

Rotary Club of Wollundry Wagga Wagga

Twenty Eighth Annual Changeover of Executive Officers

Wagga Wagga Commercial Club Tuesday June 27, 2006

Retiring Club President: Paul Murray

Retiring District Governor: David Roberts

Incoming Club President: Greg Conkey

Incoming District Governor: Geoff Bargwanna

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OUTGOING OFFICERS 2005-2006

PRESIDENT: Paul Murray
VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT: Greg Conkey
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Will Blackwell
SECRETARY: John Gray
TREARURER: Jim Gibson

OUTGOING DIRECTORS 2005-2006

CLUB SERVICE: Doug Sutton
COMMUNITY SERVICE: Doug Conkey
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE: Neil Pinto
VOCATIONAL SERVICE: David Benn
YOUTH SERVICE: Steve Millard

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TREASURER: Joe Savenije

INCOMING DIRECTORS 2006-2007

CLUB SERVICE: Peter Kennard COMMUNITY SERVICE: Chris Nash INTERNATIONAL SERVICE: Peter Clucas VOCATIONAL SERVICE: Peter Mackinnon YOUTH SERVICE: Michael Doyle

Programme

6:30 p.m. Assemble – Register - Fellowship

7:00 p.m. Master of Ceremonies: **PP Tony Elphick**

Call to Order - Rotary Grace - Loyal Toast

Apologies & Make – Ups: Paul Milde

Introduction & Welcome to Guests/Visitors: Jim Richards

Response for Guests/Visitors: Kay Hull MHR (or Mayor)

Toast to Rotary International: PP Graham Burmeister

Response to Toast: PDG Wal Bruest

Sergeant of Arms: **PP Tony Elphick**

Resume of Donations: Jim Gibson

Presentation of Attendance Awards: Paul Murray &

PDG Wal Bruest

Special Presentations: DGE John Egan

Presidents Report: Paul Murray

Induction of New President : Paul Murray

Induction of New Board: Greg Conkey

Past President's Presentation: PP Will Blackwell

Announcements: Greg Conkey

Advance Australia Fair

ROTARY GRACE

O Lord and giver of all good, we thank you for our daily food, May Rotary friends and Rotary ways help us to serve Thee all our days.

Menu

Hot and Cold Hors doeuvres on arrival

Entrée

Rich seafood chowder compilation of whitefish, squid, mussels and prawns in a creamy potato and celery chowder

Roasted tomato and red pepper soup for non seafood eaters

Main Course

Chicken filo parcel napped with cream leek sauce—chicken breast pocketed with smoaked salmon and cream cheese

Char grílled sírloín steak server on scalloped potato bake with three peppercorn sauce

Dessert

Individual pavlova topped with a berry mascarpone and finished with strawberry and mango salsa

Warm pecan pie server on a choc/caramel ganache and Bailey's cream

Self serve tea, coffee and mints

Presidents Report



Being the President of Wollundry Rotary has been a great honour. I want to thank all the members for giving me the opportunity to serve the club, and for their strong support and hard work over the last twelve months. I would like to outline some of the successful accomplishments of the club.

Our contributions to Rotary International and District 9700 have been significant.

- We contributed \$6,000 to the Rotary Foundation
- We increased membership by 8 members. Last year we were at 54 and now we are 62. That's a 15 % increase. District was asking for a 5% increase.

As a club, we can take pride in our accomplishments. Some of the achievements of the year include:

- Very successful youth exchange student in Roderick Maasberg
- Club membership growth of fifteen percent
- Income \$20,000 over budget for Sunday & Farmers Market and Food and Wine Festival
- Excellent speakers and lively meetings
- Several Vocational visits
- Two GSE teams
- Winning rights to 2008 District Conference
- Close relationship developed with other Wagga clubs

I would like to say a special thank you and congratulations to **John Gray** and **Jim Gibson** for their dedicated efforts as Secretary and Treasurer.

Each of the directors have made significant contributions in their areas of responsibility. Their reports are in the following pages and I strongly recommend you read them. The club has been well served by their efforts.

I would like to say and special thanks to my wife, Carolyn for being totally supportive of me throughout the year.

To incoming President Greg Conkey I wish you a successful and rewarding year. You can be assured the membership will be supportive.

Paul Murray President

Club Service Report



Being Club Service Director for the Rotary Club of Wollundry is like driving a prestige car. You know you can rely on it for immediate response, outstanding performance and reliability. It is always a pleasure to be around.

Our Club is made up of committed members who do an outstanding job and we can all be very proud of our Club.

The lifeblood of our Club is Membership and Attendance. This year we have welcomed to the club eight new members and their Rotaryannes, Geoff and Jan Hamilton, Malcolm and Kerryn King, Guy and Colleen McAlister, Stephen and Jessica McCoy, Philip and Lynette McIntosh, Patrick and Sue Parnell, Jim and Barbara Richards and Evan and Alison Robertson. We have heard their stories which add to the rich tapestry of stories of Club members. Once again welcome.

The Bulletin is a very significant part of the identity of our Club. Its faithful recording of meetings and activities, in words and pictures, provides members, partners and the wider community, with a great insight into our Club. Congratulations go to Kevin Watts and his very able assistant Andy Irvine, for the high standard of our Bulletin. Kevin and Andy mixed reporting, photographs and humor to build a quality product once again.

Apart from the very significant work the Club does for the Community, Club Fellowship is one other important reason for the existence of our Rotary Club. Wollundry is renowned for the good fellowship that it provides and some individuals deserve special praise for their efforts in building Fellowship. Peter Crozier is one such member. His invention, the Rotary Meal Deal, has been a great success in getting members together in a congenial and intimate atmosphere, to get to know each other better. Tony Elphick as fine Sergeant and his helpers, David Hodge, Peter McKinnon and Glen Elliot added to the fun side of our meetings and importantly helped fill the coffers of our Club Account.

Our meetings have had high quality speakers, such as Bill Heffernan, Bruce Dicker, Daryl McGuire, Kay Hull, Frank Goodyer to name but a few, thanks to the efforts or Gordon Braid assisted by John Ireland.

On the Sporting and Social activities we have been well served by the hospitality offered to two visiting GSE teams. David and Cherie Benn's barbecue evening for our Argentinian visitors was a great night. Our cricketing Rotarians created several interesting outings and enjoyment for members and guests. Other functions organized by John Ireland and his committee added to member's enjoyable experience of Rotary.

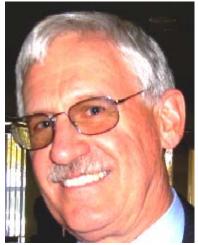
Club stalwarts, James Hamilton (attendance officer) and John Smith (district conference and Changeover organizer) deserve special mention for the continued commitment and service to the good functioning of the Club. Will Blackwell has used his computer talents to make our web site more accessible and functional for our bulletin access and recording of club activities. I have mentioned a number of members and there are others who have worked away in the background that haven't been named, to them I also say thank you. Your contribution has also been significant.

Our "get to know Wollundry Rotary" evening meeting on 6th December was a great success as it provided an opportunity to have more fellowship time with fellow members and prospective new members. Perhaps it could be an annual event.

It has truly been a good experience to work with Paul and fellow Board Members. Congratulation to all for a great year and thank you to all for making my job pleasurable and easy. To go back to my original car analogy, Wollundry is a Rolls Royce club or should that be Mercedes.

Doug Sutton Club Service Director 05/06

Community Service Report



At the time of preparing this report (29/5/06) our club had raised over \$120,000 from both the Sunday markets and Saturday Growers markets/Food and Wine Festival and the expected yearly total is \$130,000. The yearly budget was \$110,200 and we have therefore raised in the vicinity of \$20,000 over budget. All members can feel justly proud of this effort which was recognized at the District Conference where we were awarded with the District Club Participation award.

Since the club was formed we have raised nearly \$2m which has been donated to many local, Australian and international organizations and charities. A full list of the

donations for this year is contained elsewhere in this annual report but some of the largest in the last 12 months have been: \$10,000 to Sunflower House (having donated \$20,000 in 2004/05); \$3,000 to Wagga Wagga Eisteddfod; \$5,000 to the Junee Bushfire appeal; \$5,000 to AIDS in Africa; \$7,500 to CSU for scholarships and \$7,000 to the Noel Barnes Scholarship which awards \$500 to two students in each of our seven Wagga Wagga High Schools.

I would like to personally thank all members who committed many hours attending the markets and also the very successful Food and Wine Festival which is fast becoming a tradition on the Wagga Wagga social calendar. Without the dedication of members we wouldn't be in the enviable position of being the largest fund-raising club in District 9700.

I would also like in particular to thank the Chairmen of the various organizing committees – Peter Davies (Sunday Markets and Xmas On Main) and Pat Ingram (Saturday markets and Food and Wine). Pat was ably assisted by Col Duff, his accompanying Paul Harris Fellowship awardee. Special thanks also to Frank Fuller and his Projects Committee for many hours spent agonizing over the numerous requests for funds received by the club and deciding the merit of the request and quantum of the donation.

To all members involved with Community Service, I thank you again for your support and contribution and wish incoming president Greg and his team all the best for 2006/07.

Community Service Chairman, Doug Conkey

International Service Report



This year, major donations to two projects were put forward by the committee and ratified by the membership. The first donation of \$4000 was made to Valentino De Silva in Timor Leste to help develop a herd of cattle in a village in Dilli. The donation was made to the Rotary Club of Dilli who, in turn, would monitor the project. At last contact, Valentino was to inform the club of the handover of stock. Unfortunately, the unrest in Dilli has put a stop to communication. Let us hope this is only temporary.

The second donation of \$5000 was made to the AIDS In Africa program via the Coolamon Rotary Club.

This year was quite busy for the GSE committee with visits by an American and an Argentinian team. The Americans were the first to visit and only spent a club meeting with us. This was followed by a visit from a team from Argentina. This team was hosted by our club and the committee lead by Graham Hornibrook put immense efforts into organising an interesting program for the visit. This job was made harder as a result of this being the 2nd visit to Wagga Wagga by the Argentinians. The club is indebted to the hosts for the Argentinians: Cherie and David Benn, Margaret and Rick Priest, Meredith and Peter McMeekin and Marion and Graham Burmeister

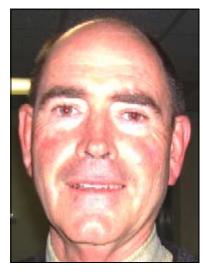
This committee has not seen any action this year as the programs are coordinated at District level. To date, there has been no indication of any activity in relation to the Foundation Scholarships at District level either.

The FAIM committee is gaining momentum with the committee chairman John Smith, in the process of organising a FAIM trip to Vanuatu. The trip is planned for the 13th to the 28th of October 2006. The project to be undertaken is the repair of a cyclone damaged hospital.

In conclusion, I would like to thank President Paul Murray for the privilege of serving on his Board in 2005/2006. I have gained a valuable insight into the running of the Club and the incredible effort put in by members into the development of various programs. Thanks also to the members who served on committees under the International Service umbrella.

Neil Pinto International Service Director

Vocational Service Report



CAREER TRAINING/DEVELOPMENT

For the first time Wollundry has established a financial scholarship for the purpose of supporting local people who are undertaking Career Training and Development. After quite a deal of research by the above committee the Riverina Community College was chosen to sponsor our Scholarship. The Senior Manager of Vocational Employment and Training at the Riverina Community College, Debbie Priest advised that there are a number of people attending RCC for career training or retraining that are of mature age where little or no government financial assistance is provided which further reinforced our decision to promote our scholarship through the RCC. Helen Beazley was selected as the first person to benefit from the Wollundry Rotary financial scholarship this year. There were a number of nominations submitted by the RCC for this scholarship.

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Wollundry is providing Helen with a financial scholarship amounting to \$500 to assist her this year in her Career Training and Development at the Riverina Community College. The scholarship was pre-

sented to Helen at a private ceremony at the College in June 2006. We congratulate Helen and look forward to presenting many more Scholarships to worthy recipients over the coming years.

YOUTH CONNECTION

Our club supported Youth Week in April 2006 to the tune of \$1,000, which was sponsored by Wagga City Council and proved to be a very successful event.

Our club contributed \$2,000 to the Youth Mentoring (Plan It) Program last year. This year we have increased our contribution by \$500 to \$2,500.00. Greg Robinson, who coordinates the programme, will give a report to the Club in due course

PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP

Wollundry Rotary again last year combined with Kooringal and South Wagga Rotary Clubs to be a Bronze sponsor to the tune of \$1,500.00 for the Outstanding Business Awards and in particular the Employee section.

This year Wollundry will go it alone for an amount of \$2,500.00 and be a Silver Sponsor for the same event which is going to generate quite a bit of publicity for our club closer to the event.

In addition to the above a very successful programme was held at our club meeting on Tuesday 07/03/06 devoted to the Pride of Workmanship awards.

<u>Nominators</u>	Recipient/Employee
Will Blackwell	David Inglis
Doug Conkey	Cheryl Rockliff
Colin Duff	Kevin Pettit
Peter McMeekin	Jodie Male
Kevin Roben	Kristy Manton, Milton Lang
Jim Richards	Kate Delaney

Dennis Shean Glenn Shean, Timothy Harris, Paul Shales

The D/A and Prime gave the event good coverage and it is hoped that this presentation can happen each year with the support of Community and Club Member nominations.

VOCATIONAL AWARENESS

Peter & Gail Crozier hosted a Fire Side/New Members night in the first half of this rotary year. Michael Knight hosted a vocational visit to his work place in March.

During April John Smith, Peter Clucus, and Geoff Hamilton hosted a Vocational visit to the Airport to inspect John's Hanger and plane and also Peter and Geoff's plane and a general tour of the facilities out there. It is hoped that another vocational visit or Fire Side meeting can be organised before the end of this rotary year. Thanks to you all for your hospitality.

In conclusion another great year for Vocational Service but it could not have happened without the support of all members of the committees especially the Chairmen, my thanks to you all and also to all members of the Board for your support.

Congratulations to President Paul for a fantastic year and a job well done.

David Benn.

Vocational Service Director.

Youth Service Report



It has been a very interesting 12 months being a new member to the club and having been elected to the position of Youth Director. I thank Paul Mildie for his coaching during the year and President Paul for entrusting me to this important position. The year has gone very quick to say the least and has been a huge learning curve not only about the Youth Services portfolio but as a general introduction to Rotary and its many contributions to the community.

The **Youth Services** portfolio to a large extent runs its self. It is managed by its committee who are very experienced in that the way each program works. The Youth Exchange committee have been extremely busy during the year with Roderick Maasberg entertaining the club and really showing what a great ambassador he is for his country. He has been solely responsible for a complete turn around in the number of families offering hosting and this is a real credit to him and his parents. Later this year we have agreed to take another inbound French student for a 12 month stay and Michael Doyle has been overwhelmed with potential host families. Our club has also

put forward 2 nominations for outbound 2007 Youth Exchange placement in Jorden Morris and Francis Irvine. District have approved both these nominations.

The **CSU Scholarship** has been a great success yet again with the University and students seeing it as a very prestigious and worth while scholarship. It is pleasing to know that Nicole Hooper who was awarded the scholarship in 2003 has now graduated from her course and is now employed as a nurse at Wagga Base Hospital. It is great to see that our funds are being used well to improve our local work force which is very much lacking in skilled labour, particularly in medical services.

The **MUNA** debating teams headed to Temora on 20 May to debate against the District. We sponsored four teams this year and they were allocated countries including Malaysia, Indonesia, South Korea and The United Kingdom to represent. This Year MUNA has been very well supported and is quite popular, and this has been clearly demonstrated in the results, with our teams taking out first and second places and now having an invitation to the national MUNA in Canberra in August. Wagga High School are very pleased with and justifiably proud of this achievement.

RYPEN was held at Borambola on from 2 to 4 December 2005 and was a great success. Thanks must go to the District and local committees who organised this event which was very well attended by youth. In particular I wish to acknowledge the person efforts of Neil Pint, Peter Clucas and Allan Lloyd.

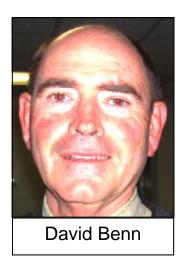
We are very lucky to have had a presentation from Milos Rancic a local student who we sponsored through Sunrise Club to attend the **National Science Forum** in January 2006. Milos was very entertaining, clearly having a passion for science as a vocation. He got so much from the Science Forum and has confirmed that this is his calling. His passion for science was quite evident throughout his presentation and the Club can be sure that its support of National Science Forum was well and truly worthwhile.

The **Noel Barns Scholarship** continues to be well supported by the local high schools and is seen as being extremely worthwhile.

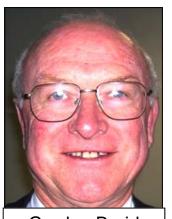
I wish to thank President Paul and all Committee Chairs for their contributions and mentoring during the last 12 months and particularly Jim Gibson who has done a fantastic job with his contribution as Treasurer. I think the incoming Board will have a very busy year with Youth Exchange and the other Youth Services projects that our club undertakes annually and I wish them every success with same.

Stephen Millard

<u>Director Youth Service</u>



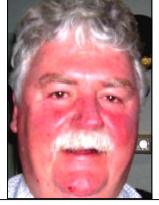






Gordon Braid

Richard Braid









Graham Burmeister

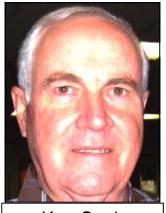
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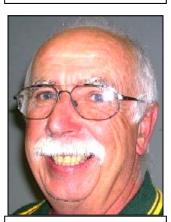
Hugh Campbell

Peter Clucas









Doug Conkey

Greg Conkey

Ken Cook

Peter Crozier







Michael Doyle



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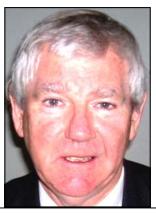
John Flynn



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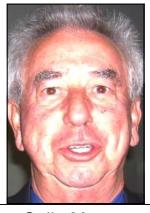
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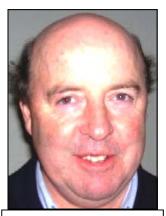
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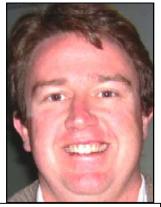
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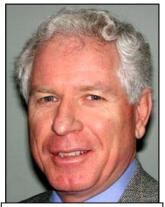
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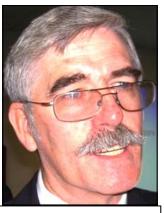
Dennis Shean



John Smith



Doug Sutton



George Thomas



Clarke Traeger



Kevin Watts



Garry Williams

Projects Committee Sponsorships 2005/2006

Aids for Africa	\$ 5,000
Ashmont Churches School Breakfasts	\$ 1,500
Ashmont Pre-School	\$ 1,000
Careflight	\$ 1,000
City of Wagga Wagga Eisteddfod Society	\$ 3,000
Edel Quinn Shelter	\$ 800
Country Hope	\$ 2,400
CSU Scholarship	\$ 7,500
Henschke Primary School	\$ 849
Junee Bush Fire Appeal	\$ 5,000
Lake Albert Bush Fire Brigade	\$ 1,000
Looking Good Riverina (Vision Impaired Children's Camp)	\$ 1,000
National Youth Science Forum	\$ 1,000
Noel Barnes Scholarships (14 recipients)	\$ 7,000
Pakistan Earthquake Appeal	\$ 2,500
Pride of Workmanship	\$ 2,000
Riverina Concert Band	\$ 1,000
Rotary Club of Dili East Timor (International Project)	\$ 4,000
Rotary Club of South Wagga (Circus Quirkus)	\$ 400
Rotary Foundation	\$ 3,000
Rotary International (Polio Plus)	\$ 3,000
St Johns Anglican Christmas Appeal	\$ 1,500
Senior Citizens – Seniors Week	\$ 2,000
Summer School of Strings	\$ 638
Sunflower House	\$10,000
The Action Awareness Group	\$ 500
Tolland Public School	\$ 2,302
Turvey Park Guide Unit	\$ 500
Wagga Wagga Community College (Career Training)	\$ 500
Wagga Wagga Heart Support Group	\$ 869
WWCC Youth Week (Youth Connection)	\$ 3,000
Wiradjuri Corporation Deb Ball	\$ 400
Uniting Church School Breakfast Program	\$ 2,000
Total	\$ 78,158

Rotary Club of Wollundry Wagga Wagga Past Presidents

1978-79	GRAHAM HORNIBROOK	1992-93	JOHN EGAN
1979-80	JOHN SKEERS	1993-94	COL BUTT *
1980-81	LEON FLEGG	1994-95	RICK PRIEST
1981-82	KEN COOK	1995-96	MICHAEL KNIGHT
1982-83	JOHN GIBSON	1996-97	PETER DAVIES
1983-84	NORM MOWSAR	1997-98	DAVID BENN
1984-85	BRUCE PINNEY	1998-99	ALAN LARCOMBE
1985-86	PETER CROZIER	1999-00	KEVIN WATTS
1986-87	GRAHAM BURMIESTER	2000-01	JOHN SMITH
1987-88	RON BRAGG *	2001-02	GORDON BRAID
1988-89	JOHN GRAY	2002-03	JOHN FLOCKTON
1989-90	TONY ELPHICK	2003-04	DAVID BYFIELD
1990-91	JOHN IRELAND	2004-05	WILL BLACKWELL
1991-92	JOHN ASHTON	2005-06	PAUL MURRAY

Members

David BENN	(Cherie)	Andrew IRVINE	(Beverle)
Will BLACKWELL	(Leone)	Peter KENNARD	(Sally)
Gordon BRAID	(Sue)	Malcolm KING	(Kerryn)
Richard BRAID	(Marina)	Michael KNIGHT	(Anne)
Graham BURMEISTER	(Marion)	Alan LLOYD	(Sandra)
David BYFIELD	(Brenda)	Peter MacKINNON	(Angie)
Hugh CAMPBELL	(Heather)	Guy McALISTER	(Colleen)
Peter CLUCAS	(Sharon)	Stephen McCOY	(Jessica)
Doug CONKEY	(Wendy)	Phillip McINTOSH	(Lyn)
Greg CONKEY	(Jenny)	Peter McMEEKIN	(Meredith)
Ken COOK	(** 37	Colin MERCER	(Christine)
Peter CROZIER	(Gail)	Paul MILDE	(Margo)
Peter DAVIES	(Sue)	Steve MILLARD	(Ranji)
Michael DOYLE	(Liz)	Paul MURRAY	(Carolyn)
Colin DUFF	(Jenni)	Chris NASH	(Marj)
John EGAN	(Maria)	Pat PARNELL	(Sue)
Glenn ELLIOT	(Heather)	Neil PINTO	(Nola)
Tony ELPHICK	(Julie)	Rick PRIEST	(Margaret)
John FLOCKTON	(Anne)	Mark RAPLEY	(Jeanette)
John FLYNN	(Annette)	James RICHARDS	(Barbara)
Frank FULLER	(Helen)	Kevin ROBEN	(Christine)
Michael GEORGIOU	(Dawn)	Evan ROBERTSON	(Alison)
Jim GIBSON	(Lyn)	James ROSS	
Mark GOLDEN	(Louise)	Joe SAVENIJE	(Jan)
John GRAY	(Norma)	Dennis SHEAN	(Mary)
James HAMILTON	(Gina)	John SMITH	(Judi)
Geoff HAMILTON	(Jan)	Doug SUTTON	(Kay)
David HODGE	(Kaz)	George THOMAS	(Kay)
Graham HORNIBROOK	(Betty)	Clarke TRAEGER	
Patrick INGRAM	(Carol)	Kevin WATTS	(Lyndall)
John IRELAND	(Isabel)	Gary WILLIAMS	(Michelle)

Paul Harris Fellows

Leon Flegg, Graham Hornibrook, Harold Webster, Ken Cook (Mp), Tony Ireland*, Ron Bragg*, Tony Elphick, John Gray, Gordon Hurford, Peter Crozier, Rick Priest (Sp), Col Butt*, Val Miller, Kay Hull, Phil Horden* Marion Cook*, Michael Knight, Peter Davies, Graham Burmeister, Kevin Watts, Norma Gray, David Benn, Gordon Braid, Pat Ingram, Colin Duff, John Egan, John Ireland, David Byfield