



Rotary Club of
Wollundry
Wagga Wagga

31st Annual
Changeover of
Executive Officers

Wagga Wagga Commercial Club
Tuesday June 30 2009

Wollundry

Retiring President:
Doug Sutton.

Incoming President:
Joe Savenije.

District 9700

Retiring District Governor:
Fred Loneragan.

Incoming District Governor:
Irene Jones.



Rotary Club of Wollundry - Wagga Wagga Outgoing Officers 2008-2009:

President: Doug Sutton

Vice President/President Elect: Joe Savenije

Immediate Past President:

Neil Pinto

Secretary: Kevin Watts

Treasurer: Peter Mackinnon

Directors:

Club Administration:

Phil McIntosh

Service Projects:

Stephen McCoy

Youth Services:

Andrew Irvine

Foundation:

Pat Parnell

Membership:

John Egan

Public Relations:

Joe Savenije

Incoming Officers 2009-2010:

President: Joe Savenije

Vice President/President Elect: Frank Fuller

Immediate Past President:

Doug Sutton

Secretary: Kevin Watts

Treasurer: James Hamilton

Directors:

Club Administration:

Paul Milde

Service Projects:

Gerry Gerlach

Youth Services:

Andrew Irvine

Foundation:

John Egan

Membership:

David Byfield

Public Relations:

Frank Fuller



Program

6.30pm: Assemble – Register – Fellowship

7pm: Master of Ceremonies:

John Flynn

Call to Order – Rotary Grace – Loyal Toast

Apologies & Make-ups: **James Hamilton**

Introduction and Welcome to Guests/Visitors:

Graeme Finney

Response from Guests/Visitors:

Mayor Kerry Pascoe

Toast to Rotary International:

John Ferguson

Response to Toast:

PDG John Egan

Sergeant of Arms:

PP John Gray

Resume of Donations:

Doug Conkey

Presentation of Attendance Awards:

Doug Sutton and PDG John Egan

Special Presentations:

Doug Sutton

President's Report:

Doug Sutton

Induction of New President:

Doug Sutton

Induction of New Board:

Joe Savenije

Past President's Presentation:

Joe Savenije

Announcements:

Joe Savenije

National Anthem



Rotary grace:

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

Menu

Starters

Mixed Italian Appetizers
Mini Pizzas Bites, Chicken Liver & Salmon Pate'

Entrée

Homemade Minestrone Soup

Main Course

Chicken Florentine
Chicken Breast topped with Florentine Sauce (ricotta & spinach)

Alternate Serve

Girello Roast Beef
Marinated and Seasoned Roast Beef.
*** Both Main Courses served with 3 Hot Seasonable Vegetables, Bread Roll and Butter.**

Dessert

Tiramisu

Alternate Serve

Homemade Apple Pie
Served with vanilla ice cream

Tea and Coffee

Chef: Riccardo Susini



President's Report

Doug Sutton

To serve as the Thirty First President of the Rotary Club of Wollundry has been a privilege and a pleasure.

It has been a year of many highlights and, as predicted, has gone very quickly.

I leave the office with mixed feelings: Pride for what we have accomplished; Relief that the responsibility of leadership will pass to Joe who will come into the office with renewed enthusiasm and new ideas; and a tinge of regret at leaving a job that I have enjoyed.

I want to thank you all for giving me the privilege of being your President for the Year 08/09 and for your unstinting assistance when asked.

Wollundry Rotary is without doubt, an outstanding Club.

Our membership numbers, the highest in our District have been maintained.

Our programmes have enabled many in our community and beyond to benefit from our funds raised from our markets.

I get a sense that our Club is on the cusp of moving to even bigger projects and a stronger sense of the important role it plays in the community life of Wagga Wagga.

Some of the highlights of the Year for me have been:

- Adoption of the new Rotary Administration Structure
- Adoption of the new fee structure where all members pay the same amount to run our Club.
- The assistance we provided to our fellow Australians through our donation to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal, The Riverina Cancer Care Centre, the three local charities and

our ongoing commitment to Young People through our funding of Scholarships, Breakfast programmes and other Youth Programmes.

- The Millions Dinner which was a great celebration of all that is Wollundry, the years of fundraising, the fellowship and camaraderie, the long term commitment of members, especially our small band of foundation members.

- Our very successful inbound youth exchange in Francoise Evrard, who has been an absolute delight and an encouragement to continue this worthwhile programme. The success was due in no small part to the wonderful Host families of **Alan and Barbara Eldridge, John and Liz Knight and Zac and Bernie Zacharia** and our youth Director **Andy Irvine** and counsellor **Carolyn Murray**.

- Our continued success with our Markets. The transition to Bolton Park of our Sunday Market for the Christmas period.

The growth of our Farmers Market and most noteworthy, the development of our Food and Wine Festival.

Kev Roben deserves special mention here as he had the foresight to recommend a more professional approach which required a certain amount of trust on the part of the Board and members to back.

I am confident that this Festival will go on to even bigger and better things next year.

Of course the success of the Club is a team effort and I would like to thank especially the Board for the guidance provided to the Club.

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President's Report

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No President can function without a trusty and competent Secretary and Treasurer and special thanks go to **Key Watts** and **Peter MacKinnon** for the magnificent job they have done in their respective roles. Each of the other Board Members deserve special praise as do all who have carried special responsibilities within the Club. There are too many to thank individually, but the cooperation received by me and the

Board, for special tasks when asked, shows the essence of why Wollundry is so successful.

Finally a big thank you to my wife **Kay**, for her great support in my year as President.

Best wishes to **Joe Savenije** and his team for 09/10 which I am sure will be every bit as successful as this year has been.

Doug Sutton



Club Administration

Phil McIntosh

It has been a pleasure being the 2008-2009 Wollundry Club Administration Director, the role being made all the more enjoyable because of the support and dedication shown by those members who took on sub-committee responsibilities.

The Rotary Club of Wollundry is made up of enthusiastic members who take their obligation to both the Club and the Wagga community very seriously. This commitment, in each small way builds a better, stronger and more caring community for us all to live in and share.

The continued success of Wollundry is assured because of the drive and motivation to encourage more membership and attendance.

This past 12 months the club has welcomed 3 new members, Graeme Finney, Ian Davies and Greg O'Hare. A welcome is also extended to Graeme's wife Tracey and Greg's wife Jenny.

Each new member from a diverse back ground but each with a unique

story to share and a talent to contribute to the club.

It was sad to farewell two members during the year, firstly Peter Davies a charter member of Wollundry Rotary, resigned to move to Canberra. Peter's service to Wollundry is well documented and he will be sorely missed. Secondly Chris Kelly resigned to move to Sydney. In the short time Chris was a member of Wollundry, he instilled himself as a doer, he along with his boys will be fondly missed from the fellowship we enjoy at meetings and markets. I am sure both Peter and Chris will find Rotary clubs in their respective cities to join.

There is no doubt that the Wollundry Rotary weekly bulletins are the main communication tool used by our club and as such the responsibility taken by the bulletin editor is huge this year the job has been done by the very capable team of Greg Conkey, Michael Knight, Andy Irvine, Paul Murray. and John Ferguson.



Club Administration

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Thank you gentlemen, for the quality and content of the bulletin you have produced this year, the reports and photographs all contributed to the production of an entertaining but informative bulletin.

Special acknowledgement needs to be given to Alan Eldridge who stepped in and took control of the club's Guest Speakers calendar when Gordon Braid was facing some health challengers.

The quality of speaker was exceptional for the whole year, some with passionate pleas for help, others with entertaining and humorous stories and even more with knowledge to impart on a broad range of topics, some notable highlights were:

- ▶ Jody Kopp- the Federal Government intervention strategy
 - ▶ Kay Hull and Daryl Maguire: the current State of our political scene
 - ▶ John Smith- - Oshkosh: The Spirit of Aviation
 - ▶ Michael O'Reilly- Family History
 - ▶ Geoff Hamilton- Angel Flight service
 - ▶ Bruce Wright- Kokoda and youth
- And of course, Father Wilf Plunkett and more recently one of our own Colonel Graeme Finney.

As our administration manual states, "it is only through efficient club operations that our club can provide service to its community, retain members and develop leaders for our club, district and for that matter Rotary international".

Some of the less glamorous tasks that fall under administration need mentioning.

A huge thank you to incoming president Joe Saveije who was our apologies officer.

This is an extremely important role but often not acknowledged.

To our fines sergeant, John Gray thank you for ensuring none of us left a meeting without having had a good laugh, even at the expense of parting with a couple of dollars . Our sporting and social activities have hit highs this year. I refer to the millions Dinner and the exceptional night that was had by all who attended. . A big thank you to the organising committee led by Doug, but special thanks must go to Kay Sutton, Gail Crozier and Annette Flynn.

Thank you also to Colonel Graeme Finney for providing the Cabaret Show put on by Kapooka Army Band. The Cricketers have been very busy this year with trips to Queensland and numerous matches around the district.

In closing I must acknowledge James Hamilton our Public Officer who keeps our attendance records up to date and John Smith for his continued commitment to Rotary in this involvement in District conferences and change over organisation. To all those other members that I have not mentioned by name, thank you for your contributions to the administration portfolio and to Rotary as a whole.

Thank you President Doug for guidance and a special thank you to Kevin Watts (secretary) for always being around to provide an answer to my many questions, we are all very lucky to be involved in such a pro active, socially minded club.

Phil McIntosh



Members June 2009



Rob Balding



David Benn



Laurie Blowes



Gordon Braid



Richard Braid



Geoff Breust



Graham Burmeister



David Byfield



Hugh Campbell



Peter Clucas



Doug Conkey



Greg Conkey



Ken Cook



Peter Crozier



Ian Davies



Col Duff



John Egan



Alan Eldridge



Michael Eldridge



Glenn Elliott



John Ferguson



Graham Finney



Mark Fleming



John Flynn



David Foster



Frank Fuller



Michael Georgiou



Gerry Gerlach



Paul Gianniotis



Jim Gibson



John Gray



Geoff Hamilton



James Hamilton



Mark Hillis



David Hodge



Members June 2009



Pat Ingram



John Ireland



Andrew Irvine



Peter Kennard



John Knight



Michael Knight



Alan Lloyd



Peter Mackinnon



Stephen McCoy



Phil McIntosh



James McTavish



Col Mercer



Paul Milde



Paul Murray



Chris Nash



Greg O'Hare



Pat Parnell



Kerry Pascoe



Neil Pinto



Rick Priest



Jim Richards



Kevin Roben



Brian Roberts



Evan Robertson



James Ross



Joe Savenije



Dennis Shean



Dick Smith



John Smith



Doug Sutton



George Thomas



Kevin Watts



Garry Williams



Zac Zacharia



Youth Report

Andrew Irvine

My directorship has been made rewarding this year. This has been possible by the chair and their committees under the Youth banner.

Gerry Gerlach, Gary Williams and Dennis Shean were responsible for the organisation of the RYDA sessions this year. This is a Driver awareness program for year 11 students. Held at the showgrounds over the last two years, for a week, has proven a very successful leaning program. It aims to highlight some of the dangers of driving through practical and classroom exercises and introduces other issues including insurance and finance.

James Hamilton, Frank Fuller and John Ferguson are members of Youth Connection School Liaison Committee. These chaps are dedicated members of the club who have been diligent in their duties and I thank them. Our schools are Wagga Wagga High School and The Riverina Anglican College.

Carolyn Murray, wife of Rotarian Paul is our Youth Exchange Councillor. Carolyn has attended Francoise Evrard (Belgian Exchange Student), needs as they arise this year – and there have been a few. Carolyn is going to continue in this role for the incoming Finnish Student in July, as well as our outgoing student in January – Laura Tibbetts.

Francoise has had a wonderful stay in Australia. Alan and Barbara Eldridge were her first host parents and they have offered to host first again in July 09. Well done! John and Liz Knight hosted 2nd



Francoise Evrard

and Zac and Burnie Zachariah for the last part of her stay – almost 5 months. Francoise has visited Townsville and Cairns, Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne, Darwin and by the time she has finished her Safari, would have been to Alice Springs and Uluru. Francoise settled into the Australian way easily and her English has improved immensely. She has been good

with her schoolwork and she is a popular student. She has maintained her fitness at the Gym, pushbike riding, water skiing and is a formidable opponent on the tennis court. She has been an ideal exchange and Wollundry can take the credit for this. We seem to do youth exchange very well.

Thanks also to Graham Burmeister for chairing the committee for the CSU Science Scholarships. His team's successful candidates have proven to be high graders year after year.

Paul Milde and his committee have been terrific utilising their administrative skills to keep the National Science Forum and Noel Barnes Scholarships on track.

Finally, let me thank Neil Pinto. Neil has organised the MUNA, RYPEN and RYLA. The Model United Nations Assembly is for year 11 students and tackles world issues with team members dressing in costumes of their representative country and research into their country's policies. They use this research to argue their position in the forum.



Youth Report

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The Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment is held each year at Borambola. It involves year 9 students, identified as those children that are just under that level of popularity amongst their peers. The program is a mix of exercise and guest speakers. Neil has been the organiser for this event for a number of years, including his year of presidency.

Rotary Youth Leadership equips young leaders and potential young leaders (from 18 – 25 years) in our community with the skills to facilitate positive

change in their world. As members of the business community, I commend this program to you – held in March of each year in Parkes, and invite you to nominate someone in your business for this program in March 2010.

I have enjoyed this role in 08 – 09 under the leadership of Doug Sutton. I am proud to be on the board for 09-10 under Joe Savenije.

Andrew Irvine



Membership Report

John Egan

As I only took over this role in the later half of the current year, I have very little to report.

However, I adopted a portfolio from our past member Chris Kelly, that was running very comfortably.

Our Membership remains strong, and has had a gradual growth pattern that has seen several new members introduced.

What is most pleasing is the demographic represented in the Club membership, with both a wide spread of Classifications and a well shaped age distribution. Currently we have a well balanced mix, ranging from early twenties to late sixties, coming from a wide range of vocations.

The group mixes well which results in a very happy and harmonious group, a

key element to ensuring membership growth.

It is very pleasing to note that no-one has left Wollundry simply because they didn't like being in the Club, or felt unwelcome.

The few departures we have had during this year are due to genuine business pressures, or relocation.

That speaks volumes of the encompassing nature of the projects and the welcoming atmosphere.

Not only is the membership growing, but it will continue to grow while these factors remain.

John Egan



Treasurer's Report

Peter Mackinnon

2009 was another financially successful year for Wollundry Rotary, with improved takings from our markets, and a great Food and Wine festival result. The club has continued its tradition of supporting the local community with donations to many community groups. The great result from the Food and Wine festival meant we were able to contribute a donation of \$25,000.00 to the Riverina Cancer Care Centre. In another major contribution the club supported the Victorian Bush Fire Appeal with a donation of \$20,000.00. These two donations were in addition to the usual donations made to local and international causes that Wollundry Rotary supports, and were possible because of the support from our local community for our Sunday Markets (which raised

over \$75000.00), Farmers markets (which raised over \$40,000.00) and the Food and Wine Festival (which raised over \$30,000.00).

The club implemented a change to the way we collect our fees and meal charges which has resulted in a fair way of paying the cost of running the club across all members. This new system has proved effective with the recent increases in meal prices which were implemented with short notice and minimum fuss.

With small surpluses achieved on both the Club and Community bank accounts Wollundry Rotary is poised for another successful year in 2010.

Peter Mackinnon



Foundation Report

Pat Parnell

The year commenced with a trip to Boorowa to attend a foundation training session. With John Egan and John Robertson to guide me, I knew I was in for an enlightening journey. After a two hour session with a number of speakers including the Chairman of Foundation, who had driven up from Melbourne, I wasn't disappointed. We then stayed on as guests of the Boorowa Rotary Club for their evening meeting, and arrived back in Wagga before midnight, with a month's reading material under my arm.

Wollundry Rotary now has eight members of the Centurion Club, those members having donated \$100 to the Rotary Foundation. Congratulations to those members.

A group study exchange went to Italy this year, although Wollundry Rotary didn't have any participants. We are hoping to get involved in the Group Study Exchange trip to South Korea in 2009/2010.

Rotary Foundation scholarships and grants

for university students were out of our reach this year.

The FAIM committee looked at the possibility of sending a team back to Vanuatu, although nothing has been finalised as yet. Polio Plus received a \$3,000 donation from our Club along with a further \$3000 donation to the Rotary Foundation.

John Egan gave our Club members a tremendous presentation on how the Rotary Foundation works, and with John taking on the Foundation Director's role in the coming year I am sure we will go from strength to strength.

I wish to thank President Doug for the privilege of serving on his Board in 2008/2009. It has been a very rewarding experience.

I would like to thank my fellow directors who have helped and supported me throughout the year.

Pat Parnell



Service Projects

Stephen McCoy

It has been an honour to serve this year as the Service Projects Director for the club. Thank you to all of the committees, their Chairmen, committee members and especially the club members for their support this year. This year has been another very successful year of fund raising for the Wollundry Rotary Club, and as a result we have donated an equally large amount to needy causes locally, nationally and internationally.

This year marked the 30th anniversary of the club and in March we passed the 2 million dollar mark for fund raising and had a gala night to celebrate the occasion.

The Sunday Markets continue to be a very profitable venture for the club. This year saw the change from a 50cent entry fee to a gold coin donation and the monies raised have increased accordingly.

The other major change this year was the move for the December month from the Myer car park to a new location in the Bolton Park car park. We also held the traditional Christmas on Main at Bolton Park and changed the name to Christmas on Bolton.

This too was very successful, the majority of the stallholders enjoyed the refreshing change from the old location.

In January we moved back to the Myer car park. February of this year also saw the changing of the guard for the Sunday markets committee with the resignation of Peter Davies, a charter club member, due to his relocation to Canberra.

The reins have been taken up by Col Mercer, who continued to steer the markets for the remainder of the year. Laurie Blowes will be the new chair for the 09/10 term. With Col in control we have seen it condensed to a smaller market to add the festival feel to the markets and this appears to be working very well.

Looking to the future for the Sunday Mar-

kets, the Christmas markets once again this year will be held at Bolton Park, with a prolonged view of moving the markets permanently to the new riverside precinct. Talks are under way at present with Wagga Wagga City Council.

The Farmers Market under the watchful eye of Pat Ingram and Colin Duff has continued to be a solid performer and has had a relative uneventful year with the notable exception being the attempt to introduce a drive-through service, much to the dismay of stall holders, it was decided that this practice will not continue!

Without doubt this year's Food and Wine Festival was the outstanding performer. A big thank you must be extended to Kevin Roben and his team for the extraordinary effort that they and other members of the club put in to make this the success it was. This year saw the entry fee increased to \$5 per adult and the sale of the commemorative glass for the wine tasting. With excellent food, wine and entertainment it was embraced by the City as one of the "must attend" events on the Wagga Wagga calendar.

As a bonus some \$25,000 dollars was donated from this event to the Riverina Cancer Care Centre in Wagga Wagga. We look forward to a bigger and better one again in 2010.

The committee is already meeting once again under the guidance of Kevin Roben to plan next year's event.

Once again I would like to thank President Doug and the Members for allowing me to serve as the 2008/ 2009 Service Projects Director.

Stephen McCoy



Wollundry Rotary Club's Past Presidents

1978-79	Graham Hornibrook	1994-95	Rick Priest
1979-80	John Skeers	1995-96	Michael Knight
1980-81	Leon Flegg	1996-97	Peter Davies
1981-82	Ken Cook	1997-98	David Benn
1982-83	John Gibson	1998-99	Alan Larcombe
1983-84	Norm Mowsar	1999-00	Kevin Watts
1984-85	Bruce Pinny	2000-01	John Smith
1985-86	Peter Crozier	2001-02	Gordon Braid
1986-87	Graham Burmeister	2002-03	John Flockton
1987-88	Ron Bragg*	2003-04	David Byfield
1988-89	John Gray	2004-05	Will Blackwell
1989-90	Tony Elphick*	2005-06	Paul Murray
1990-91	John Ireland	2006-07	Greg Conkey
1991-92	John Aston	2007-08	Neil Pinto
1992-93	John Egan		
1993-94	Col Butt*		

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 (Sp),
Norma Gray,
David Benn,
Gordon Braid,
Pat Ingram,
Colin Duff,
John Egan,
John Ireland,
David Byfield,
George Thomas,
James Hamilton,
John Smith
Greg Conkey,
Paul Murray,**

* deceased



Donations and Sponsorships for 2008-2009

Northcott Wagga Wagga Fund	\$4,431.00
Child Flight.....	\$1,500.00
Salvation Army	\$3,000.00
Anglicare.....	\$3,000.00
St Vincent De Paul Society.....	\$3,000.00
David Peachey Foundation.....	\$1,000.00
Riverina Bluebell.....	\$1,000.00
Wagga City Male Choir	\$250.00
The Action Awareness Group.....	\$250.00
Wagga Mens Shed.....	\$2,000.00
The Forrest Centre.....	\$5,000.00
Summer School for Strings.....	\$300.00
Immune Deficiencies Foundation.....	\$250.00
Wagga Wagga High School.....	\$100.00
Wagga Picnics.....	\$1600.00
Anglicare.....	\$3000.00
Salvation Army.....	\$3000.00
St Vincent De Paul Society.....	\$3,000.00
Wagga Womans Health.....	\$600.00
Angel Flight.....	\$1000.00
Oasis Centre.....	\$195.00
Wagga Rescue Squad.....	\$3,000.00
Uniting Church.....	\$2,200.00
Schizophrenia Fellowship.....	\$693.00
Relay for Life.....	\$750.00
Rotary Club of South Wagga.....	\$500.00
Idance.....	\$500.00
Rotary Club of Junee.....	\$2,000.00
Australian Rotary Health.....	\$1,000.00
Senior Citizens Welfare.....	\$3000.00
Polio Plus.....	\$1500.00
Rotary International (2 ORK boxes).....	\$1000.00
Rotary International.....	\$1500.00
Youth Connection.....	\$1500.00
MUNA.....	\$270.00
Noel Barnes Scholarship.....	\$4500.00
RYPEN.....	\$1200.00
Youth Projects.....	\$4595.00
Victorian Bushfire Appeal.....	\$20,000.00
Riverina Cancer Centre.....	\$25,000.00

Total\$112,184



Members of Wollundry Rotary Club June 2009

Rob Balding	Pat Ingram
David Benn	John Ireland
Laurie Blowes	Andrew Irvine
Gordon Braid	Peter Kennard
Richard Braid	John Knight
Geoff Breust	Michael Knight
Graham Burmeister	Alan Lloyd
David Byfield	Peter Mackinnon
Hugh Campbell	Stephen McCoy
Peter Clucas	Phil McIntosh
Doug Conkey	James McTavish
Greg Conkey	Col Mercer
Ken Cook	Paul Milde
Peter Crozier	Paul Murray
Ian Davies	Chris Nash
Col Duff	Greg O'Hare
John Egan	Pat Parnell
Alan Eldridge	Kerry Pascoe
Michael Eldridge	Neil Pinto
Glenn Elliot	Rick Priest
John Ferguson	Jim Richards
Graham Finney	Kevin Roben
Mark Fleming	Brian Roberts
John Flynn	Evan Robertson
David Foster	James Ross
Frank Fuller	Joe Savenije
Michael Georgiou	Dennis Shean
Gerry Gerlach	Dick Smith
Paul Gianniotis	John Smith
Jim Gibson	Doug Sutton
John Gray	George Thomas
Geoff Hamilton	Kevin Watts
James Hamilton	Garry Williams
Mark Hillis	Zac Zacharia
David Hodge	