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BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA INC.

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Thursday 19th May 2011

Upcoming programs & events


BOOK FAIR SAT 28 AND SUN 29 MAY 2011

CHANGEOVER THURSDAY 23RD JUNE AT THE RULES CLUB

WAGGA WINTER WARMTH SUN 3RD JULY

Duty Officers' Roster

Club meets at Commercial Club, R J Hall Room, 6pm for 6.30pm **unless stated below**

| | Thursday 26 th May Commercial Club | Thursday 2 nd June Commercial Club | Thursday 9 th June Commercial Club |
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| Programme | Book Fair Preparation | Alok Sharma Darkness to Light | Paul Galloway Rugby Choir Tour |
| Attendance | Peter Harding | Peter Harding Karel Bijker | Peter Harding Glendyn Groves |
| Greeter | Rob Sharkie | Bryan Short | Alok Sharma |
| Sergeant at Arms | Allan Duffus | Rob Sharkie | John Studdert |
| International Toast | Alok Sharma | Ruth Barber | Charlie Blomfield |
| Introduce Speaker | Don Pembleton | Karel Bijker | Mike Murray |
| Vote of Thanks | Michelle Maddison | Philip Cross | Phil Jackson |
| Room Set Up | Alan Lean Arthur Nixon | David Payne Bill Prest | Graham Russell Gordon Saggars |
| Bulletin | Gerry Page | Ruth Barber | Neil Hilpern |
|  | Sun 29th May Sue Honey Mary Ann Kelly | Sun 5th June Barry Francis Graeme Callander | Sun 12th June Charlie Blomfield John Goldsworthy |



If you cannot attend a meeting, please lodge your apology with RSM Bird Cameron office 6921 9055 by **2pm Wednesday**. Also, for catering purposes, please advise if bringing a guest or partner to a meeting.

Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot fulfil your rostered duty.

ATTENDANCE: A total of 32 members attended tonight's meeting at the Commercial Club giving us an attendance percentage of 71.11%. We also welcomed members' partners Marney Duffus, Christine Francis, Judy Galloway, Helen Goldsworthy, Christine Heydon, Lyn Hutchinson, Ruth Jackson, Fran Mecham, Carole Murray, Rhonda Sharkie, Sally Short, Carol Studdert and Joan Veerhuis. Visiting Rotarians were Garry Roberts- Assistant District Governor (Murrumbidgee) and Lesley Scott (Sunrise). Our club guest was Denise Flockton. Apologies received by 2:00pm Wednesday were from Bruce Barber, Ruth Barber, Karel Bijker, Graeme Callander, Peter Chenoweth, Philip Cross, Tim Crowley, Graham Gorrel, Zvonne Hribar, Mary Ann Kelly, David Payne, Bill Prest and Clem Skeers.

CLUB NOTES:

- President Michelle welcomed Ailsa Bowman and Neil Hilpern, both of whom have been on the sick list. Tim Crowley is out of hospital but is still not 100%. And good news from Elle Parker. She has two very good job prospects in Sydney!
- An Invitation was received to attend the Wagga Wagga-Koorinal Rotary Club Changeover which is to be held at the Country Club on Wednesday 15th June, 6:30pm for 7:00pm. Cost is \$20 per head. RSVP to Secretary Doug Masterson PO Box 8019 Koorinal or phone: 69224602 by Monday 6th June.
- A thank you letter was received from Joy Rothwell, 2010/2011 District 9780 Secretary, for our donation to Flood Relief.
- A letter was received from Lyn Butler on behalf of Vision Australia thanking our club for the donation of equipment to enable Thara Pech to complete her study independently.
- **Gerry Page gave a report on the upcoming Book Fair. Important – (see below)**
- Tony Hutchinson reminded members that our Club will again provide a Barbecue for the Multicultural Council on Saturday 25th June 2011 from 11 am to 1 pm at the Kyeamba Smith Hall. He is looking for helpers!
- Bob Evers encouraged us to attend the MUNA Competition on Sunday in the Currie Hall at Wagga High. The competition commences at 9:00 am and there are approximately 20 teams involved.
- Assistant District Governor Garry Roberts reported that he was pleased that the club had had a good year and that he is happy with the plan for next year. He also informed us that the GSE trip to Oklahoma was most successful. A team will travel to Scotland later in the year and there will be visits from Scotland and Oklahoma next year.
- Rotary NZ home hosting for the Rugby World Cup - We need Rotary hosts for the home hosting of visiting Rotarians following their team during the Rugby World Cup in 2011. This is a great opportunity for you to meet fellow Rotarians from New Zealand and the rest of the world travelling to support their teams. Take a look at the website <http://www.rotarynzrugbyhosting.org/> and see how you can be involved in this great event. All the details are there and it's easy to sign up!

A special request from Club Administration Director Tony Hutchinson! Tony is responsible for providing a report for the Club's Changeover to be held on 23rd June 2011 – 4 weeks from now. His report will be based on reports he receives from the Directors of the various Club Committees. He is waiting to receive reports from:-

Attendance Chair – Peter Harding
Sgt –at – Arms Chair – Graeme Callander
Bulletin Chair – Peter Veerhuis
Programs Chair – Charlie Blomfield

Fellowship Chair – Graham Russell
Club History Chair – Philip Cross
Fundraising Chair – Mike Murray

THE BOOK BOOK BOOK FAIR

A select bunch did a marvelous job on Saturday morning to get a big chunk of new material sorted and boxed, and were rewarded by a nice lunch from Terry (& Jacko). Terrrrrific! So, the stock is in, our signs are up, other publicity organized, so the crowd should be there, let's give it a great shot.

A FEW IMPORTANT THINGS:

Roster* - ANYONE WHO WILL BE IN TOWN, BUT FOR SOME REASON IS NOT ON THE SHEET **PLEASE SELECT SOME SHIFTS AND COME ALONG - ESPECIALLY ON SOME AREAS WHERE WE ARE SHORT – THE SAT MORNING FOR EXAMPLE.

*A small team has volunteered on Wednesday 25th from 9.30am to move all the junky stuff from around the back of the book room, plus the flattened boxes, signs etc and put up tables in the hall. Thanks – a few more are welcome (bring a truck or trailer).

* **IT WILL BE VALUABLE** to have a small number of people available at the book room from about 3pm on the Thurs. to make a start, offer guidance to the Apexians etc. A few volunteers there will be appreciated. Early starters at the hall before the stock arrives will be useful constructing boxes etc.

***BAGS** - bring any supermarket or eco bags along to the hall.

***TROLLEYS** – bring a trolley if you have one – even better, drop it off at the book room on Tues arvo after 2pm or Thursday 3pm.

A FINAL WORD – MANY OF OUR MEMBERS ARE UNAVAILABLE FOR VARIOUS REASONS. ASK FAMILY OR FRIENDS TO LEND A HAND - THEY WILL ENJOY IT. WE ALREADY HAVE QUITE A FEW 'FRIENDS OF THE BOOK FAIR' FROM OUTSIDE THE CLUB, AND MORE ARE VERY WELCOME.



Let's give it a Book Book Booking good shot
- you turkeys.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST: The International Toast was presented by Alok Sharma. Alok toasted the Rotary Club of Yumanana Nagar Riviera District 3080 in India. The club has 33 members who meet at 8:00pm on Thursday evening and was chartered in 1993. Yumanana Nagar Riviera is an industrial town built on a canal and features a paper mill

CRAZY HATS FOR ROTARY HEALTH

All members were asked to wear a hat to our meeting tonight. As a result we had a fine collection of very interesting hats. Rhonda Sharkie was the fashion judge for the event. The winner was Gerry Page with his "Book Book Ad hat and runner-up was Phil Jackson for his hat which featured "feathers on a bald head." Raffles, which brought in about \$418 for Rotary Health, were won by The Galloways, the Duffus's, Laurie Fromholtz, Alok Sharma and Bryan Short.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Allan Duffus raised a tidy sum for Rotary Health with his fine session. Along with those having birthdays and anniversaries, Allan fined all those not wearing a hat. He then went on to ask each table a general knowledge question such as "When were the ANZACs evacuated from Gallipoli. This proved to be a great revenue raiser as everyone at each table was fined one way or another. This was a fun, painless way in which to raise money for Rotary Health.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Our guest speaker, Denise Flockton, was introduced by Don Pembleton. In January of this year Denise joined a group of six Rotarians to travel to Nepal to take part in a project started by the Wahroonga Rotary Club to train the teachers there. Of the six team members four were from our district. Denise told us about her trip to the village, part of which was by four wheel drive and the last part by foot across a suspension bridge and then up a very steep slope. She also told us about the Opening Ceremony which lasted for three hours!

Denise and her group were housed in tents on a rice paddy field and they had the only "flushing toilet" in the area. Hot water was brought to them in a bucket by the guide so that they could shower. The children are very proud of their uniforms and wear them each day. At school they sit six to a very basic desk and the only resource is a concrete blackboard painted black.

Education is values-based, so all the children's books need to be value-based. All education must be delivered in English – however - the teachers' English is very poor so one of the group's tasks was to work out ways to improve the English skills of the teachers. Unfortunately the rural areas are missing out. The government only pays for one teacher per village. Many walked up to three hours a day to attend the training. Denise's group were able to give each teacher a resource pack and each school a set of dictionaries and atlases. Denise informed us that the future focus is on increasing the English skills of the teachers.

President Michelle thanked Denise for her very interesting presentation.



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES 27th May to 2nd June

Birthdays: Shirley Hilpern (30/5)

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Rotary Anniversaries Graham Russell (31/05/79)

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