



Rotary Club of  
**WOLLUNDRY**  
**WAGGA WAGGA**

**37<sup>th</sup>** Annual  
Changeover of  
Executive Officers

Wagga Wagga Commercial Club  
Tuesday June 30 2015

**Wollundry**

**Retiring President:**  
John Ferguson

**Incoming President:**  
Geoff Hamilton

**District 9700**

**Retiring District Governor:**  
David Kennedy

**Incoming District Governor:**  
Gary Roberts



# Rotary Club of Wollundry

## Outgoing Officers 2014-2015:

**President:** John Ferguson

**Vice President/President Elect:** Geoff Hamilton

**Immediate Past President:**

Phil McIntosh

**Secretary:**

Paul Milde

**Treasurer:**

Jim Gibson

**Directors:**

**Club Administration:**

Graham Barrow /

Greg O'Hare

**Service Projects:**

Tim Macgillycuddy

**New Generation:**

Darren Wallace

**Foundation:**

Wal Paton

**Membership:**

Rob Fuller

**Public Relations:**

Craig Bromley

## Incoming Officers 2015-2016:

**President:** Geoff Hamilton

**Vice President/President Elect:** Geoff Breust

**Immediate Past President:**

John Ferguson

**Secretary:**

Laurie Blowes

**Treasurer:**

David Pyke

**Directors:**

**Administration:**

Greg O'Hare

**Service Projects:**

Mark Hillis

**Youth:**

David Foster

**Membership Director:**

Rob Fuller

**Foundation:**

Doug Sutton

**Public Relations:**

John Hawkins



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# Program

6.30pm: **Assemble – Register – Fellowship**

7pm: Master of Ceremonies: **Peter Clucas**

Call to Order - **Peter Clucas**

Loyal Toast - **PP Graham Burmeister**

Apologies & Make-ups: **Rob Fuller**

Introduction/Welcome to Guests/Visitors: **Darren Wallace**

Rotary Grace - **Lead by MC**

Toast to Rotary International: **Geoff Breust**

Response to Toast: **DG Gary Roberts**

Resume of Donations: **Jim Gibson**

Presentation of Attendance, Club and Special Awards:

**John Ferguson**

Sergeant of Arms: **Laurie Blowes, Michael Georgiou**

## Intermission

Introduction of entertainment: **John Ferguson**

President's Report: **John Ferguson**

Induction of New President: **John Ferguson**

Induction of New Board: **Geoff Hamilton**

Past President's Presentation: **Geoff Hamilton**

Announcements: **Geoff Hamilton, Laurie Blowes**

## 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**

### **Entree**

- 1/ King prawn and avocado salad.
- 2/ Tomato, basil, bocconini and prosciutto with balsamic reduction.

### **Main Course**

- 1/ Macadamia crusted rack of lamb served on a creamy horseradish mash with rosemary jus.
- 2/ Pumpkin, pine nut and rocket stuffed chicken fillet served on a root vegetable medley with crème sauce.

(All served with fresh vegetables)

### **Dessert**

- 1/ Hazelnut chocolate filled tart served with a berry compote and white chocolate ganache. Italian tiramisu.
- 2/ Crème caramel with almond praline dust and cinnamon, white chocolate shortbread.

(All served with cream and garnishes)

### **Tea and Coffee**



# President's Report

John Ferguson

I am exceptionally pleased to present the 37th Annual President's Report for the Rotary Club of Wollundry, Wagga Wagga.

At last year's change over dinner, I suggested that as a Rotary Club, Wollundry needs to:

- Be Relevant to the community it serves
- Have Meaningful operations and programs for its members
- And above all, members must find their service, their time, their contributions to be Enjoyable.

You the members are the best judge of whether or not these three objectives were achieved. The 2014-2015 year has seen a year of great change, and a year where this club and its members have again contributed and accomplished much in serving our local and international communities. I believe Wollundry has achieved the challenge set by Rotary International President for 2014-15, Gary C. K. Huang to "Light Up Rotary"!

Wollundry's achievements have been many for this year but they were only achieved through the efforts of a strong executive and dedicated board. My appreciation to Secretary Paul and Treasurer Jim for their skill, enthusiasm, professionalism and hard work in ensuring the sound administration of the club. To the directors Darren, Tim, Rob, Wal, Craig, Graham and Greg go my thanks for managing their portfolios and sub committees and ensuring a successful year. To Incoming President Geoff and Incoming Secretary Laurie thank you for being part of the board and for your support and assistance during the year.

The BMW Food & Wine Festival was again an outstanding achievement of the club. New chairman Tim and his committee plus the entire club membership and their partners are to be congratulated on providing a showcase for the district's fantastic food and wine. A record crowd flocked to the Wollundry Lagoon precinct for this much anticipated highlight on the Wagga social calendar. With great sponsors, new and innovative programs, this year's festival broke all records!

As stated in last year's report, Past President Phil suggested that for the club to go forward new strategies for fund raising must be assessed. In a short space of time Phil with his assistant chairman, Tim organised the inaugural Wollundry Cycle Challenge and Beer & Cider Festival on the long weekend in October. This event was widely applauded and supported! In its first year it attracted 350 cyclists, while thousands enjoyed the social atmosphere of the festival in the Memorial Gardens.

There has been a significant growth in the hire of the club's equipment during the year. Chairman Rob, his committee and Secretary Paul have provided this much needed service to over 20 charities. This is an area with great potential as a service to charities and a fund raiser to give back to the community.

The club's contribution to Rotary Youth Programs is extensive. My thanks to all members who assisted at RYPEN, RYLA, RYDA, Science & Engineering Challenge, DreamCricket and the administration of the various Wollundry scholarships. The club's contribution to youth programs has been extended this

year to incorporate a Riverina Institute of TAFE scholarship.

Wollundry has a proud tradition in the area of Youth Exchange with over 60 exchanges completed in its history. This year we had two exceptional exchange students with Heidi Shuter outbound to Austria and Franzi Treber our inbound student from Germany. It has been a pleasure having Franzi to our weekly meetings. She has been an outstanding ambassador for Rotary, Germany and her family. To all club members, particularly Franzi's host families go my appreciation for contributing to this important Rotary cornerstone.

The success of our weekly lunch time meetings are not only due to the enjoyment and fellowship we share, but also to the outstanding array of guest speakers we attract. This year was exceptional with its diversity!

Laura Kane-"On the Kokoda Track"; Rachel Linsell-"Autism In our Children"; Alan Hull-"Racecaller's Biography"; Ryan Forsyth- The Clontarf Aboriginal Program"; John Glassford-"Mt Kenya/Anzac Challenge"; John Egan "Digital Photography"; Michael Antrum "Young Offenders & the Law"; Graham Burmeister "Beyond the 39th Parallel"; Elaine Dietsch-"Working as a Midwife Educator in East Africa"; Kerry Penton "Future of TAFE"; Lauren Slater "RYLA"; Ken Cook et al "Manus Island 23 years ago"!!!!

Vocational visits were held at Ken Taylor's Silvertone Electronics, Geoff Hamilton/Paul Gianniotis Pro Way Stockyard Equipment and Wayne Jenkins Riverina TAFE. A visit to Wagga Wagga High School informed the membership of the use of the 2013 Food & Wine recipient's funds of \$43,000 on the Special Education Unit.

The changing scene of markets in Wagga has attracted much debate within the club both formally and informally. Club assemblies attracted lively discussions about future directions, stallholders were surveyed and new venues assessed. Col and his Sunday Markets committee have worked tirelessly in assessing future directions. The continued growth of the Australia Day Market in the Memorial Gardens and a fully supported Christmas Market gave a hint of a resurgence. However, with a decline in public support in the new year and council indecision on a venue change, saw the Sunday Markets placed in recess until the new council Riverside development is opened. Whatever the decision, it should be fully appreciated that this icon of Wollundry Rotary, has raised \$2.3 million dollars for the community since its inception.

The Farmers Markets have faced increased competition during the year, but still provide a formidable income for the club, and a much loved community service. It is a great family outing on a Saturday morning! Andy and his committee are to be commended for their innovative and tireless approach to ensuring its future.

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# President's Report

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There were a number of wonderful social events organised during the year:

- Bonfire and fund raiser for Riverina Bluebell at David & Cherrie Benns'
- Christmas party at Burmo's estate.
- Polio Plus Movie night and Thirsty Crow evening
- Talbingo Weekend
- Golfing, with a very successful winning of the Twomey Twilight competition
- Cricket & flying fellowships.
- The Meal Deals
- Sydney Harbour Yachting
- District Conference at Cowra

Wollundry lost one of its finest last year, Dick Smith. Dick made a considerable contribution to the life of the club and we all looked to him for guidance on a "good red"! He was a quiet, intelligent and unassuming man with a "dry" sense of humour and so sadly missed by us all.

My great thanks to Judy for her support and assistance to me during the year.

My best wishes to incoming president Geoff and Jan for 2015/16. The Rotary Club of Wollundry, Wagga Wagga has great diversity, foresight and innovation in its membership. It has an outstanding reputation and endless energy to assist others. I am sure with Geoff's leadership Wollundry will develop, prosper and continue to be a vital asset to the community we serve.

**John Ferguson**



## Service Projects

Tim Macgillicuddy

As Service Projects Director I am pleased to report that this has been another very successful year for our club and the community in which we serve.

The Sunday Markets have faced many challenges this year with competition from other market providers in the community which has led to declining attendances from vendors and public leading to reduced revenue for the club. Despite these challenges the Sunday Market Committee under the direction of Col Mercer produced a fantastic Christmas Fair and Australia Day Fair. Col and his committee worked tirelessly to boost the markets but the decline still continued with the club making the hard decision to place the markets in recess. Also thank you to James Hamilton for the work he did with D/A applications to Council for the Sunday Market new proposed sites.

The Farmers Market continues to be a great venue for the community but it too has suffered from declining attendances from vendors. Andrew Irvine and his hard working team have introduced new ideas to ensure the markets continue to grow and evolve. Ken Taylor and Wayne Jenkins have come on board as new supervisors and are being trained by Col Duff who is retiring after many years in that position. It is still the premier event each month providing community members with a variety of produce, entertainment and the location is hard to better on a sunny day. This event continues to raise invaluable funds for our club to distribute throughout the Wagga Community.

The Riverina BMW Wollundry Rotary Food and Wine Festival has once again been an outstanding success this outcome is a reflection of the hard work and many hours put in by Tim Barter his Committee and the service of all members of our club. This premier event on Wagga Wagga's Social calendar with the support of sponsors has raised significant funds for our community. This year's beneficiary was the Wagga Women's Health Centre and the \$40,000 they received will help start a new

program which Wollundry Rotary Club will be a partner going forward.

This year there was a new social event in Wagga and it was the Wagga Cycle Challenge and Cider and Beer Festival (Tour de Cycle) which was held in October. Another premier event for the Wagga Wagga Social calendar. It was a great success due to the hard work and many hours put in by Phil McIntosh his Committee and the support from all club members. What this committee achieved in such a short time is just incredible. The Festival raised \$15,000 for the Wagga community and it has put Wagga on the Cycle calendar.

Doug Conkey and his Service Projects committee have done an often challenging task of distributing the funds raised throughout the year to many worthy causes that have applied for funding within a tight budget. Another great service provided by our club to the community is the hire of tents to community functions, this is treated as a donation and thanks goes for the hard work of Rob Pearson and his committee maintaining the equipment and the many hours of service by all club members in delivering, setting up and packing away the tents. Thank you to Rick Priest and his committee for promoting Senior Citizens Week 2015. Pride of Workmanship awards were presented early in the year to three very worthy young business people being recognized by Rotary and their employer for excellence in the work place. Thank you to the many chairmen and committees that worked quietly behind the scenes achieving great things for the community we serve and for our club.

**Tim Macgillicuddy**





# Club Administration

Greg O'Hare

I would like to thank President John and the club for giving me the opportunity to be Club Administration Director for the period after Graham Barrow's resignation in late 2014. It has been a new club experience and I thank my fellow committee members for their support which contributed to the result.

The following is a summary of each subcommittee

## 1/ Apologies

Michael Eldridge again this year did a great job accepting apologies and extra visitors and helped to ensure that we kept to budget in that area of expenditure.

## 2/ Bulletin

The weekly bulletin is key part of communication in the club, Paul Murray as chair has coordinated this well with the help of Doug Sutton, Hugh Campbell, Michael Knight, Ken Taylor and John Egan in putting together a timely and readable bulletin.

## 3/ Club Changeover

Chair John Smith and members David Foster, Greg Conkey, David Benn and Peter Crozier did an excellent job in organising this years changeover.

## 4/ Club Historian

Chair Graham Burmeister continued his involvement in maintaining the history of the club from its inception.

## 5a/ Risk Management

Chair James Hamilton and John Ireland ensured risk was covered in a professional manner for the club

## 5b/ Club Protection

Chair Nick Leywood ensured all aspects were dealt with and reported on

## 6/ District Conference

John Smith continued his commitment to Rotary by organising the team to the District Conference.

## 7/ Internet Communications and website

Chair Paul Murray continued his great support of technology

along with fellow members Greg Conkey, Hugh Campbell, and Michael Eldridge.

## 8/ Guest speakers /Special Events

Chair Alan Eldridge, Wayen Jenkins and Peter McKinnon again provided an array of interesting Special guest speakers along with Special Events and Vocational events.

## 9/ Property/Clothing

James Hamilton along with his many duties maintained the Property chair with the help of Rick Priest

## 10/ Public Officer

To our Public Officer and Risk Management Chair James Hamilton another great effort along with John Mason. James proved thorough and timely in his commitment to the club and these important positions in the club.

## 11/ Sergeant at Arms

To our sergeants, Chair Laurie Blowes, Michael Georgiou, Peter Lucas and James Ross, thank you for making sure you extracted a few dollars from each of us each week and also making it an entertaining experience.

## 12/ Social, Sporting

Our Social Committee under the leadership of Mark Hillis has again provided a number of great opportunities for the members and partners to mix in a social setting. Our sailing on the harbour trip and weekend in Talbingo continued this year and a great time was had by all who attended.

To all those other members that I have not mentioned by name, thank you for your contributions to the Administration portfolio. In closing I wish to extend my gratitude to President John and fellow Board members for making my time as a Director a most enjoyable and rewarding experience. I wish Geoff and the team every success in 2015/16.

**Greg O'Hare**



# Public Relations

Craig Bromley

The position of Public Relations forms one of the 12 seats on the Wollundry Rotary Board and is responsible for four committees. I have had the pleasure of filling this position for the 2014-15 year under the leadership of President John.

**Market Rosters:** Chairman David Byfield has done a magnificent and unenviable task putting together the roster for the Food and Wine Fair. We thank him for the efficient staffing operation of all the areas, including ticketing, bars, setup, cleaning, etc. The Farmers Market rosters ran smoothly all year, and the Sunday Markets roster ran effectively through to early March when it was suspended pending repositioning.

**Internet Website:** Chaired by Paul Murray. All members should visit [www.wollundryrotary.org.au](http://www.wollundryrotary.org.au) and see the quality of the work performed by Paul. Information, and the accessibility of that information is the key to the success of any organisation and the club is lucky to have a member of Paul's ability in charge of this vital resource. We all agree that Clubrunner is a terrific way for

members to stay informed and an easy way to update personal details.

**Vocational Visits:** Chaired by Ken Taylor. We had an enjoyable visit the Wagga Wagga High School to see first hand the equipment purchased with the proceeds of our Food and Wine Fair. We also had a visit to Ken Taylor's workshop and we're all now well informed on the functions, complexities and virtues of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles. We thank Ken for his efforts in this committee.

**Interaction with other Clubs:** Chaired by David Benn. Not a lot of interaction apart from the usual make ups. Our Dream Cricket members have been busy promoting that activity amongst other clubs and the club is planning our club's sponsorship of the IFCR (International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians) festival in October 2016.

**Craig Bromley**



# Members June 2015



Tim Barter



David Benn



Laurie Blowes



Richard Braid



Geoff Breust



Craig Bromley



Graham Burmeister



David Byfield



Hugh Campbell



Peter Clucas



Doug Conkey



Greg Conkey



Ken Cook



Peter Crozier



Jon Daley



Travis Downey



Col Duff



John Egan



Alan Eldridge



Michael Eldridge



John Ferguson



John Flynn



David Foster



Frank Fuller



Rob Fuller



Michael Georgiou



Gerry Gerlach



Paul Gianniotis



Jim Gibson



John Gray



Peter Green



Geoff Hamilton



James Hamilton



John Hawkins



Mark Hillis



David Hodge



Pat Ingram



John Ireland



Andrew Irvine



Wayne Jenkins



Michael Knight



Nick Leywood





# Members June 2015



Tim Macgillcuddy



Peter Mackinnon



John Mason



Stephen McCoy



Phil McIntosh



Col Mercer



Paul Milde



Kevin Moffat



Paul Murray



Robertson Nicholson



Greg O'Hare



Kerry Pascoe



Wal Paton



Robert Pearson



Neil Pinto



Rick Priest



David Pike



Jeremy Riethmuller



Malcolm Robertson



James Ross



Richard Rossiter



Jonty Shuter



John Smith



Bruce Spinks



Doug Sutton



Ken Taylor



Darren Wallace



Bob Willis

## Dick Smith



*The Club lost a very valued and popular member during the year with the death of Dick Smith.*

## Exchange Student Franz Treber



## Adopted member Brent Pichard





# Membership Report

Rob Fuller

A big thank you to my committee members including James Hamilton (Attendance), Ken Cook (Classification) and David Benn (Development) for their hard work and assistance during the year.

We started the 2014/2015 year with 74 members. During the course of the year we were to bid farewell to 9 members.

Unfortunately pressure from external work commitments was by far the main contributor of our loss.

A huge thank you from the Rotary world for the service of our departing members and their years of membership:

George Thomas -25, Chris Nash -18, Kevin Roben - 13, Dennis Shean -9, Pat Parnell -8, Mark Sayer -5, Chris Metcalfe -4, Michael Merrylees -4 and Graham Barrow -1.

We welcomed to Club membership ranks, 6 new members: Jonty Shuter 01/07/14, Greg Goldspink 23/09/14, Robert Nicholson 23/09/14, Travis Downie 16/12/14, Peter Green 16/12/14 and Richard Rossiter 17/03/15.

Thank you to the members who introduced our great new members.

I would like to thank our President John Ferguson and my fellow board members for their support during the year.

Our great and proud club finishes the 2014/2015 year with 71 members. I'd like all members to embrace the importance of introducing a new member for the year ahead, so that our club membership can grow to enable us to continue our service to community.

**Rob Fuller**



# Foundation Report

Wal Paton

The Rotary Foundation is our charity doing good in the World. Its mission is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

We certainly achieved the mission of the Foundation this year via the following programs.

Donations were made to the following Foundation programs:

- Rotary Oceania Medical for Children \$1,000
- Rotarians for Fighting Aids \$1,000
- Rotary Australia World Community Service \$1,000
- Interplast \$750

The annual "Hat Day" in October raised \$500 for Australian Rotary Health and another \$146.20 was raised via the Christmas raffle in December. Thank you to Bruce Spinks who donated the prize.

Polio Plus received \$3,452 this year with some funds coming from the special film night in February which was attended by many club members. The drinks and pizza at the Thirsty Crow were very enjoyable after a great film and fund raiser. Centurions in our club have increased by four this year with the total now at 22. Club members'

contributions to Rotary Foundation this year were \$4,600. Peter Crozier and his team have done a great job in making members aware of Rotary's role and relevance in our community via Rotary Information segments at our weekly meetings. We all gained from the information delivered each week.

Wollundry was once again involved with the "Rotary Peace Awards" in February setting and packing up the tents. Our nominee Lorraine Hill won the "Peter and Helen Walsh Memorial Award" which was well deserved. Lorraine has contributed many hours to the Wagga Community.

We also applied for two District Grants with the Club and District sharing the funding. Our \$5,000 new kitchen project for Noosawun Kouyhai School in Thailand was approved. At the time of writing our application for our TAFE Scholarship was still being reviewed by the District 9700 Grant Committee. Thank you to James Hamilton who worked tirelessly in completing the applications for the grants.

Thank you to all the committee members under Foundation for their hard work during the year and we certainly did make a gift to the world in 2014-15.

**Wal Paton**



# New Generation

Darren Wallace

Wollundry Rotary is a big supporter of youth-related programs and our hard working committee members do a fantastic job of coordinating and contributing to these programs along with all the other members and partners that pitch in. It has once again been a privilege and a pleasure being New Generations Director - but the time has come to pass the baton on to Dave Foster.

This year we did not have an outbound exchange student. Last year's outbound student Heidi Shuter returned from Austria in January and has come along to a number of Tuesday meetings to catch up with the club. Heidi is currently in Year 11 at TRAC and hopes to study physiotherapy or primary school teaching but not before saving some money and travelling back to Austria to catch up with her host families and friends.

The Club's new favourite German tourist Franzi Treber arrived in Australia (on Rotary Exchange) in July 2014 and has fitted in beautifully. Franzi is from Kirrweiler, a small country town in western Germany, known for growing grapes. On the surface Franzi appears shy and unsure but don't be fooled - she has a great sense of humour and loves a party. Thanks to the four member's families that hosted Franzi and to the club members and partners that took the time to include Franzi in the many (many, many) trips and adventures that she went on. Franzi has had an unforgettable experience in Australia and is not too keen on talking about going home...sadly Franzi will be leaving Australia on July 13. We all wish her well.

The Rotary Youth Program for Enrichment (RYPEN) was held at Boorambola again in November 2014 with the assistance of members of our club and Murrumbidgee Rotary Club. Twenty clubs in the District sponsored seventy nine year 9 high school students on the two day / two night program which includes many team building activities and a number of informative and inspirational speakers (including our own Peter Clucas). Wollundry Rotary sponsored four students from Wagga High and four students from TRAC to attend RYPEN.

Another highly successful Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program was held over 5 days at Camp Kurrajong Wagga Wagga in April. Annie Dowling was sponsored by our club and reported that she had an amazing time having learned many new skills and made lots of new friends. Annie is 21 and currently works in childcare whilst studying veterinary nursing at TAFE. Many thanks to those club members that assisted with RYLA. We'll be hearing from Annie at a club meeting in the near future.

In April the CSU Science Scholarship panel consisting of John Ireland, and Graham Burmeister awarded this year's scholarship (\$2000 each year for 3 years) to Sally Tanner (Bachelor of Science). Two \$500 Book Prizes were awarded to Henry Risson (Bachelor of Agricultural Science) and Olivia Curry (Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science). Club members enjoy hearing from scholarship recipients during the year at our regular weekly meetings.

The Science & Engineering Challenge was held in March at the MTC with two hundred students from eight secondary schools in the region competing. This year there was a coordinated effort from all Wagga Rotary clubs to subsidise the rising costs of running this popular event. Wollundry Rotary donated \$500 and again provided trestles for the day with a number of our members assisting with setup and supervision.

The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) is a highly competitive program which offers students in Year 11 the chance to test-drive a wide range of universities and careers in the sciences. This year Matilda Balding from TRAC and Sam Banninster from Koorlingal High attended the NYSF in Canberra in January.

In 2014-15 there were eight recipients of the Noel Barnes Scholarship - providing financial assistance of \$1000 (over 2 years) to students in year 11 from TRAC and Wagga High.

Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) was again held in March at the Equex centre assisted again by a number of our members. Hundreds of 16-18 year old students from local high schools attended the one day program which delivers practical road safety information targeting attitude and awareness of young.

It's excellent to see that the club continues to do a great job helping students and young adults in the region participate in the many youth programs with which Rotary is associated.

In closing I wish to extend my sincere thanks to President John and my fellow Board members for their valuable contributions to the Club and for making my time as a Director most enjoyable and rewarding, and to wish Dave Foster and the 2015-16 Board all the best.

**Darren Wallace**



*One of the participants at last year's RYPEN camp held at Borambola.*





# Treasurer's Report

Jim Gibson

This year has seen significant change to core activities within our club.

After many years of stability, there has been a changing of the guard to the Farmers Market management team. Col Duff and Pat Ingram stepped down and Ken Taylor and Wayne Jenkins stepped up.

Similarly, with the Food and Wine Festival, a new OIC in Tim Barter plus new members to the organising committee took up the reins.

A brand new event, the Wollundry Cycle Challenge and Craft Beer and Cider Festival had its launch with Phil McIntosh being the initial chairman.

The Sunday Markets were placed in recess.

The Sunday Markets had shown a marked decline in support by marketeers and the general public for some time. Whilst this increased the club focus on this event and entailed a great deal of initiatives and resuscitation work by club members, the continued low turnout by marketers and ongoing poor income results had such an effect that it was decided to place this activity in recess.

This decision was made against the backdrop of the pending opening of the Wagga Wagga City Council Riverside development. It has been proposed this will happen late in the 2015 year and at that time, it is planned a new market can be established.

The possibility of a down turn in funds from the Sunday Market was recognised at the time of preparation of the year's budget. Contingency planning allowed for any shortfall to be made up from Food and Wine and Cycle Challenge proceeds.

The Wollundry Cycle Challenge and Craft Beer and Cider Festival was kick started under the enthusiastic chair of Phil McIntosh, ably supported by Tim Barter, who played a huge role in the staging of the festival side of this event. Our initial festival was held in October and proved to be an outstanding success.

This success and its outcome was testimony to the planning and leadership of Phil and his committee plus the hard "yakka" and work ethic of all club members on the actual day.

The event will now be a permanent part of the Wollundry Rotary Club and Wagga Wagga calendar, with plans already under way for this year's Festival.

The Food and Wine Festival achieved its best result ever, thanks to the commitment of OIC Tim Barter and his hard working committee over a period of many months. Again, Tim's role cannot be understated here as was the huge effort put in by all club members. The Festival is also firmly established on the Wagga Wagga social calendar as one of its leading events and will continue well into the foreseeable future.

Proceeds from both events adequately covered the Sunday Market shortfall.

Despite change happening around the club, all commitments

were met and we have maintained our mission of providing a helping hand for community and international projects.

A list of club donations is contained within the annual report and details all recipients who received funding during the year.

On a personal note, I express my thanks to James Hamilton for his expertise and guidance with fiscal matters during the year. I also acknowledge John Mason, who oversees our book keeping, provides accountancy advice and produces our GST records. I thank him for his help and professional advice during the year. Given the size, scope and work involved within our club, his contribution is considerable.

I have enjoyed working with President John Ferguson, Secretary Paul Milde and the rest of our board this year.

I extend best wishes to the newly elected board for the coming year.

**Jim Gibson**



*This year's Riverina BMW Wagga Food and Wine Festival organised by members of Wollundry Rotary was the best on record. More than \$90,000 was raised.*





# Donations and Sponsorships 2014-2015

Wagga Women's Health Centre .....	\$40,000
Shelter Box Australia Vanuatu Appeal.....	\$11,000
District 9700 Nepal Appeal, South Wagga Rotary.....	\$10,000
CSU Foundation.....	\$7000
Anglican Parish of Wagga Wagga.....	\$6000
St Vincent de Paul Society.....	\$6000
Rotary Internation Foundation.....	\$4600
Noel Barnes Scholarship.....	\$4000
Polio Plus.....	\$4352
Anglicare Winter Appeal.....	\$3000
Salvation Army.....	\$3000
Wagga Rescue Squad.....	\$2850
Noosawun Kouykai School Thailand.....	\$5000
National Science Forum.....	\$2500
RYPEN.....	\$2480
Sunflower House.....	\$2455
Ashmont Churches Caring for Children.....	\$2000
Ignite.....	\$2000
Wagga Base Hospital Auxiliary.....	\$1800
Committee4Wagga.....	\$1050
Riverina Bluebell.....	\$1000
Seniors Week.....	\$1000
Southcare Helicopter Fund.....	\$1000
Kurrajong Early Intervention.....	\$1000
Kidney Health Australia .....	\$1000
Wagga Eisteddfod.....	\$1000
ROMAC.....	\$1000
RFFA.....	\$1000
RAWCS.....	\$1000
Dream Cricket International .....	\$930
RYLA.....	\$900
Pistis Academy Kenya.....	\$750
INTERPLAST.....	\$750
1st Wagga Cubs and Scouts.....	\$700
Circus Quirkus.....	\$550
Riverina School of Strings.....	\$500
Wagga Autism Support Group.....	\$500
Science Challenge.....	\$500
Rexter Flores.....	\$500
Children's Medical Research.....	\$450
Festival of Dramatic Minds.....	\$500
Dungog Rotary Club Flood Relief Appeal.....	\$5000

Total .....\$143,017





# Wollundry Rotary Club's Past Presidents

1978-79	Graham Hornibrook	1996-97	Peter Davies
1979-80	John Skeers	1997-98	David Benn
1980-81	Leon Flegg	1998-99	Alan Larcombe
1981-82	Ken Cook	1999-00	Kevin Watts
1982-83	John Gibson	2000-01	John Smith
1983-84	Norm Mowsar*	2001-02	Gordon Braid*
1984-85	Bruce Pinney	2002-03	John Flockton
1985-86	Peter Crozier	2003-04	David Byfield
1986-87	Graham Burmeister	2004-05	Will Blackwell
1987-88	Ron Bragg*	2005-06	Paul Murray
1988-89	John Gray	2006-07	Greg Conkey OAM
1989-90	Tony Elphick*	2007-08	Neil Pinto
1990-91	John Ireland	2008-09	Doug Sutton
1991-92	John Ashton	2009-10	Joe Savenije
1992-93	John Egan	2010-11	Frank Fuller
1993-94	Col Butt*	2011-12	Doug Conkey
1994-95	Rick Priest	2012-13	Andrew Irvine
1995-96	Michael Knight	2013-14	Phil McIntosh

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

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OAM Order of Australia Medal



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David Benn (Cherie)  
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Geoff Breust (Ros)  
Craig Bromley (Gaye)  
Graham Burmeister  
David Byfield (Brenda)  
Hugh Campbell (Heather)  
Peter Clucas (Sharon)  
Doug Conkey (Wendy)  
Greg Conkey (Jenny)  
Ken Cook  
Peter Crozier (Gail)  
Jon Daley (Shannon)  
Travis Downie (Kym Hampton)  
Col Duff (Jenni)  
John Egan (Maria)  
Alan Eldridge (Barbara)  
Michael Eldridge (Sarah)  
John Ferguson (Judy)  
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)  
Michael Knight (Sandra Legg)  
Nick Leywood (Sian)  
Peter Mackinnon (Angie)  
Tim Macgillicuddy (Susan)  
John Mason (Kerry)  
Stephen McCoy  
Phil McIntosh (Lynette)  
Col Mercer (Christine)  
Paul Milde (Margo)  
Kevin Moffat (Cheryl)  
Paul Murray (Carolyn)  
Robert Nicholson (Cassandra)  
Greg O'Hare  
Kerry Pascoe (Dianne)  
Wal Paton (Helen)  
Rob Pearson (Pam)  
Neil Pinto (Nola)  
Rick Priest (Margaret)  
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Jeremy Riethmuller (Jenni)  
Evan Robertson (Alison)  
Malcolm Robertson (Fran)  
James Ross (Renae Elrington)  
Richard Rossiter (Robyn)  
Jonty Shuter (Louise)  
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Bruce Spinks (Joo-Yee)  
Doug Sutton (Kay)  
Ken Taylor (Jacqui)  
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