

Wollundry Rotary Weekly eBulletin




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Tue Jul 31, 2012

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Speaker: **Marilyn Starr**
 "Living on a Buffalo Farm"

Fellowship: **Gerry Gerlach**
 Reception: **Paul Gianniotis**
 Furniture: **Jim Gibson**

Bulletin Editor: **John Egan**
 Sergeant: **John Gray**

Sun Markets August 5th
OIC John Ferguson, David Foster, Rob Fuller, Tim Macgillycuddy, John Gray, Bruce Spinks.

Tuesday's Wollundry Meeting**Presidents Announcements**

Posted by John Egan on Jul 31, 2012

President Andy had few messages for us today, but did advise that there were two important meetings coming up, and they were today. The first was a Membership Meeting straight after our meeting, and then a Markets Meeting, held tonight.

He informed the club that Marion's mother had passed away. Marion is Graham Burmeister's much loved partner, and Andy expressed his and the Club's condolences to Graham and the whole family.

Chris Metcalfe has hired the trailers for Legal Aide function, and is looking for help on Thursday week. That is now covered.

There were no visitors today, and Pres. Andy reminded us to keep our eyes open for new members!

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Our Guest Speaker

Posted by John Egan on Jul 31, 2012

Today we heard from a wonderful young woman who is a shining example of some one picking themselves up from adversity and not only making a success of life but reaching out to other persons in the need she fully understands. Melina Skidmore was an abused child, and finally sent to foster homes at the age of 13. At an age where most young girls are enjoying adolescence with her family she was in a boarding school and not feeling any of the warmth that she needed. Her own family experience was pretty awful. She wants to make others in the same situation better.

Her charity is "Angels for the Forgotten". She had 144 foster care homes in 4 years. She didn't finish her education, but joined the Air Force Cadets. Here she managed to get her pilots license by the age of 16. Not a bad effort. After a stint in Japan as an exchange student she returned to Temora. She was placed in a refuge to finish her schooling and keep flying, but her world changed again for the worse, when she was raped and fell pregnant. This experience led her to establish her charity. She saw that foster care hadn't changed at all. It was still a lousy situation for kids and they entered it with nothing and had nothing.

The first programme is Crisis Care packages. This is a small package that is given to crisis care agencies. They have a blanket, toiletries, a teddy bear, even a journal for kids to put down their thoughts. The teenage kits have a mental health kit put together by Beyond Blue. To get young people back into education, they have a transition kit, which includes all essential items to help young people to get into homes. The floods were one large area of need that they attacked.

There is assistance for young women who need assistance with new children.

They assist at the crisis, and support backup after the event.

They supply 600 crisis care packs each month in Wagga!

It has grown to ten branches and nearly every state. This is a remarkable young woman and she deserves our support. Her phone number is 0449 979 910, and info@purposeplace.com. Currently she is in need of a space of about 500sq feet (about 12 sq meters).

Michael Georgiou expressed the feelings of the whole club when he thanked her on our behalf.

**Apologies and Makeups**

Posted by John Egan on Jul 31, 2012

Apologies:

Craig Bromley, Graham Burmeister, Peter Crozier, Michael Eldridge, Alan Eldridge, Frank Fuller, Paul Gianniotis, James Hamilton, David Hodge, Wayne Jenkins, John Knight, Alan Lloyd, Stephen McCoy, George Thomas, Neil Pinto, Bruce Spinks, Kevin Moffat, Richard Braid, Doug Conkey.

Make ups:

Wal Paton, Rob Pearson.

At the Meeting

Posted by Paul Murray on Jul 31, 2012

Secretary's Report.

Not much happening this week, but we do have Angie McKinnon's birthday on Aug 8th,

[Paul J Murray](#)

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Club Events

Rotary Peace Conference

Sep 21, 2012 - Sep 23, 2012

Bulletin Editor

Editor Paul Murray

If you have any comments or questions, please contact the editor.

and John and Kerry Mason have a wedding anniversary on Aug 7th.



Rotary Information by Wal Paton.

Wal told us something of the history of the Youth Exchange Programme. It began in France in 1927, and resumed after a break for the war. It is one of the best programmes that Rotary is connected with and each year some 7000 young people travel the world to stay in and absorb new cultures and lifestyles. Our own club has been involved in this for many years, and three of our members have been Youth Exchange District Chairs. That's not a bad effort for one club. This year we will not be hosting an inbound student for the first time in a long while!



Walk with Me.

Michael Merrylees spoke of the walk to be held on Sept 14th. It is a short course around the CBD and is designed for us to meet people with disabilities and to see the Person before the Disability. This is something we should support, particularly when we see how lucky we are, a message brought home with a thud by our guest speaker!



his is Your Life came from Tim Macgillicuddy. Tim came to Wagga just four years ago, having sold the family farm in Grenfell. He saw Wagga Wagga as offering better opportunities for his family and "it is the best thing I have done in my life". He found the city to be very welcoming and has fitted in well. He is working with Kurrajong Waratah and is enjoying the Club. He says he is looking forward to putting in something for the community in a meaningful way! Well Tim, its about to begin. Markets this weekend!



Yachting Weekend. If you are going and haven't yet done so, please get your money to Mark Hillis. The weekend is Oct 13/14. Mark would appreciate you getting straight to it. As soon as you finish reading this will be just soon enough.

John Egan presented the Club with a banner from Australian Rotary Health, acknowledging the equivalent of \$1000 per member given over the last 30 years. A great effort.

Sunday Market Report

Posted by John Egan on Jul 31, 2012

T'was a very cold morning! but they soldiered on and pulled in \$1103. A bit surprising as there were only 32 stalls. A typical winter's result. The talk of the morning suggested that we move the markets away from the CBD to South City, or somewhere similar. All of this is under review and the second of the Markets Committee meetings is being held tonight. The crew consisted of David Hodge (OIC),Laurie Blowes, Tim Barter, Phil McIntosh, Graham Bumeister, Paul Milde.





Club Rosters

Posted by Paul Murray on Jul 31, 2012

Fellowship , Reception , Furniture

07 Aug Gerry Gerlach, Paul Gianniotis, Jim Gibson
 14 Aug Geoff Hamilton, James Hamilton John Hawkins
 21 Aug Mark Hillis, David Hodge, Pat Ingram

Bulletin Editors Roster

July 31, Aug 07, John Egan
 Aug 14 , Doug Sutton
 Aug 21, Aug 28 , Paul Murray
 Sep 04, 11, 18 , John Ferguson
 Sep 25, Oct 02, 09, Doug Sutton
 Oct 16, 23, 30, Michael Knight

Sergeant's Roster.

July 31 , Geoff Hamilton
 Aug 7, John Gray
 Aug 14, Peter Clucas
 Aug 21, Mark Hillis
 Aug 28, Alan Eldridge
 Sept 4, Rob Pearson
 Sept 11, John Smith

Market Rosters

Posted by Paul J Murray on Jul 31, 2012

Sunday 05 Aug OIC John Ferguson, David Foster, Rob Fuller, Tim Macgillycuddy, John Gray, Bruce Spinks

Saturday 11 Aug OIC Nick Leywood, Pat Ingram, Ken Cook, Geoff Hamilton, John Hawkins, John Knight, Steven McCoy, Kevin Moffat, Simon Musgrave, Evan Robertson, Dennis Shean

Sunday 12 Aug OIC Jim Gibson Richard Braid, James Hamilton, Mark Hillis, Peter Mackinnon, Darren Wallace

Narrandera Photographic Exhibition and Competition

Posted by John Egan on Jul 24, 2012

The Rotary Club of Narrandera invites you to enter your photographs!

Four Sections

- Portraiture
- Landscape
- Open
- Macro(close up)

First Prize in Each **\$200**. Just \$3.00 per entry

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