performed hundreds of life changing operations and trains doctors in the Pacific Islands including Fiji and Vanuatu, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Vietnam, Sri Lanka and Mongolia. Eugene thanks the club for the donation to Interplast supporting these projects.
- **LINDSAY WILSON** - The Mike McLelland Concert in the Civic Theatre on Friday 11 July at 8:00pm see Lindsay for details.
- **JOCK HAMILTON** – An email from the Kokoda Network thanking us for our support of their program

Guest Speakers: EUGENE MOLONEY INTRODUCED AMANDA NORMAN.

Amanda has had Multiple Sclerosis (MS) for many years. Not long after she married John she was diagnosed with MS. Despite this they have chosen to have their 2 children, both worked, and participate in everyday activities as much as possible. Amanda had to begin treatments to delay the inevitable progress of the disease. Other treatments were started, and the side effects of fatigue, and weakness took over. She lost the sight of one eye. Another treatment was required which restored her sight. She has suffered from depression, but the loss of a family member made her reassess her life, as look at her condition as an opportunity. She still suffers from pain and fatigue. Australian Stem Cell Research is being investigated as a possible cure. The criteria is very strict, and Amanda unfortunately does not meet it. Amanda plans to travel to join a Russian stem cell therapy program where her stem cells will be completely removed and replaced, and her immune system will be suspended. There are great risks to this and she will be isolated from infection risks.

JOCK HAMILTON thanked Amanda and wished her well with her treatments.

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

Date	Monday 7 th July		Monday 14 th July	Monday 21 st July
Venue	RSL Club 6:15 pm		RSL Club 6:15 pm	RSL Club 6:15 pm
Program	Farm Chemistry		TBA	TBA
Intro.& Hosting	Henry Hope		John Wright	Steve Biggin
Sergeant at Arms/Boxer	Harry Wilson Charlie Baker		Clive Willis David Carroll	Bill Riche Kerry Flinn
Furnishings	Geoff Mackney Mick Lucke		Des Hamilton Bruce Duffy	Karen Mackney Lindsay Wilson
Int. Toast	Col Curtis		Jock Hamilton	Brian Roy
Guest Speaker	Dr Jeffrey Weidenheimer		TBA	TBA
Vote of Thanks	Michael Slinger		John Stewart	Rod Bowman

Sergeant at Arms: JOHN WRIGHT AND BOXER MICK LUCKE

☺ John Stewart - Brumbies lost	☺ Lindsay Wilson - no heads and tales at changeover
☺ All Collingwood supporters	☺ David Carroll - wearing gum boots at golf
☺ David Carroll - Jean had another name on her card	☺ Michael Slinger - his football team got beat
☺ Geoff Mackney - in the paper without dinner badge	☺ Clive Willis - welcome back
☺ Kerry Flinn - wife in the paper as the assistant DG	☺ Clive Willis - bought a Bobcat
☺ Laurie Myers - in a hurry to get to the meeting	☺ Henry Hope- gave up boat building
☺ Charlie Baker - has to walk 9 holes	

ATTENDANCE: 100 Percent

HEADS AND TALES: Eugene Moloney

Joke of the week

In a convent in Ireland , the 98 year old Mother Superior lay dying. The nuns gathered around her bed trying to make her last journey comfortable. They tried giving her warm milk to drink but she refused it. One of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen. Then, remembering a bottle of Irish Whiskey that had been received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened it and poured a generous amount into the warm milk.

Back at Mother Superior's bed, they held the glass to her lips.

The frail nun drank a little, then a little more and before they knew it, she had finished the whole glass down to the last drop.

As her eyes brightened, the nuns thought it would be a good opportunity to have one last talk with their spiritual leader..."Mother," the nuns asked earnestly, "Please give us some of your wisdom before you leave us. "She raised herself up in bed on one elbow, looked at them and said: ""DON'T SELL THAT COW."