

Rotary Club of Wollundry

Wagga Wagga

34th Annual Changeover of Executive Officers

Wagga Wagga Commercial Club Tuesday June 26 2012

Wollundry

Retiring President: Doug Conkey

Incoming President: Andrew Irvine

District 9700

Retiring District Governor: Ian Simpson

Incoming District Governor: Greg Brown



Outgoing Officers 2011-2012:

President: Doug Conkey Vice President/President Elect: Andrew Irvine Immediate Past President: Frank Fuller Secretary: Tony Weissel/David Byfield Treasurer: John Mason

> Directors: Club Administration: Geoff Hamilton Service Projects: Laurie Blowes/Peter Mackinnon Youth Services: Andrew Irvine Foundation: Jim Gibson Membership: Mark Sayer Public Relations: Geoff Breust

Incoming Officers 2012-2013:

President: Andrew Irvine Vice President/President Elect: Phil McIntosh Immediate Past President: Doug Conkey Secretary: Paul Milde Treasurer: Nick Leywood

Directors: Club Administration: Chris Metcalf Service Projects: Michael Merrylees Youth Services: Darren Wallace Foundation: Michael Knight Membership: Phil McIntosh Public Relations: Silas Darby

Program

6.30pm: Assemble – Register – Fellowship

7pm: Master of Ceremonies: Mark Hillis

Call to Order - Mark Hillis Rotary Grace - PP Doug Sutton Loyal Toast - Brian Roberts Apologies & Make-ups: PP David Byfield Introduction/Welcome to Guests/Visitors: Phil McIntosh Response from Guests/Visitors: Mayor Kerry Pascoe Toast to Rotary International: PDG John Egan Response to Toast: PDG Henry Gardiner Resume of Donations: Dick Smith Presentation of Attendance, Club and Special Awards: Geoff Hamilton, Doug Conkey Sergeant of Arms: Peter Clucas, Silas Darby

Intermission

Special Guest Speaker: Grant Luhrs (Introduction Mark Hillis)

Thank you: **Doug Conkey**

President's Report: Doug Conkey

Induction of New President: **Doug Conkey**

Induction of New Board: Andrew Irvine

Past President's Presentation: Andrew Irvine

Announcements: Andrew Irvine, Paul Milde

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.

<u>Menu</u>

Entrée

Prawn and Avocado Salad

Thai Beef Salad

Main Course

Chicken Genovese - Chicken breast wrapped in bacon pocketed with pesto and served with a rich cheesy sauce

Grilled Teriyaki Salmon - served on a bed of jasmine rice with fresh Asian green vegetables

Dessert

Pavlova - traditional Australian pavlova topped with seasonal fruit

Sticky Date Pudding – delicious pudding smothered in rich butterscotch sauce

Tea and Coffee



It is with pleasure that I present the President's report for 2011/2012.

It has been an honour to serve this Club and I thank the Board for their assistance, dedication and guidance over the past year and Wendy for her constant help and support. Special thanks to David Byfield and Peter Mackinnon who came onto the Board as Secretary and Service Director respectively after Tony Weissel moved to Canberra and Laurie Blowes resigned from the Board due to ill health.

The past year has been one of continued growth in terms of both membership and financial assistance to many organisations. Club membership started at 75 and we are now approaching 80 – the highest number since our Club was chartered in 1978. We are also the largest Club in District 9700. We have great diversity in Wollundry, not only in our age range but also in occupation classifications. This is a strength envied by many other service clubs in our district.

Our large financial donation of \$42,500 to Micah House was the result of our successful Food & Wine Festival. This festival held on the last Saturday in March each year continues to grow and is now a firm fixture on Wagga's social calendar. I especially thank Chairman Kevin Roben, Food & Wine Secretary Paul Milde and their committee for the hard work and commitment in organising and conducting this event. A more complete list of donations to other organisations is printed at the back of this booklet.

I thank all members of the Club for the many hours spent not only at our market operations but also in committee meetings. As our lunchtime meetings only last one hour, much work is carried out behind the scene.

Over the past years our Club has relied on the generosity of Nash Bros. for the storage of our trailers and other equipment used in the market operations. During the past year the club was fortunate in

President's Report Doug Conkey

obtaining funding of \$7150 from the Wagga Wagga City Council and \$30,000 from the NSW State Government through the office of Darryl Maguire for the construction of a storage facility at North Wagga. I would like to thank James Hamilton for his work in preparing the necessary paperwork and Rob Pearson for constructing this facility.

Our Club was very fortunate in hosting an exchange student; Eugenie Coche from Belgium. Eugenie proved to be a delightful young lady who brought fun and excitement to our meetings; was an absolute joy to her host families and to all who experienced her company. I thank everyone who contributed to her stay.

Wollundry has many attractions as a service club – a lunchtime meeting of one hour duration, vibrant social functions, an interesting array of guest speakers and the fact that we have only three market fundraising activities, which we do very well. Our large membership enables us to be rostered on at the markets only three to four times per annum. One of my aims this year through our guest speakers has been to focus on men's health issues and we have had discussions on diabetes, obesity and melanoma. Health professionals also addressed the club on the NSW Rural Medical School and the establishment of the Notre Dame Clinical School of Medicine in Wagga Wagga. To fit a guest speaker plus all our reports and our Sergeant-at-Arms into a one hour lunch program has proved challenging but it has also been fun!

I welcome eight new members to our club and hope their Rotary experience through Wollundry is rewarding and pleasureable.

To conclude I wish Andrew Irvine and his Board for 2012/2013 an enjoyable and successful year.

Doug Conkey





Club Administration

Geoff Hamilton

On the face of it the Club Administration Portfolio looks daunting with 12 sub-committees. However due to the expertise and willingness of the committee chairs everything ran smoothly for the year and my workload was minimal.

Bulletin Editor Paul Murray did a fantastic job with great support from Doug Sutton, Andy Irvine, John Egan, Michael Knight and John Ferguson. This is a big task and having the work shared by five or six members is a great way to share the role.

James Hamilton yet again looked after the club Budget and offered his services as Public Officer.

Alan Eldridge once again looked after our guest speakers ensuring we had a continuous flow of interesting and engaging presenters at our meetings.

President Doug took over the onerous task of looking after weekly apologies despite offers from others to help out – way beyond the call of duty. He worked with Treasurer John Mason to come up with a complex formula to ensure meal orders were accurate each week.

Club Risk Management was ably looked after by Phil McIntosh.

John Gray headed up our Sergeant's team making sure that the fines keep flowing in, being helped by Silas Darby and Peter Clucas.

David Benn once again looked after Social and sporting activities and this included a great Xmas party at David and Kaz Hodges, a flying evening and BBQ at the Wagga Aero Club and a weekend at Talbingo for members and partners.

Paul Milde once again looked after club property and kept the supply of those bright yellow Wollundry T Shirts up to date.

Change Over and District committees were once again well looked after by John Smith.

Paul Murray put in an enormous amount of effort getting the club up and running on the new Internet site, Club Runner which promises to streamline much of our club communication.

John Ireland looked after Risk Protection yet again.

I would like to thank all committee chairs for their hard work and effort in ensuring that things ran smoothly.

Geoff Hamilton



Firstly I would like to thank all my respective committee members who has made this first year as a director of the Wollundry Board extremely easy. Namely, James Hamilton Frank Fuller, John Egan and Michael Knight, capably assisted by Chris Nash, James Ross, Doug Sutton Brian Roberts and David Byfield.

I am pleased to advise that this year saw our member numbers, increase by a net 3 members to a total of 78 members with 5 members resigning in my term and 8 new members joining our wonderful club.

Membership Report Mark Sayer

Michael Merrylees, Kevin Moffat, Craig Bromley, Rob Fuller, Wayne Jenkins, Ken Taylor, Wal Paton, Tim Macgillycuddy.

The District Governor set us a target this year to achieve a membership of 100. It will be my sucessor's goal and the incoming Board to try and achieve that goal.

I wish to thank all the directors on this year's Board for their help and understanding this year in assisting me wherever possible.



As stand – in Director I am pleased to report another good year for Wollundry Rotary in our Community fund raising activities and would like to thank Laurie Blowes for his dedication and enthusiasm in this job through most of the year.

The Sunday Markets have continued their traditional role as Wagga's only weekly market, and work is underway for improvements in our format and presentation to the community. There is some increased competition from new markets, and the welcome return of inclement weather after many years of drought has reminded us of the challenges of running an outdoor market. The Sunday markets remain one of our main sources of funds for our community Donations and a great way to socialise outside of our weekly meetings.

The Farmers Market has had a great year with many

Service Projects Peter Mackinnon

varied stallholders regularly providing our monthly market with an ambience that the local community really enjoys. The available sites are regularly booked out and a waiting list of potential new vendors is developing. A special thanks must go to Col Duff and Pat Ingram for their continuous effort behind the scenes to maintain the success of the Farmers Market.

The Food and Wine Festival was a huge success thanks to the dedicated team, with a Special thanks to Kevin Roben who once again lead from the front in creating this special day for the community. The major donation to Micah House was very well received and proved what a valuable addition to our community events this day has become. It was a great effort from virtually all club members on the day and highlights what Rotary can achieve.

Peter Mackinnon



The World President of Rotary, Kalyan Banerjee, congratulates newly inducted Wollundry members (from left) Wal Paton, Rob Fuller and Ken Taylor, during his recent visit to the city. Looking on is the President of Wollundry Rotary, Doug Conkey (right). Photo by John Egan.

Members June 2012



Rob Balding



Craig Bromley

Greg Conkey





Graham Burmeister



Ken Cook



David Benn



David Byfield



Peter Crozier



Laurie Blowes







Silas Darby





Gerry Gerlach







Richard Braid





Geoff Breust



Doug Conkey



John Egan



David Foster



Jim Gibson



David Hodge



Michael Knight



Michael Eldridge



Rob Fuller



Geoff Hamilton



John Ireland





Michael Georgiou



James Hamilton



Andrew Irvine















Wayne Jenkins

Col Duff









Mark Hillis

















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Members June 2012



Nick Leywood



Phil McIntosh



Paul Murray



Wal Paton



Evan Robertson



John Smith



Alan Lloyd



Col Mercer



Simon Musgrave



Robert Pearson



Malcolm Robertson



Bruce Spinks



Tim Macgillycuddy



Michael Merrylees



Chris Nash





Chris Metcalfe



Greg O'Hare



Rick Priest



Mark Sayer





John Mason



Paul Milde



Pat Parnell



Kevin Roben



Dennis Shean



Exchange







Stephen McCoy



Kevin Moffat



Kerry Pascoe



Brian Roberts



Dick Smith















James Ross









Another great year under the Presidency of Doug and the help of Frank to ease us into the jobs 12 months ago, with many a highlight throughout the year, culminating to the changeover tonight.

Heading up the list were Graham Burmeister and team interviewing Kirby Johnstone, who did not fail to impress, and easily won the CSU Scholarship for the next three years

Neil Pinto has been busy again, organising MUNA, RYPEN and RYLA again, and done a wonderful job. Thanks as well to all those volunteers who helped Neil make all of them very worthwhile for the Year 11's, Year 9's and 18-25 year olds.

Paul Milde was exceptional in organising the National Science Forum, Noel Barnes Scholarships, and the Science Experience. Wagga Wagga High School won again for the third year in a row.

RYDA, Rotary Youth Driver Awareness, was another smashing success, with Dennis Shean at the helm. Our day this year involved cooking a BBQ for the kids. Thanks to the helpers with this as well. Darren Wallace was in charge of Eugenie Coche from Belgium, and this was an intro into the Youth Director position this coming year. There was an issue regarding travel insurance, which was never totally finalised, and thankfully was not an issue. With the amount of travel young Eugenie did, there was no time for trivial issues like insurance. She was a constant source of concern for District as a result, but with the lovely Carolyn Murray in her second year as club councellor, all was looked after and handled beautifully.

Youth

Report

Andrew Irvine

James Hamilton did an outstanding job with Youth Connection and school Liaison. He was responsible for David Byfield and John Egan being 'locked up" and released for \$500 in a fund raiser for the PCYC. John Ireland was instrumental in making sure that all members signed off on their Youth Protection Compliance forms. This is a process that takes place each year for the safety of all members.

2012-2013 year will be just as eventful, I imagine, and I look forward to this night in just under 12 months from now.

Andrew Irvine



The Rotary Foundation is defined as the charitable arm of Rotary International and is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation.

There are a number of programs that are housed under the banner of Foundation, which our club has worked tirelessly for over the years. The past year has been no exception with Wollundry again providing magnificent support to the Rotary ideals through member commitment and financial resources.

Programs include both International and Domestic matters and Wollundry has supported the following: Group Study Exchange

We hosted an inbound Group Study Exchange team from District D5770 in Oklahoma USA for the period 28 March 2012 to 1 April 2012.

The team was an all-female one and it was somewhat 10 Wollundry Rotary Club's Annual Report

Foundation Report Jim Gibson

ironic that they were hosted by an all-male club. The visit was judged a great success. Given it coincided with our Food and Wine Festival and all club members had some connection with the Festival, it was a great tribute to those involved that they were able to make the visit a memorable one for the girls. Their itinerary was full on for the entire time and it was most pleasing that Wollundry were able to manage the visit in such a smooth manner.

The Centurion Club

Wollundry actively supported this fine program with 18 members being "Centurions".

International Projects

Funding of \$7200 was provided during the year with assistance going to four individual projects.

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Foundation Report (Continued)

Polio Plus

A contribution of \$3000 was again made to continue with assistance in Rotary's ongoing aim to eradicate Polio globally

FAIM aka RAWCS

This is a particularly rewarding program, however this year we were not able to raise a team to venture overseas. We were able to provide financial assistance for Education and Training to a group in East Timor. Shelter Boxes

A contribution of \$6000 was made to this life saving cause.

Hat Day

This is a recent addition to the Rotary mantle and once again Wollundry enthusiastically supported this initiative with \$164 raised during the designated Hat Day meeting.

Dream Cricket

This is another new initiative from Rotary in partnership with Cricket Australia, which allows an opportunity for primary school students with a disability, to play cricket in a welcoming and sociable environment.

The Dream Cricket Day is a clinic where the students experience playing a range of cricket related activities during the day.

Wollundry Rotary Club has undertaken to facilitate the Wagga Wagga clinics and it is proposed that the initial Dream Cricket Day will take place in Term Three of the School Calendar year.

The program is very worthwhile and we look forward to a successful day's activities.

Jim Gibson



Wollundry continues to promote Rotary's role in supporting communities locally and across the world.

Yet again Wollundry Rotarians have excelled in "service above self" through the many activities undertaken over the past twelve months. Not only have these activities generated substantial funds to enable extremely worthwhile programs to be undertaken, they have involved great fun and provided great fellowship amongst our members and the people we have supported.

Letting the wider public know about what Rotary does is very much part of our charter because without the support of our community, our job in raising funds and providing assistance is virtually impossible.

Wollundry's Sunday Markets, monthly Farmers' Markets and, of course, the Wagga Wagga Food and Wine Festival are our premier events. They receive publicity and promote what we do. In addition to the fantastic work undertaken by Kevin Roben, Peter Mackinnon and Hugh Campbell in direct contact with the media and public spreading the word, all Wollundry Rotarians who have worked on these

Public Relations

Geoff Breust

activities have also done much to promote Rotary's achievements.

Special coverage of this year's Food and Wine Festival beneficiary Micah House and Rotary's role in almost eradicating polio across the world have been highlights of this year's public relations activities. For the first time, social media channels Facebook and Twitter were used in promoting the Food and Wine Festival – with great success.

Special recognition must be paid to Evan Robertson for our program of vocational visits to Kurrajong Waratah Recycling and Willans Hill School and Greg Conkey for his continued close relationship with all the local media. A very special thank you and congratulations go to Paul Murray for the development of our new web site and Clubrunner system for District 9700. This is a fantastic achievement and sets Wollundry up for the future.

My thanks to all the PR Committee members, fellow Directors and of course all Wollundry members for yet another outstanding year.

Geoff Breust



I would like to begin this report with a very gracious thank you to the many members that assisted me this year in one way or another to complete the function of Club Treasurer, particularly past treasurers David Benn and James Hamilton for their knowledge of club affairs and the function of treasurer. To the many members who assisted on the reception desk each week, your contribution in the "naughty corner" is also very much appreciated.

The 2012 year was our first full year of GST reporting, and while in itself not a difficult task, it's just one additional function that the club treasurer must cope with. The GST adds a record keeping and time compliance requirement that the club has not had to deal with previously.

As incoming treasurer during the 2011 year, assisting David Benn, I proposed to the board that my accounting firm would commit to the club bookkeeping function in future years to allow some flexibility for the club in nominations for incoming treasurers and add some quality aspects to the GST reporting requirements. The proposal to remove a good deal of the bookkeeping process will allow many members the opportunity to act as club treasurer knowing that the higher level accounting function is taken care of so that they may focus on the function of treasurer and club reporting and not be concerned with the intricacies of double entry bookkeeping and bank reconciliations.

Community Account

The three main revenue functions for the club remain the weekly Sunday Markets, the monthly Farmers Market and the annual Food & Wine Festival. Without doubt, the Farmers markets and the Food & Wine festival continue to grow in recognition and revenue strength. While some concerns remain regarding the slow decline in revenue from the Sunday markets, it should not be forgotten that these markets continue to provide a very substantial source of revenue for the club and its charitable work.

Estimate fund raising income for the 2012 club year (net after expenses)

Treasurer's Report John Mason

- Sunday Markets \$49,300 39%
- Farmers Markets \$34,300 27%
- Food & Wine festival (donation) \$42,500 34%

Wollundry Rotary was fortunate this year to have received \$37,150 in two major funding grants to allow some major upgrades to our facilities,

• Wagga Wagga City Council Annual Grants Program - \$7,150

• Office of Communities, Community Building Partnership Program \$30,000

Club Activities

This year the board took the decision to provide the weekly bulletins by way of email and as we go to print, via the new club web site, Club Runner. Substantial savings have been achieved in both print and postage costs and these will be passed onto members. Some focus this year on the attendance apology system while maintaining a tight rein on the meals ordered each week has kept the budget reasonable tight in this area. I appreciated that 65% of members chose to pay their membership fees up front this year.

I have enjoyed the position of treasurer this year and it is certainly a good way for any member to become accustomed to the working of the club and be allowed an insight into each of the committee's activities. There are members in this club that are to be commended for the tireless work they do in their relevant roles and I have enjoyed working with you all.

John Mason



Chairman of the Food and Wine Committee, Kevin Roben, presents a cheque to Micah House representatives for \$42,500, the proceeds from this year's event.

Donations and Sponsorships for 2011-2012

Community	
Angel Flight	
Anglican Parish of Wagga Wagga	
CAN Assist	
Circus Quircus	500
CSU Foundation Trust	
Disability Advocacy Network	500
Eastern Riverina Arts - donation to Dramatic Minds Festival	
Family Link	1,000
Immune deficiency Foundation	500
Micah House	
National Science Summer School	
Noel Barnes Scholarship	
PCYC Youth Connection	1,000
PITSIS Academy	500
Pride of workmanship awards	506
Riverina Summer School for strings	
Ronald McDonald House	500
RYDA	200
RYLA District Committee	
RYPEN District Committee	
Senior Citizens Committee	
Snowy Hydro South Care	500
St Vincent DePaul Christmas Donation	
TAAG Respect Week	1,500
The Salvation Army	
Wagga Base Hospital Auxiliary	1,700
Wagga Eisteddfod Society	1,000
Amie St Clair Melanoma Trust	1,544
Ashmont Churches Breakfast Program	

International

Canmore Club Bushfire Appeal	5,000
Creating Hope In Cambodia	1,000
RAWCS - Biblioteka Erema	700
ROMAC	1,000
Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund Eastern Region	600
Rotary Foundation - Polio Plus	6,000
Shelter Box Australia	6,000

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Wollundry Rotary Club's Past Presidents

1978-79	Graham Hornibrook
1979-80	John Skeers
1980-81	Leon Flegg
1981-82	Ken Cook
1982-83	John Gibson
1983-84	Norm Mowsar*
1984-85	Bruce Pinney
1985-86	Peter Crozier
1986-87	Graham Burmeister
1987-88	Ron Bragg*
1988-89	John Gray
1989-90	Tony Elphick*
1990-91	John Ireland
1991-92	John Ashton
1992-93	John Egan
1993-94	Col Butt*
1994-95	Rick Priest

1995-96	Michael Knight
1996-97	Peter Davies
1997-98	David Benn
1998-99	Alan Larcombe
1999-00	Kevin Watts
2000-01	John Smith
2001-02	Gordon Braid*
2002-03	John Flockton
2003-04	David Byfield
2004-05	Will Blackwell
2005-06	Paul Murray
2006-07	Greg Conkey OAM
2007-08	Neil Pinto
2008-09	Doug Sutton
2009-10	Joe Savenije
2010-11	Frank Fuller

Paul Harris Fellows

Leon Flegg Graham Hornibrook (Sp) # Harold Webster* Ken Cook (Mp) Tony Ireland* Ron Bragg* Tony Elphick* John Gray Gordon Hurford Peter Crozier Rick Priest (Sp) Col Butt* Val Miller OAM Kay Hull Phil Horden* Marion Cook* Michael Knight Peter Davies Graham Burmeister (Sp) Kevin Watts (Sp) Norma Gray David Benn Gordon Braid (Sp)* Pat Ingram Colin Duff John Egan John Ireland David Byfield George Thomas (Sp) James Hamilton John Smith Greg Conkey OAM Paul Murray Maria Egan Frank Fuller Neil Pinto Kevin Roben Wilf Plunkett Graham Finney Kay Thomas Joe Savenije Gail Crozier

Charter President

*deceased Sp Sapphire Pin OAM Order of Australia Medal

Members and partners June 2012

Robert Balding (Dimity) Tim Barter (Colleen) David Benn (Cherie) Laurie Blowes (Dell) Richard Braid (Marina) Geoff Breust (Ros) Craig Bromley (Gaye) Graham Burmeister (Marion) David Byfield (Brenda) Hugh Campbell (Heather) Peter Clucas (Sharon) Doug Conkey (Wendy) Greg Conkey (Jenny) Ken Cook Peter Crozier (Gail) Silas Darby (Joanne) Col Duff (Jenni) John Egan (Maria) Alan Eldridge (Barbara) Michael Eldridge (Sarah) John Ferguson (Judy) Mark Fleming John Flynn (Annette) David Foster (Brenda) Frank Fuller (Helen) Rob Fuller (Suzanne) Michael Georgiou (Dawn) Gerry Gerlach (Angie) Paul Gianniotis (Gioia) Jim Gibson (Lyn) John Gray (Norma) Geoff Hamilton (Jan) James Hamilton (Gina) John Hawkins (Sandy) Mark Hillis (Christine) David Hodge (Kaz) Pat Ingram (Carol) John Ireland (Isabel) Andrew Irvine (Bev)

Wayne Jenkins (Maureen) John Knight (Liz) Michael Knight (Anne) Nick Leywood (Sian) Alan Lloyd (Sandra) Peter Mackinnon (Angie) Tim Macgillycuddy (Susan) John Mason (Kerry) Stephen McCoy (Jessica) Phil McIntosh (Lynette) Col Mercer (Christine) Michael Merrylees (Jane) Chris Metcalfe (Angela) Paul Milde (Margo) Kevin Moffat (Cheryl) Paul Murray (Carolyn) Simon Musgrave(Tanya) Chris Nash (Marj) Greg O'Hare (Jenny) Pat Parnell Kerry Pascoe (Dianne) Wal Paton (Helen) Rob Pearson (Pam) Neil Pinto (Nola) Rick Priest (Margaret) Kevin Roben Brian Roberts (Michele) Evan Robertson (Alison) Malcolm Robertson (Fran) James Ross (Renae) Mark Sayer (Jaimie) Dennis Shean (Helma) John Smith (Judi) Bruce Spinks (Joo-Yee) Dick Smith (Gail) Doug Sutton (Kay) Ken Taylor (Jacqui) George Thomas (Kay) Darren Wallace (Kathy)

