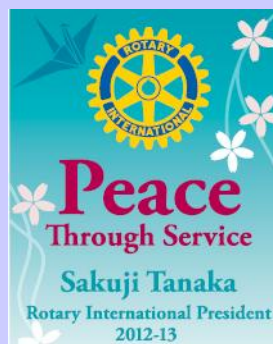


THE BIDGEE

The Bulletin of the
Rotary Club of South Wagga Wagga (Inc)
District 9700 - NSW, Australia

President: Tony Crawford
Secretary: Lindsay Wilson

District Governor: Greg Brown
Rotary International President: Sakuji Tanaka



Web Site: <http://rotarnet.com.au/users/9/97029/index.htm>
email: southwaggarotary@bigpond.com
Address: PO Box 2149, Wagga Wagga 2650

Bulletin # 380

Monday, 4th February 2013

President's Welcome: President Tony Crawford welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. Welcome back Ken Post it is a great pleasure to have you back. Welcome to Guests from Pillars of Strength, the brothers Joe and Ben Howard, and Jarrod Maher. Welcome also to special guests, John Stewart's guests Greg Fawn, Kamahl Leonard and Milena Dunn's guest Aragon Hepple.

International Toast: JOHN RORRISON Tonight's International Toast is to The Rotary Club of Reykjavik, Iceland.

Reykjavik is the world's most northernmost capital of a sovereign state, and is the largest city in Iceland. It is located in south western Iceland on the southern shore of Faxaflói Bay. With a population of around 120,000 it is the city of heart of Iceland's economic and government activity. Reykjavik is believed to be the location of first settlement in Iceland, which Ingolfur Arnarson is said to have established around the year 870. Until the 18th century there was little urban development in the city. The city developed into an official trading town in 1786 and it grew steadily over the next few decades. It transformed into a regional and later national centre of commerce, population and government activities. The Rotary Club of Reykjavik was founded in 1935 and has 122 members, meets on Wednesdays at the Hotel Saga. The President is Gudfinna Bjarnalíð and the secretary is Magnus Gottfirdson.

Reports

- **SECRETARY LINDSAY WILSON** – received correspondence from a charity collection of pre loved tools for Africa which is due in a month's time. Please leave any donations at Koorringal High School; An offer from a support group for Macular degeneration eye disorder; Support group for young adults with family members suffering from with mental health problems; Canberra Adventures in Citizenship Award for young people.
- **LAURIE MYERS** – Reports that video projector and marquee have been acquired, and invites members to meet with him to design a BBQ trailer.
- **RICHARD SLEEMAN** – The old club camera and marquee are for sale. See Richard.
- **CLIVE WILLIS** - The Peace Day award nominee has been selected. This year will be convened by Wollundry Rotary at the Gardens on 17th February assemble at 10.00am.
- **BRUCE DUFFY** – There is a RAWKS meeting 16th and 17th this month, Bruce will volunteer for another 2 projects in Nepal and hoping the club will sponsor the project. The next trip to Nepal will perhaps be 4th April. Bruce has applied for RAWKS grants for each project.
- **JOHN STEWART** -The next meeting will be a ladies night. The guest speaker will be Andrew Hamilton who has been raising money for The Royal Flying Doctor Service. The guest speaker on 4th March will be Paul McLaughlin from the Daily Advertiser.
- **DES HAMILTON** - The golf day has been rescheduled until 22 March. Sponsor invitations are ready to use, and all are encouraged to start inviting teams and sponsors to participate. Thank you to Rachel McNally for the work on the invitations.
- **PRESIDENT ELECT BRIAN ROY** - Sadly received a letter of resignation from Chris Roche. Will be needing a coordinator for Circus Qircus. Brian expressed his regards for Chris and thanks for his hard work.
- The Illabo Melodrama Show will be held on the 15 and 16 th March, a bus will be running. Tickets cost \$40 with byo drinks. The bus will cost \$13. It will be a fantastic social night for all.
- **BILL ROCHE** - RYDA is on 18-22march, all Wagga clubs will contribute or run a BBQ. Calling for volunteers

➤ **Guest Speaker – Brian Roy introduced Guest Speaker Joe Howard**

Joe's brother Ben Howard's son Hamish was born in 2004 in need of urgent medical assistance. Hamish was taken to Sydney for surgery, and had 12 open heart surgery operations. Sadly he did not survive. Jarrod Maher his mate had a son born in 2010, he was flown to Sydney also for surgery. His loss highlighted the lack of support for fathers when an infant passes away, so Pillars of Strength was founded in Sydney. Around 44,000 babies each year need intensive care, and over 1000 are mortalities. Pillars of Strength are now available to support fathers, providing promotional information in wards. They provide tickets to sports events to help fathers in difficult times. Dads played at the SCG. Some dads do not talk about their experiences until they get to these events for time out and support. They have organized a golf day to raise funds for these efforts. Black Dog Institute and Beyond Blue are to be considered as partners in this support. Fathers can lose confidence and suffer from depression. They do provide in hospital support, counselling, and assist with the costs of accommodation and parking. There are further details in a You Tube news bulletin <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BLKlhBpzTU>.

Vote of Thanks – Rod Bowman thanked Joe and presented him with the club gift.

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

Date	Monday 11 th February	Monday 18 th February	Monday 25 February
Venue	RSL Club 6.15pm	RSL Club 6.15pm	RSL Club 6.15pm
Program	Outback Air Race	tba	tba
Intro.& Hosting	Des Hamilton	Kerry Flinn	
Sergeant at Arms/Boxer	John Wright Henry Hope	Michael Slinger David Carroll	Brian Roy Laurie Myers
Furnishings & Setup	Laurie Myers Kerry Flinn Clive Willis	Mick Lucke Charlie Baker Harry Wilson	Milena Dunn Karen Mackney Joy Reid
Int. Toast	John Rorrison	John Rorrison	John Rorrison
Guest Speaker	Andrew Hamilton	tba	tba
Vote of Thanks	Bill Roche	tba	tba

Sergeant at arms – Bill Roche and Boxer Des Hamilton

☺ Brian Roy – picking on the sergeant	☺ Ken Post – Hearing aid working
☺ John Rorrison – picking on the sergeant	☺ Eugene Moloney – accident prone again
☺ Milena - complaining	☺ Kerry Flinn – has a gardening problem
☺ Joy Reid – late from work	☺ All those with Italian ancestry
☺ Des, Hamilton – calling Rachel Rebecca	☺ Brian Roy – Grandad again
☺ Ben and Jarrod – coming from Wantabadgery	☺ Laurie Myers - new grandson
☺ Tony Crawford – ringing on Sunday night	☺ Bruce Duffy – new Grand daughter
☺ Bill Roche – playing football	☺ Charlie Baker – found a ladder
☺ Karen Mackney – using the old bulletin	☺ David Carroll – noise complaint

Attendance: 93%

Joke of the Week

An elderly couple, Margaret and Bert, moved to Texas. Bert always wanted a pair of authentic cowboy boots, so seeing some on sale, he bought them and wore them home. Walking proudly, he sauntered into the kitchen and said to his wife, 'Notice anything different about me?' Margaret looked him over. 'Nope.'

Frustrated, Bert stormed off into the bathroom, undressed and walked back into the kitchen completely naked except for the boots. Again he asked Margaret, a little louder this time,

'Notice anything different NOW?' Margaret looked up and exclaimed, 'Bert, what's different? It's hanging down today, it was hanging down yesterday, it'll be hanging down again tomorrow!'

Furious, Bert yelled, 'AND DO YOU KNOW WHY IT'S HANGING DOWN, MARGARET?' 'Nope', she replied. 'IT'S HANGING DOWN, BECAUSE IT'S LOOKING AT MY NEW BOOTS!!!!'

Without changing her expression, Margaret replied, 'Shoulda bought a hat, Bert. Shoulda bought a hat.'