



Coolamon Rotary News

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Meeting of 18 July, 2011

Members present: 7 Makeups: 3 Attendance: 56%

In attendance: Ian Jennings, Grahame Miles, John Glassford, Leslie Weston, Paul Weston, Jason Sachs and Ian Durham

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice President IPP Ian Durham welcomed our members.

Ian reminded all present and those not to do their best to attend the change over meeting/dinner on Friday 29th July.

Ian also asked all members to put in their apologies to the restaurant by midday Monday.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Correspondence: RI Dues and SARS report.

MEETING

SERVICE PROJECTS COMMITTEE (Grahame Miles Director)

1. Street Raffle July 16th 2011

Thanks to Henk Hulsman, John Glassford, Craig Corrigan, Ian Durham, Dick Jennings and Madison Durham. The raffle went well and we were kept very busy on a cold windy day in Coolamon.

2. Bingo

Grahame Miles reported on the bingo which had 27 players with a profit of \$285.00 Thanks to Paul Weston, Leslie Weston, Grahame Miles Ian Durham and Madison Durham for conducting the night.

3. Shop Locally Committee

Ian Jennings reported on the third meeting of the interested Coolamon people in our shop locally project.

All is going well and the emphasis will be "Be a Shire Buyer"; the Rotary logo will also be on the banners.

President of Rotary International
Governor of District 9700
Coolamon President
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Coolamon Club Secretary
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Kalyan Banerjee
Ian Simpson
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NEWS ITEMS

Mark Reardon

We received news that Mark Reardon recovering well from his recent operation; all our members wish Mark a speedy recovery.

Neil Munro

Neil is still at home following his bout with pneumonia; we will see Neil back to his best soon.

GENERAL BUSINESS

MEETINGS

There was a long discussion on the conduct and venues for the meetings.

We have a serious problem with attendance with 19 members on our books now 18 since Max Chapman moved to Wagga Wagga, we are only getting 6-7 members attend on a regular basis. With make ups we usually can report a 60% attendance rate.

Some of the items discussed included (In no order of importance):

- Venue: time to look at other venues on a rotation basis. Some present felt that the restaurant at the club has no atmosphere and is not conducive for prospective new members and some current members to make it a regular event.
- Meetings at members' homes was suggested, on a rotational basis.
- The cost of \$20 per meal for a very average meal was uppermost in the minds of some members.
- As we have 25% of our members as a husband and wife couple the cost becomes significant.
- For a younger member still working with family this cost is too high at \$20 every week.
- Take-away meals maybe one answer.
- Meetings should be over in 1 hour not 2.5 hours.

- Business should not be discussed until the meal is over.
- Two meetings per month for business should be ample leaving two meetings for fellowship.
- Sunrise club cited as a good example of how meetings should be conducted.

CONCLUSION: We have to continue the discussion at subsequent meetings once President Marg Perkin has returned and takes over as our president. Unless we listen to our new members and some of our older members, we will not increase our membership and we are in danger of losing more members unless we can get consensus and a better way forward.

The truth is that we have 18 members on the books plus 2 Honourary members; of these, 12 are regular attendees (some weekly, most every two weeks). We also have 5 on the Rotary books (both RI and RDU) who do not attend for one reason or the other. The club pays fees for these members; some are financial, although some are not.

The time has come to be fair dinkum and realistic about our membership base and how we go about our business for the future. We have some exciting projects ahead of us, including the Shop Local Campaign, re-engaging the youth of Coolamon and the Mountains of the Moon climb.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

A special board meeting was held following the ordinary meeting and the following decision was taken:

That we donate \$1,000 to each of the following organisations:

1. Australian Rotary Health
2. Polio-Plus Rotary Foundation
3. Coolamon and Ganmain Hospital Auxiliary

Diary

- 25 July Coolamon RC weekly meeting
26 July Lockhart RC Dinner; Speaker: Tim Fischer on trains (Tuesday)
29 July Coolamon Rotary Changeover Dinner (Friday)
- \$30/person, Coolamon Sports & Recreation Club, 6:30 start
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Websites of Interest

- Coolamon Rotary Club:** <http://coolamonrotary.com>
Mountains of the Moon Climb 2011: <http://www.mountainsofthemoon.org>
Rotary Down Under on line: <http://flipflashpages.uniflip.com/2/26587/49598/pub>
Rotarians For Fighting AIDS: <http://www.rffa.org>
Our Rotary Centennial Twin Club Hout Bay, Cape Town, South Africa:
<http://www.rotaryhoutbay.org>

Don't forget to regularly check our club web site for current information such as bingo rosters and various newsletters from the District Governor, the School of St. Jude's, the monthly membership on the move newsletter as well as several other club bulletins.

A man was pulled over for speeding; the officer came to the driver's window and said, "Sir, may I see your driver's license and registration?" The man said, "Well officer I don't have a license; it was taken away for drink driving." The officer, in surprise, said, "Well, do you have a registration for the vehicle?" So the man replied, "No sir, the car is not mine; I stole it, but I am pretty sure I saw a rego in the glove box when I put the gun in it." The officer stepped back, "There is a gun in the glove box?!?" The man sighed and said, "Yes sir, I used it to kill the woman who owns the car before I stuffed her in the boot. The officer stepped toward the back of the car and says, "Sir, do not move; I'm calling for backup."

The officer called for backup and about ten minutes another policeman arrived. He walked up to the window slowly and asked the man for his driver's license and registration. The man said, "Yes officer here it is, right here." It all checked out so the officer said, "Is there a gun in the glove box, sir?" The man laughed and says, "No officer, why would there be a gun in the glove box?" He opened the glove box and showed him that there was no gun. The second officer asked him to open the boot because he had reason to believe that there was a body in it. The man agreed and opened the boot, no dead body. The second officer said, "Sir, I do not understand. The officer that pulled you over said that you did not have a license, the car was stolen, there was a gun in the glove box, and a dead body in the boot." The man looked the officer in the eyes and said, "Yeah, and I'll bet he said I was speeding, too."