

WOLLUNDRY ROTARY

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President's Notes.

President Doug thanked P President Doug for a great job, and revealed that Greg is back in town and is likely to leave Calvary today. We also have another OAM from Wollundry, Graham Finney!

Doug also announced that the recipient of the funds from the Food and Wine Festival would be Micah House.

At The Meeting.

Sergeant John Gray suggested a new invention that might bring **Rick Priest** to order at a meeting, only to be presented with an hearing aide. **Bruce Spinks** coughed ups, as no-one could possibly lose luggage under the supervision of George (see the email later on). **Michael Georgiou** was eating a lonely meal, and visitor **Graeme Callander** contributed for knowing exactly how to grab Wollundry's attention with his choice of words, and a hapless **Neil Pinto** also suffered greatly, just for being helpful! Cross fining **John Smith** revealed the true nature of Rotary Cricket.

Graeme Callander from Wagga Rotary spoke of the coming movie night in support of PolioPlus. Titled "the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" it promises to be a great show.

All are invited. \$20 per head, on Feb 23rd

Contact President Doug with numbers as soon as you can.



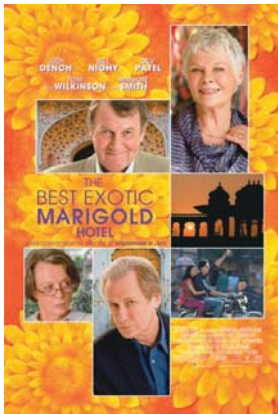
**THE COMBINED ROTARY CLUBS
OF WAGGA WAGGA**

proudly present

THE AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

of

"THE BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL"



This wonderfully entertaining movie tells the story of a group of misfit British pensioners who are enticed to retire to a fabulous hotel in Jaipur, India, where they are promised a life of luxury in an ex-Indian palace for a bargain price. Upon their arrival, they are dismayed to find that restoration of the once elegant Marigold Hotel has stalled.

There is water...sometimes, and electricity...sometimes. The hotel's eager manager, a young Indian entrepreneur, is quick to tell them that his ambitious renovation is going to turn the place around. Surprisingly, the retirees find themselves settling into this strange new world and creating bonds with each other. What their new life lacks in luxury they come to find is plentiful in adventure, stunning beauty, peace and love.

Starring: Judi Dench, Bill Nighy, Tom Wilkinson, Maggie Smith, Dev Patel, Penelope Wilton

This movie is available through a generous offer by 20th Century Fox to assist Rotary International with their major project "PolioPlus". The aim of this project is to rid the world entirely of Polio and since 1985, annual cases of Polio have dropped from 352,000 to a total of 794 for 2011 worldwide. We are so close but we mustn't stop now!

HELP ROTARY TO END POLIO NOW!

Forum Cinema, Trail St Wagga Wagga

Thursday 23rd February at 7.00pm

Tickets are \$20 per person

**Available through any of the Wagga Rotary Clubs
or phone Graeme Callander on 6922 5046**

Paul Milde reminded us of our "support interchange" with Apex. We will need 12 volunteers to help with marshalling etc at the Gumi on Feb 26th. We will be at the beginning, the Railway Bridge. In turn they will help out setting up the Food and Wine Festival. ***If you can help, please contact Paul.***



Alls well in Finland!

Hello everyone!

About to have dinner, but a quick update on how my time has been already:

...AMAZING. If that is even the right word. I am absolutely loving it here!

The flight over was terribly painful with delays, **missing luggage**, customs and sprinting through Heathrow airport to catch our flight to Helsinki...so hectic! I was at an orientation camp for a week with the other exchange students and that was incredible! We did lots of stuff like Finnish lessons, sauna(pronounced sah-ooh-na), running and falling over in the snow, sled races down hills and everything! The food was amazing and we had a night in the forest with the wildlife people and got a taste of real Finland, and got to try this amazing fresh salmon that is cooked next to a fire. We also spent one day in the city of Tampere and goggled at the architecture, strange words, the cars on a different side of the road and the Finnish people who were also looking at us strangely. There was at least 15 of us on the camp and by the end of the week we all felt like family. The camp ended on Saturday when our host families came to pick us up.

My host family are awesome! They take me everywhere with them and treat me just like their own child. Yesterday I got to try out ice skating, cross country skiing and horse riding, so as you can imagine, I was very sore when I woke up this morning. But it was brilliant fun and I'm really keen to keep practising so that I will be able to try out ice hockey as well as down hill skiing.

Today I met my host counsellor Mika Vilki who has been really helpful and helped me sort out things like bank accounts, library cards etc etc. I also went to my school (Klassikon lukio) today and picked my subjects. I will start next Wednesday as they are on exam week at the moment, but I have already met the 2 other exchange students that go to my school and they are in some of my classes, so I am a little less nervous now. Today I also was taken to the Turku Athletics Centre where they have an indoor running track and stadium! I was awestruck and there were so many people. The track is much smaller, only about 200-250m around but it was amazing. I joined a small training group of about 10 girls who all found my accent and pronunciation very funny but they helped explain everything and even taught me a few words. Like most Finns, they were shy at first, but after a while they got used to me and started asking me questions about where I come from and things like that. They are all very jealous of the Australian summers. They usually train 3 times a week (Mon, Wed, Fri) from 4:00-6:00pm and I am looking forward to training with them when I can. I think I will go on Friday as on Wednesday I am going to a performance as my host mum is singing in a choir. Oh and another thing: the language is SO logical! Yes, it is difficult and the hardest part is trying to forget everything I have learnt in English, but I really like the Finnish language. I will have lessons every Monday from 12-1pm but I think I will also be taking other lessons that are closer to where I am living.

Anyway, I should go down for dinner but I hope everyone in Australia is staying fit and well and enjoying the sun and the heat. Although I must admit, I am not too jealous as I am loving the snow. Not everyone can say that they walked on top of a frozen sea!

Take care and I will write again in a month or so!

Lots of love,

Lu-Wei

Our Guest Speaker . Today we heard from a very successful young woman who is a Rotary alumni.

Belinda King runs an Events Co-ordinating business with her husband Andrew Conkey.

Her Rotary career began with a Short Term exchange to Alabama, in 1998, and then RYLA in 2002.

Encouraged by the confidence she gained, it was off to the University of Life, a term in New York City serving as nanny to a family on the upper east side of Manhattan. This led to another year or so travelling between Sydney and the US, still nannying.

But inevitably she went to Uni doing a

Business course. One subject was Events Management and that was that. Her path was defined.

One of her most challenging positions after Uni was for the Adventist Hospital. Running and promoting functions where no alcohol, no meat and nothing after midday Friday were the “rules” was a challenge, but one she rose to very well.

She and Andrew went to England and worked with the huge Thistle hotel chain. But then it was time to go again and Scotland beckoned. Problems! Resistance to change was just too trying.

So home to Wagga and King Events was born.

(Could have been “Kinkey” but Andrew’s better sense won out!)

They began their career with The Three Chefs, and now work on Tumba Fest, The Inland Tourism Awards, and La Fiesta in Griffith, among many other functions and events. All challenging but very rewarding.

Belinda gratefully received a Rotary Pen which actually worked, when she was thanked by Brian Roberts.



Visitors and Guests. Graeme Callander, Belinda King,
Robert Fuller, Ken Taylor, Craig Bromley.

Apologies. George Thomas, Ken Cook, Geoff Hamilton, Kevin Moffat,
Silas Darby, Laurie Blowes, John Ireland, Geoff Breust, Graham
Burmeister, Greg Conkey, Alan Lloyd, Richard Braid, Phil Macintosh,
Kevin Roben, Chris Metcalfe, James Ross, John Hawkins.

Makeups. John Flynn, Darren Wallace, Mark Fleming, Steve McCoy,
Nick Leywood, Peter Clucas, Mark Hillis.

Secretary's Announcements.

Birthdays.

David Byfield	Feb 4th	
Greg Conkey	Feb 5th	
Carol Ingram	Feb 1st	(Pat)
Chris Mercer	Feb 5th	(Col)
Alison Robertson	Feb 5th	(Evan)

Club Anniversaries.

Michael Knight	29yrs
Paul Milde	17yrs
Pat Parnell	6yrs

We have been invited to a CareFlight benefit at the Riverina Playhouse.
Feb 10th. \$20 a head. All proceeds go to the CareFlight.

See the Flyer printed later in the Bulletin.

District Conference is being held in Young the weekend of 23rd, 24th and
25th March.

John Smith is handling accommodation and bookings.

The Conference is a great way to get to know Rotary on a wider scale, and
have a good time with your club members. We have a dinner on Friday
night which is a great event. Don't miss it! See John as soon as you can.

MARKET REPORT.



Darren Wallace led his first ever team of Paul Milde, John Smith, John Flynn, Mark Flemming and John Egan.

A warm sunny day with only 26 stall holders.

The gate was also very light, and indicates a

problem that we need to address. Although some could be attributed to school holidays and preceding

warm weather, it does need looking to.

The day realised \$1048.



“Afters” resulted in a wonderful explanation of the situation in PNG by Paul M, and discussion on ways to overcome jetlag. Darren had arrived in Australia on the Saturday from Africa, and hadn’t been to sleep for some time!!

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 weekly food bill is around \$2000 per week.

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.





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 .



**Dear Doug and all Rotary
Members
We invite you to attend the
opening weekend of**

Life In The Spotlight 2012

From

**February 10
Riverina Playhouse**



Featuring

**Josh McKellar Justine Hogan
Hannah Spring-Winer Michael Peacock
and many, many more!**

A musical masterpiece featuring an all singing, all dancing cast performing your favourite songs from the stage and silver screen. Including hits from Hairspray, Mamma Mia, Mary Poppins, The Lion King, Glee, Jersey Boys and many more!

Opening Weekend Ticket Price for our invited guests is \$20. Contact Civic Theatre booking office to book your seats on 6926 9688 or www.civictheatre.com.au

Rosters at Club.

FELLOWSHIP RECEPTION FURNITURE.

	Fellowship.	Reception.	Furniture.
Feb 07	David Foster.	Frank Fuller.	Michael Georgiou

PROGRAM GUIDE.

The Mayor, Kerry Pascoe.

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

BULLETIN EDITOR ROSTER.

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.

Feb 07. Silas Darby

SATURDAY & SUNDAY MARKET ROSTERS

SUNDAY 29th January 2012 OIC John Ferguson

John Egan, Mark Flemming, John Gray, Paul Milde, John Smith.

SUNDAY 5th February 2012 OIC Darren Wallace

Graham Burmeister, David Foster, Andrew Irvine, Kevin Moffatt, Bruce Spinks.

SATURDAY 11th February 2012 OIC Peter Clucas

Pat Ingram, Tim Barter, Rick Priest, Frank Fuller, Brent Pickard, Michael Eldridge, John Flynn, Jim Gibson, Simon Musgrave, Doug Sutton.

SUNDAY 12th February 2012 OIC James Hamilton

Richard Braid, Doug Conkey, Nick Leywood, Michael Georgiou, Michael Merrylees

SUNDAY 19th February 2012 OIC Greg O'Hare

Peter MacKinnon, Chris Metcalfe, Chris Nash, Neil Pinto, Evan Robertson.

SUNDAY 26th February 2012 OIC Michael Knight

Silas Darby, John Ireland, Kevin Roben, Malcolm Robertson, Dick Smith

SUNDAY 4th March 2012 OIC Pat Parnell

Geoff Breust, Gerry Gerlach, John Hawkins, Colin Mercer, Kerry Pascoe

SATURDAY 10th March 2012 OIC Michael Eldridge

Colin Duff, David Byfield, Ken Cook, Peter Crozier, David Hodge, Alan Lloyd, Steven McCoy, Robert Pearson, Brian Roberts, Mark Sayer.

SUNDAY 11th March 2012 OIC John Mason

Rob Balding, Hugh Campbell, Ken Cook, Paul Gianniotis, John Knight