



# WOLLUNDRY ROTARY WEEKLY BULLETIN

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**RI President:** Kalyan Banerjee  
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**District Governor:** Ian Simpson  
**Club meets at:** Commercial Club

**Club President:** Doug Conkey  
Tuesdays 12:30 pm

**Home page:** [rotarnet.com.au/wollundry](http://rotarnet.com.au/wollundry)

**Apologies:** Doug Conkey 4pm Monday 6925-3039

**President Doug** opened the meeting with a welcome to visitors and guests who included **PDG Henry Gardiner, Nicholas Georgiou, Tim MacGillicuddy, Wal Paton, Wayne Jenkins, and Eugenie Coche (Exchange student)**.



Doug described the coming week as the busiest in our Rotary Calendar, with members involved in **RYDA, GSE Hosting and the Food and Wine Festival**.

Doug thanked all those who had assisted with the Concert for the Flood victims, especially **Chris Metcalf and Greg O'Hare** for looking after the trailers and tents.

On Thursday this week there is the **Cap and Gown Parade** down Baylis St finishing in the Victory Memorial Gardens. Volunteers are needed once again to take some of our tents to this site. They will be given honourable mention next week.

**Thursday night 7 p.m. Royal Gardens above Kenneddy Pharmacy** there will be a dinner for visiting GSE team from Oklahoma. All are welcome to join in.

**Secretary David Byfield** announced that South Wagga Apex were very grateful for our assistance with the Gumi race and will be included in the roster for the Food and Wine Festival. The final Rosters for the FWF will be emailed to all members and those concerned on Wednesday this week.

**Burmo** announced that the interviews for the Wollundry University Scholarship would take place this week. He will also be introducing our American GSE friends to the delights of the Shearing Shed.

## Meeting continued...

**Eugenie Coche (exchange student)** reported on her experience at District Conference. She was apprehensive about going as she feared it would be boring but to her surprise and delight, she really enjoyed it. So much so that she was inspired by some of the speakers and keen to do something for others as a result. She enjoyed the Saturday night party and particularly **Andy Irvine's** skill on the dance floor. She met up with other exchange students and in two weeks goes on **Safari** to Central Australia.

**Kevin Roben** brought us up to date on preparations for the **Food and Wine Fair**.

He urged members to:

- Check the roster to see when you are required.
- Report to the red brick house on Tarcutta St.
- Enter through the main entrance only on Tarcutta St.
- Collect a green Shirt for volunteers and a wrist band.

There are 51 stalls and so a successful festival is assured.

Kevin thanked the committee for a fantastic job. He gave special thanks to **Nick Leywood** for organising \$20,000 in sponsorships and to major sponsors **Riverina BMW (Mark Hillis)** and **NRMA (Christine Hillis)**. He also thanked **CSU Video productions, Pat Parnell catering and Steve McCoy sound bites**.

Kev asked for assistance at two working bees at his worksite at 5 p.m. Wed and Thurs to finalise signage etc for the festival.



**PP John Smith** reported on the District Conference that he said was an outstanding success. Excellent speakers and enjoyable fellowship which included a Friday night Wollundry dinner at a Thai Restaurant and a party and dinner on Saturday night.

He is taking bookings for the 2013 conference which will be on 19,20,21st April in Leeton. He has booked a number of rooms so first in best dressed.

## FEATURED SPEAKERS



Our first speaker was new member **Craig Bromley**.

Craig said he had his first experience on Sunday Market recently and he enjoyed it. He grew up in Gympie in Sydney's South and at the age of ten he moved with his family to Rabaul New Guinea.

For Craig New Guinea provided fertile ground for his imagination as Rabaul was littered with leftovers from the Japanese and allied occupation in World War 11. There were tunnels with booby traps, old Japanese war planes left abandoned and lots of places and items for a boy to explore.

The family returned to the Sutherland Shire where Craig enjoyed surfing. He finished High School and commenced engineering at Uni. But dropped out and came to Wagga in 1980 for a job promotion and is still here. He worked for Paul Smithson in 1985 and bought him out in 1999 and then on sold the dealership to Scott Braid in 2010. He has been retired since then but gave the impression he is getting itchy feet and keen to get back into the workforce.

PP John Smith, a fellow flying enthusiast, has been nagging him to join Rotary for some time and after a few reds with Smithy and a few hangovers he finally agreed. His flying has taken him around Australia twice and he has had some wonderful experiences. One of these was landing on a small island in the North of Australia and partaking in a Mabo dance and food festival where he tried Turtle, a once only experience. He looks forward to an enjoyable time with his fellow Rotarians.

**Robert Fuller** son of PP Frank Fuller told us how he was born in Carlton in 1964, but the family were living in Deniliquin at the time where Frank was a policeman. When he was eight the family moved to Pambula on the South Coast for two years before moving again to Tarcutta where Dad became the Highway Patrol Officer.

Young Robert attended Koorringal High School and in his spare time at home pumped petrol for the local service station owner. He was taught how to replace windscreens and earning \$10 a time he built up a tidy nest egg. So much so that he was able to pay cash for a car while still a teenager.



In 1983 Robert moved to Wagga and commenced an apprenticeship as a plumber with the Department of Public Works. He turned his hand to sales in 1989 when he joined Coca Cola. His next move was to Mars confectionary, the biggest confectioner in the world with a 30 billion turnover and 3,000 staff in Australia. His sales skills enabled him to move on to Real Estate and he is now working with Remax

Robert is married with five children ranging from 21 years of age down to 2. He is an avowed Carlton supporter and loves Wagga and loves Work.

# MEETING DETAILS

## Club Guests

Eugenie Coche, Tim MacGillycuddy,



## Visiting Rotarians

Brent Pickard, PDG Henry Gardiner

## Visitors

Wal Paton, Wayne Jenkins, Nicholas Georgiou ,



## Makeups

George Thomas, James Ross, Mark Fleming, Darren Wallace, Tim Barter, Ken Taylor, Peter Clucas, John Smith, Denis Shean, Paul Murray, David Byfield, Andy Irvine, John Ferguson, David Benn,

## Apologies :

Bruce Spinks, Chris Nash, Hugh Campbell, George Thomas, Michael Knight, Peter Crozier, James Ross, Mark Fleming, Geoff Hamilton, Darren Wallace, Richard Braid, Tim Barter, Jim Gibson, Ken Taylor.

## Birthdays:

John Egan	April 3	64
Peter MacKinnon	April 5	53
Cherie Benn	April 1	
Dell Blowes	March 31	

## Wedding Anniversaries:

Peter and Gail Crozier	April 4
Evan and Alison Robertson	April 1

## Club Anniversaries:

David Foster	April 3	5 years
David Hodge	April 2	10 years
Rick Priest	March 29	24 years



## Rotary Youth Drivers Awareness (RYDA)



A big thank you to the Volunteers for the barbecue **Tim Barter, Darren Wallace, Ken**

**Taylor and to Col Mercer, David Byfield, Frank Fuller, Brent Pickard, John Gray and Doug Sutton** for their supervision on Wednesday 28th. The program was very successful with a large number of Wagga High School students in attendance.

RYDA is a great Rotary initiative and will surely help a number of young people to become more responsible and capable drivers.



### Our Sergeant this week was Peter Clucas

President Doug seemed keen to finish the meeting and in fact declared the meeting closed three times but was reminded for one thing of a sergeants session, so Peter stepped up to the plate with a sense of urgency.

He fined **the market team** for turning up to the market last Sunday before the OIC.! No doubt the OIC will be dealt with at a future meeting. He fined **Doug Sutton** for the photo of **Mark Hillis** in last week's bulletin. He also fined **Mark** for the fastest decent of a ski mountain recently in **a banana boat**. Mark passed out due to the lack of oxygen at the top of the ski run.

Peter filled the coffers with a fine on all 100 percenters in attendance.

# Sunday Market Report

Mar 18, 2012

**The team consisted of: OIC Mark Fleming**

David Foster, James Ross, Peter Clucas, John Ferguson Craig Bromley



## Comments:

- Beautiful day, Good Team, Some dark hints about the arrival time of the OIC. Could be the subject of a heavy fine at some future date..

Gate	\$ 669.00
Stalls	\$ 649.65
Adv bookings	\$ 206.00
Trestles	\$ 00.00 ?
Power	\$ 10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1524.65</b>

"We who lived in concentration camps can remember the men who walked through the huts comforting others, giving away their last piece of bread. They may have been few in number, but they offer sufficient proof that everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms -- to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances." -- Victor Frankl

# ROSTERS



## FELLOWSHIP RECEPTION FURNITURE

April 3 Paul Milde, Paul Murray, Simon Musgrave  
April 7 Chris Nash, Greg O'Hare, Ray Pankhurst  
April 14 Patrick Parnell, Kerry Pascoe, Robert Pearson

**If you are unable to carry out your duties, please find a replacement.**

## PROGRAM GUIDE

April 3 Gerard Carroll Training Doctors for the Bush  
April 10 TBA  
April 17 Dr. Catherine Burns Healthy Food and Obesity  
May 22 R.I. President Kaylene Banerjee in Wagga.

**Contact Alan Eldridge regarding the booking of guest speakers for 2012.**



## BULLETIN EDITOR ROSTER:

March 20, 27, 3 Apr Doug Sutton  
April 10, 17, 24 John Egan  
May 01, 08, 15 John Ferguson  
May 22, 29, Jun 05 Paul Murray  
Jun 12, 19, 26 Doug Sutton

## SERGEANT at ARMS ROSTER:

April 3 Silas Darby  
April 10 John Gray  
April 17 Peter Clucas

## District Events Calendar

- ♦ ***Food and Wine Festival Wagga 31st March***
- ♦ ***April 29 District Assembly in Grenfell***
- ♦ ***May 22 RI President Kalyan Banerjee will be in Wagga Wagga***
- ♦ ***June 26 Wollundry Changeover***

# MARKET ROSTER

Saturday Markets start 6:30 am  
Sunday Markets OIC 6.30am, Team 7am

**SUNDAY 1st April 2012 OIC John Smith**

Graham Burmeister, John Egan, Kevin Moffatt, Bruce Spinks, Rob Fuller

**SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> April 2012 OIC John Gray**

Tim Barter, Peter Clucas, Paul Milde, Brent Pickard, Dennis Shean

**SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> April 2012 OIC Richard Braid**

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

**SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2012 OIC Doug Sutton**

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

**SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> April 2012 OIC Greg Conkey**

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

**SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> May 2012 OIC Geoff Breust**

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

"All will be well in the end and if it is not well then it is not the end"

Young Indian Hotel Keeper in **Best Exotic Marigold Hotel**.

If you haven't seen this movie, treat yourself and your partner, you will not regret it!