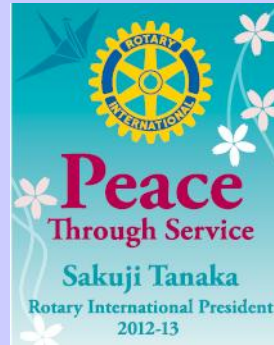


THE BIDGEE

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Welcome: PRESIDENT TONY CRAWFORD - welcomes Guest Speaker Madison Smith our RYLA candidate, Ros Hamilton, Lee Wilson, Chris Hope, and Col Dunn's visitors Donna Cavanagh and Owen Smith from Can Assist, Visiting Rotarians, Wal Paton and Jenny Fife from Murrumbidgee Rotary Club.
Apologies: Nancy Dunn

International Toast: JOHN RORRISON - Tonight's International Toast is to **The Rotary Club of Luxembourg.**

Luxembourg is officially the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. It is a land locked country in Western Europe. It is bordered by Belgium, France and Germany and has a population of 525,000 people. As a Representative Democracy with a constitutional Monarch, it is headed by the world's only Grand Duke, and is the world's only remaining Grand Duchy. Luxembourg is a developed country with an advanced economy and the world's highest Gross Domestic Product per capita according to the World Bank. Reflecting its' geographic position, Luxembourg's culture is a fusion of Romance and Germanic Europe. Luxembourg is a trilingual country with Luxembourgish, French and German the official languages. Although a secular state Luxembourg is mainly Roman Catholic.

The Rotary Club of Luxemburg was formed in 1929, has 103 members and meets at 12.15 at the Cercle Munster. The President is Vic Fischback and the Secretary is Bim Biwer.

Reports:

- **LINDSAY WILSON**- Correspondence from Wagga Wagga Tidy Towns committee, an Invitation to the autumn street and garden meeting. PDG Neil Fogarty thanking all for work with the GSE Team, Email from Shelter Box Salvation Army seeking support for a child with kidney disorder.
- **LAURIE MYERS** - The Caloola Court relocation of the Rotunda went well, there were lots of good ideas. Project was done well and volunteers worked hard, but had a great time doing it.
- **ROD BOWMAN** - Arranged for the Daily Advertiser for an Interview at O'Reilly's Chemist for Bowel Health month.
- **COL DUNN** - Bowell scan project is progressing. Col has booked the Marketplace for 2 days per week last 3 weeks of May 16,17; 23,24; and 30,31 May. The Helpers for Next week 16th, and 17th are Geoff Mackney 10-12pm, Charlie Baker 12-2pm, and Kerry Flinn from 2-4pm. Helpers for 23,24 and 30,31 May will be arranged at the next meeting.
- **DONNA CAVANNAGH** - The new president, and Owen Smith secretary of Can Assist. Can Assist has been providing welfare services in Wagga for years. They provide transport, accommodation, chemist's bills, also campaigning to get prostate biopsies in Wagga. The Can Assist BBQ trailer is kept behind Lillian lodge, and there is a need there for a path for wheelchairs etc.
- **KERRY FLINN** - thanked Richard and Henry for their voluntary work at the Country Hope BBQ, it was a good day.

General Business:

- **KERRY FLINN** - Has had a call from Kathy Smith needs BBQ helpers for their Race Day Saturday 25 May at the MTC, will volunteers will have tickets, need 6 helpers, 3 from 12-2, 2-4.
- **JOHN STEWART** - Reported on the coming week's guest speakers. **Important to note that the 27th May will be a special dinner meeting, a ladies night for the Biggest Morning Tea evening. There is a raffle planned, with a guest speaker. The 24th June will be our club changeover night.**

- **TONY CRAWFORD** - Directors please start to think about reports for the changeover.

The 19th May District assembly will be at Grenfell.

GUEST SPEAKER – LAURIE MYERS INTRODUCED MADISON SMITH OUR GUEST SPEAKER FOR RYLA

Madison is a Relay for Life helper, has been for 3 years. She started out as a shy girl, but has progressed into a very capable volunteer worker. She is our nominee for RYLA.

Madison gives her thanks to all for sending her to RYLA, such a great honour, was so inspired and motivated by the speakers. She was inspired by the Fines jar, for swearing, mobile use and other indiscretions. It made over \$1000 for Ronald McDonald House. The RYLA participants had Holy Grail challenges every day, speakers every day. They had a speaker from RAWKS, and a police detective. They had a day at Kapooka Army Base when they had a tour of the base. They spent the afternoon abseiling, quite a challenging experience. On the 4th day they organised a concert with Comedy skits and Rotarian dinner. They had very inspiration speakers on day 5, speaking on Financial Planning, and Headspace, leading up to a celebratory Campfire, marshmallows and mocktails. The 33 students, 4 camp directors, camp mum and dad, all finished up really great friends. The Leeton paper printed an article about the camp telling how the group learned how to be leaders, not bosses. They all learned lots of things about each other and other people. They all had the same passions to do more in the community.

Vote of Thanks: Rod Bowman thanked Madison for her informative and engaging talk and presented her with the club gift.

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

Date	Monday 13 th May	Monday 20 th May	Monday 27 th May
Venue	RSL Club 6.15pm	RSL Club 6.15pm	RSL Club 6.15pm
Program	Nepal Projects – with Board meeting to follow	tba	Ladies Night Biggest Morning Tea
Intro. & Hosting	John Stewart	tba	Rod Bowman
Sergeant at Arms/Boxer	John Wright Harry Wilson	Brian Roy Bill Roche	Eugene Moloney Bruce Duffy
Furnishings & Setup	David Dunn Col Dunn Des Hamilton	Geoff Mackney Karen Mackney Joy Reid	Charlie Baker Milena Dunn David Carroll
Int. Toast	John Rorrison	John Rorrison	John Rorrison
Guest Speaker	Bruce Duffy	tba	tba
Vote of Thanks	Michael Slinger	tba	John Wright

Sergeant at Arms: KERRY FLINN, AND BOXER DAVID CARROLL.

☺ Maddison Smith – having too much fun	☺ Lindsay Wilson - passed cabling course
☺ Tony Crawford – late start	☺ Bill Roche – is he or is he not attending Relay for Life
☺ Charlie Baker – bad day at golf	☺ All not at the Gold Cup
☺ David Carroll – bad day at golf	☺ Bill Roche – scared of heights
☺ Bill Roche – no sympathy for Jenny	☺ Charlie Baker – huge donation at the Gold Cup
☺ David Carroll – gone missing	☺ Clive Willis – grandson won at Wanthaggi
☺ Bill Riche - language	☺ Laurie Myers –Forgotten tools
☺ Jock Hamilton – too many air swings	☺ Jock Hamilton – Ros his wife or a lady
☺ Col Dunn –viagra new sheep drench	☺ Clive Willis – sleep apnea

Heads and Tales: Des Hamilton.

Attendance 68%

Joke of the Week 1

Occupational hazard

A passenger in a taxi leaned over to ask the driver a question and gently tapped him on the shoulder to get his attention.

The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the kerb and stopped just inches from a large plate glass window.

For a few moments everything was silent in the cab.

Then, the still shaking driver said, "Are you OK? I'm so sorry, but you scared the daylight out of me".

The badly shaken passenger apologised to the driver and said he didn't realise that a mere tap on the shoulder would startle the driver so badly.

The driver replied, "No, no, I'm the one who is sorry. It's entirely my fault. Today is my very first day driving a cab. I've been driving a hearse for 25 years".

Joke of the Week 2

Corporate branding a killer

A man from out east had always dreamed of owning a cattle ranch and had finally saved enough money to buy his dream spread in Wyoming. His best friend flew out to visit and asked, "So, what's the name of your ranch?"

His buddy told him that he had a really hard time coming up with a name that he liked. He and his wife couldn't agree on what to call it so they settled on, "The Double R Lazy L Triple Horseshoe Bar-7 Lucky Diamond Ranch."

His friend was really impressed and then asked, "So where are all the cows?" To which the new rancher replied, "We had quite a few, but none of them survived the branding!"