

WOLLUNDRY ROTARY

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President's Notes.



President Doug commenced the meeting a fraction of a second late, but Sgt John Gray had his measure, rang the bell and had Rotary Grace finished as Doug took the mic!

He publicly congratulated George and Kaye Thomas on their dual Paul Harris Fellows. Although it had been announced in the Bulletin the week previous, Doug felt that further recognition was appropriate, a feeling shared by all the members.

He also mentioned the Flowers For Mother's Day drive that Christine Hillis is behind. The funds raised from this great idea will go to "Creating Hope in Cambodia"



At The Meeting.

Sergeant John Gray collared John Smith who felt his T shirt was not up to scratch, and Frank Fuller for antagonising the poor bloke by parading in his committee special! Tim Barter apparently lost his shirt (well, one was returned to him!!) Brent Pickard proved unable to keep up the pace and was ill for



the Sunday Market. But he was fined doubly for getting Kevin Roben to sub for him, one week after the Food and Wine. Apparently Kevin then tried to suggest how we should proceed with the Sunday Market, and copped a fine for his advice.

As Greg Conkey was fined for his wonderful radio voice, and Michael Georgiou had the “introducing a guest” rules explained, all Central Wagga residents parted with a portion of their Gillard evacuation funds. Some of the BMW launch invitations are lost in the mail, so Mark has had to pay up for that!

Eugenie spoke to us of her wonderful Easter. She is now on holidays (officially!!) and is soon to head off on her Safari which has her really excited. When she returned home on Saturday night her room was covered with Easter Eggs, which was “very pleasing.” She also took great delight in playing an April Fool’s Day trick on her Dad. She had him, and the whole family convinced that she was going to join a band here in Wagga and would have to stay a year longer.



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Our Guest Speaker.

Today we heard from Stu Hunter who has worked in Communications for all of his working life. He and John Smith, who introduced Stu, worked together for Telstra, but Stu has joined the “dark side” and he is now the Regional Manager for Optus.

After doing a survey in the room, he gave us the statistic that mobile phone ownership in the Riverina is 102%. A similar result for users of Broadband internet, at about 98%. The use of telecommunications has increased very rapidly, and likely to get greater with new devices coming on stream. Text messaging and Facebook are getting more and more common place. Even for three year olds. NBN is making the copper network obsolete, and when

the roll out is complete each home will have a fibre cable to the door, but only in communities of over 1000 persons. Smaller villages and “isolated” consumers will be serviced by satellite and wireless.



Technically ADSL, satellite, and wireless are asymmetrical, i.e the download is much faster than the upload. This makes it awkward to use technologies such as Skype, or Hangout on Google + which are interactive. Fibre will address this situation. Wagga Wagga is expected to be connected by June 2014.

Certainly it is making a difference to the way we are thinking, and architects, builders, developers and town planners have to adapt. Registered Training Organisations such as the RCC are gearing up to train the work force in the necessary skills. The next big question is cost. No solid figure, but \$100 /month seemed to be the ballpark. And of course, do we really need it?



Stu was thanked by Greg O'Hare with the usual very low tech Rotary pen.

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Dick Smith, Projects Chair, announced the latest round of disbursements. The club has given \$500 to South Wagga Rotary to support the Circus Quirkis, \$500 to the Snowy Hydro Rescue Service, and asked for our endorsement of \$1000 to the Wagga Wagga Eisteddfod Society, duly given.

Following tradition, **PP Frank Fuller** has donated his Wagga Mutual Credit Union bonus to The Amy Sinclair Melanoma Research Fund. They will receive \$1440.

Visitors and Guests. Wayne Jenkins, Nick Georgiou, Stu Hunter (guest speaker)

Apologies. Ken Cook, Silas Darby, Laurie Blowes, John Ireland, Alan Lloyd, Richard Braid, Rob Balding, John Knight, Alan Eldridge, Rob Pearson, Andrew Irvine, Neil Pinto, Nick Leywood, Col Duff, Paul Murray, Evan Robertson.

Makeups. Mark Hillis, John Ferguson, Geoff Hamilton, Darren Wallace, Hugh Campbell, David Hodge.



Secretary's Announcements.

Birthdays.

Rick Priest	April 17	Sian
Leywood	April 17	Nick

Club Anniversaries.

Malcolm Robertson One year on April 12

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MARKET REPORT.

Easter Sunday proved to be a very quiet day in Wagga, as market veteran Frank Fuller found when searching for a decent coffee. Nothing was open on the main street. OIC John Gray reported a quiet market, with few stall holders. Despite this, he and the rest of his team Dennis Shean, Kev Roben, Paul Milde and Geoff

Hamilton managed a gate of \$467.00, with a grand total of \$1035. An excellent result all things considered. Frank did find good coffee by going home. Dedication!! **There were also a couple of faces we haven't seen around the Markets for a while. Great to see them again!**



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Rotary Information.

A bit about Micah House, our charity for the Food and Wine Festival.

Micah house is a special work of the St Vincent de Paul Society and operates out of premises on Gurwood St. It is an open house where people can go who are in need of care and assistance. Last year some **10,500** persons visited for meals, personal care, welfare assistance or just company. The open door policy means that a wide range of people seek help: the lonely, the hungry and the poor. "We try to make it a place where they are welcome, to be part of a big family, and give them a sense of belonging" said Isabelle Wooden who is President of the Management Committee. There are 3 paid staff members, and about 45 volunteers who cook and manage the front desk.

The funds we raise will be used to further enhance the structure, and to provide maintenance and some repair work. That means that there will be an on going advantage to the centre.



Australian Rotary Health is once again running its mental health research awareness day. Most clubs are running a Hat Day within the club, which is really good.

So why not have have a Hat Day at work. There are lots of themes you could take, but the aim is to collect money and have a good time doing it. Get your staff and workmates involved, and get Mental Health on the improve.

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SATURDAY & SUNDAY MARKET ROSTERS

SATURDAY 14th April 2012 OIC Steven McCoy

Pat Ingram, Doug Conkey, Peter Crozier, James Hamilton, Andrew Irvine, Simon Musgrave, Chris Nash, Neil Pinto, Rick Priest, Darren Wallace

SUNDAY 15th April 2012 OIC Richard Braid

Peter Crozier, Silas Darby, John Flynn, Evan Robertson, Ken Taylor

SUNDAY 22nd April 2012 OIC Doug Sutton

Jim Gibson, Michael Merrylees, Greg O'Hare, Malcolm Robertson, George Thomas

SUNDAY 29th April 2012 OIC Greg Conkey

Michael Georgiou, John Hawkins, David Hodge, John Ireland, Michael Knight,

SUNDAY 6th May 2012 OIC Geoff Breust

Nick Leywood, Colin Mercer, Paul Murray, Mark Sayer, Dick Smith

SATURDAY 12th May 2012 OIC Chris Nash

*Colin Duff, Rob Balding, Craig Bromley, Gerry Gerlach, Peter MacKinnon, Chris Metcalfe
Pat Parnell, Kerry Pascoe, Brian Roberts, James Ross.*

SUNDAY 13th May 2012 OIC David Benn

Laurie Blowes, Hugh Campbell, Michael Eldridge, Paul Gianniotis, Robert Pearson

SUNDAY 20th May 2012 OIC John Egan

David Byfield, Alan Eldridge, Frank Fuller, Kevin Roben, Wal Paton

SUNDAY 27th May 2012 OIC John Smith

Graham Burmeister, Ken Cook, Andrew Irvine, John Mason, Bruce Spinks

SUNDAY 3rd June 2012 OIC David Foster

John Ferguson, Rob Fuller, Geoff Hamilton, John Knight, Phillip McIntosh

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Seen around the
Festival

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