

WOLLUNDRY ROTARY

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President's Notes.

President Doug was away enjoying the rain on the Gold Coast, so we had Past President Doug Sutton in the chair.

Greg Conkey has undergone a sudden and serious heart operation to replace his erstwhile replacement, but leaking, pig valve with an artificial one. Doug S told us that the operation had gone pretty well and that Greg was recovering. The club was relieved to hear this as Greg had had a critical situation when the first valve was replaced. All the best!

At The Meeting.

Sergeant Peter Clucas managed to remove some gold from several members. Allan Eldridge was accused of using the women's washroom at the Sunday Market. Allan Lloyd was a bit late, and Neil Pinto had to account for India's performance. Doug Sutton was accused of providing falsified photographic evidence, and David Benn, Peter Crozier and John Flynn all paid thrice for attending the Cricket! With a little mathematical manipulation, everyone else paid up to find themselves fantasising as Hugh Heffner.

On a more serious note, **David Benn** thanked the club for the thoughtfulness of the members at the time of his mother's death. He told us what it meant too him to know that others were thinking of him, and how much he and members of his family appreciated it that some members were able to attend the funeral in Canberra.

Dick Smith, Projects Chair, had us ratify payments of more than \$4500. We made a donation to the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital Auxiliary of \$1700, covering the invoiced cost of our Shelters, which we had hired to them.

As well, \$3000 went to help the work of the Salvation Army, which was in line with our usual response to such requests around this time.

The Club also gave \$500 to Ronald McDonald House to purchase a new TV for the guest lounge room.



We didn't have a report from **Eugenie** this week, but her family came out to visit this week and several members met them at a social night at the Wagga Winery.



Our Guest Speaker today was Rotarian Rob Byrne who is cycling from Cairns to Melbourne, raising awareness and money for PolioPlus. So far he has raised \$50000, and is targeting \$100,000.

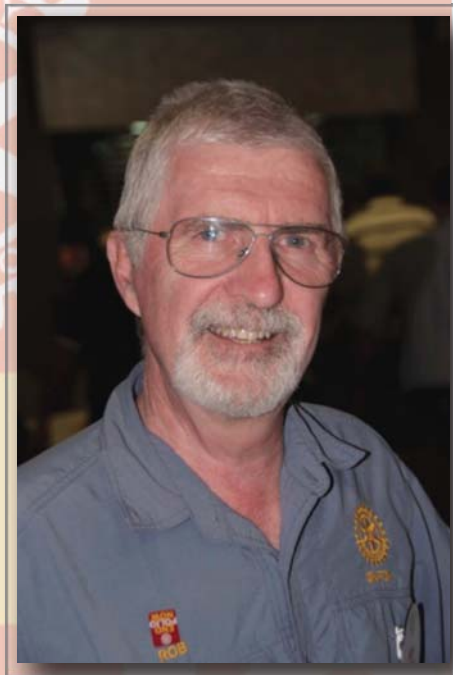
He is staying with John Flynn and enjoyed a top lamb roast. We are the 82nd club he has visited.

Rob is passionate about polio. His bike is recumbent style which makes it easier and far more comfortable to ride.

He showed us photos taken by Jenny Horton who spends a great deal of time in India with Immunisation days.

They are a stark reminder as to what happens if we don't do anything!

A video also highlighted the mobility of the virus. Russia had an outbreak earlier this year, and Australia just missed by a whisker when a Pakistani tourist was detected carrying the disease, unbeknown to him.



Currently, \$800m contains Polio to 1000 cases world wide per year.

If we could spend just \$200m more, it could be eradicated by the end of this year. What does \$200m buy? One new fighter for the airforce!

His talk was extremely well received, and you could hear a pin drop as he spoke. "We need to be telling the Polio story!"

Our club does get behind PolioPlus, and yet we need to get the message out to the wider community.

Rob escaped the usual Rotary Pen when thanked, and hung on the promise of a bottle of Beelgara.



Visitors and Guests. Robert Fuller, Jim Benson, ex-member Michael Wynne, Jim Benson, Ken Taylor, Craig Bromley.

Apologies. George Thomas, Paul Giannotis, Geoff Hamilton, Evan Robertson, David Hodge, Rob Balding, Silas Darby, Laurie Blowes, John Gray, David Foster, Kevin Moffatt, Geoff Breust, Darren Wallace, Graham Burmeister, Doug Conkey, Ken Cook, Greg Conkey, Mark Sawyer, John Ferguson, Michael Eldridge. (It would have been easier to type the names of those who were there!)

Makeups. Michael Georgiou, Steve McCoy (x3), Dennis Shean, Alan Eldridge, Neil Pinto (x3).

Secretary's Announcements.

Birthdays.

Nick Leywood	Jan 27th
Steve McCoy	Jan 28th

Sharon Clucas	26th Jan	(Peter)
Kay Thomas	28th Jan	(George)

Wedding Anniversaries

Greg and Jenny Conkey	Jan 24th (today)
John and Maria Egan	Jan 26th

Club Anniversaries.

Mark Fleming 5ys



Market Report.

James Hamilton lead a veteran team of Peter Clucas, Dennis Shean, Alan Eldridge, Steve McCoy and Paul Murray. Together they raised \$1236.60, *the highest for the year!!* James reports that it was a fine relatively cool day and the crowd was steady. A Fruiterer from Wombat, although not an early riser sold out rapidly and will be a big attraction should he continue to come.



He also introduced customer seating, which was very well received. The table and few chairs were occupied all day. In fact his recommendation is that this seating should become a permanent feature of the Market.

James also gave us the grim news that his brother-in-law, who operates a permanent site at the markets had suffered a severe heart attack. The major problem was that he had not had regular medical checks!!

We wish this long standing Market supporter all the best and a speedy recovery.



Rotary Information.

Australian Rotary Health is launching the major fundraiser for this year once again. Its Hat Day for Mental Health Research and will raise funds for the much needed research into Mental Health. 1 in 5 people will suffer mental health issues in a lifetime, so it is a major problem. The idea is to wear a hat to work on that day, and use this as a fundraiser.

We had a great day last year, and over all it was a very successful venture. Rotary is urging all clubs to get behind it, and to take the idea to their own work place where it can be the focus of a fun day at work.

We have a ARH scholarship running at the moment researching melanoma. It is named in honour of the late PPGordon Braid.

www.hatday.com.au



ROMAC is a Rotary programme designed to bring medical aide to children in the Oceania. It sends out medical teams who might perform operations on children in the field, or bring those children to Australia for specialised help. This young girl had a tumour that would have killed her. Now she is living a normal life.



ROMAC
Rotary
Oceania Medical
Aid for Children
A Program of the Rotary Districts
of Australia and New Zealand

Rosters at Club.

FELLOWSHIP RECEPTION FURNITURE.

	Fellowship.	Reception.	Furniture.
Jan 31	Michael Eldridge.	John Ferguson.	Mark Fleming.
Feb 07	David Foster.	Frank Fuller.	Michael Georgiou

PROGRAM GUIDE.

Please contact Alan Eldridge's regarding the booking of guest speakers.

BULLETIN EDITOR ROSTER.

Jan 24, Jan 31.	John Egan.
Feb 07, Feb 14, Feb 21.	John Ferguson.
Feb 28, March 06, March 13.	Paul Murray.
March 20, March 27, April 03.	Doug Sutton.
April 10, April 17, April 24.	Michael Knight.

SERGEANT'S ROSTER.

Jan 31. Silas Darby.	Feb 07. John Gray.
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THE Markets Roster.

Saturday Markets start 6.30 am. Sunday Markets OIC 6.30am, Team 7am.

Sunday 29 Jan	OIC John Ferguson John Gray	John Egan Paul Milde	Mark Fleming John Smith
Sunday 05 Feb	OIC Darren Wallace Andrew Irvine	Graham Burmeister Kevin Moffat	David Foster Bruce Spinks
Saturday 11 Feb	OIC Peter Clucas Rick Priest Michael Eldridge Simon Musgrave	Pat Ingram Frank Fuller John Flynn Doug Sutton	Tim Barter Brent Pickard Jim Gibson
Sunday 12 Feb	OIC James Hamilton Nick Leywood	Richard Braid Michael Georgiou	Doug Conkey Michael Merrylees
Sunday 19 Feb	OIC Greg O'Hare Chris Nash	Peter Mackinnon Neil Pinto	Chris Metcalf Evan Robertson



WAGGA CITY AERO CLUB

President John Smith and members of Wagga City Aero Club (known in Wollundry circles as "The Luftwagga") cordially invite members of Wollundry Rotary to the "Highlight of the Twilight" 5.30 pm Friday 10 February.

Meet at WCAC's club house on Walsh Drive, Wagga Wagga Airport for a special "before last light" flight around the Wagga area of about 40 minutes followed by a BBQ and refreshments.

Seats are limited so get in early – email gbreust@bigpond.net.au to reserve a seat. Also RSVP by 6 February if you are not flying but attending so we can arrange catering. No charge will be made for flights. BBQ and refreshments at great prices.

Join us for a great twilight evening.