



Coolamon Rotary News

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Reminder: Our next meeting will be Monday, 29 August at the Sports and Recreation Club. Catering will be provided courtesy of the Perkins and Westons.

- A men’s health awareness meeting is to be held at the Wagga RSL Club on 1 September from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. A light supper will be on offer; coin donations gratefully accepted.



Weekly Meeting – 22 August, 2011

In attendance: Craig Corrigan, Ian Durham, Dick Jennings, Grahame Miles, Neil Munro, Garth Perkin, Marg Perkin, Leslie Weston, and Paul Weston.

The meeting was an informal gathering over supper at the Coolamon Hotel. A good meal and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

President Marg made several announcements of interest to members:

- Marg has received a thank you from PDG Fred Lonergan and DG Ian Simpson thanking the club for our donation of \$1000 to the Polio Plus campaign.
- Please consider becoming a member of the Centurion Club; simply donate \$100 to the Rotary Foundation during any calendar year.

Shop Locally Campaign

Grahame will be calling a meeting of the Shop Locally committee to update the members on the grant application process.

New Coolamon Rotary meeting format

Just a reminder about our new weekly meeting format:

- 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month will be a formal meeting at the Sports & Rec. Club with a guest speaker
- 2nd Monday: Board meeting typically at the Sports & Rec. Club (all members welcome)
- 4th Monday: Fellowship meeting at a location other than the Sports & Rec. Club

NOTE: Phone Gilbert (6927 3553) to register apologies or guests for meetings at the Sports & Rec. Club. Phone Garth with apologies for meetings at other locations.

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Diary

- 22 August CRC weekly meeting (Coolamon Hotel)
29 August CRC 5th Monday Meeting (barbecue hosted by the Perkins and Westons at the Coolamon Sports Club)
5 Sept CRC weekly meeting (Coolamon Sports Club); Guest speaker: Mark Perkin on her recent visit to Turkey
8 Sept Bingo (Marg Perkin, Dick Jennings, Jason Sachs & Mark Reardon)
12 Sept CRC Board meeting (Coolamon Sports Club, catering TBA)
19 Sept CRC weekly meeting (catering TBA)
26 Sept CRC weekly meeting (Coolamon Sports Club); Guest speaker Ndungi Mungai from Africa
4 Feb next Street Raffle
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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.

An American decided to write a book about famous churches around the world. So he bought a plane ticket and took a trip to Orlando, thinking that he would start by working his way across the USA from South to North. On his first day he was inside a church taking photographs when he noticed a golden telephone mounted on the wall with a sign that read "\$10,000 per call". The American, being intrigued, asked a priest who was strolling by what the telephone was used for. The priest replied that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 you could talk to God. The American thanked the priest and went along his way.

His next stop was in Atlanta. There, at a very large cathedral, he saw the same golden telephone with the same sign under it. He wondered if this was the same kind of telephone he saw in Orlando and he asked a nearby nun what its purpose was. She told him that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 he could talk to God. "O.K., thank you," said the American. He then travelled to Indianapolis, Washington DC, Philadelphia, New York, and Boston. In every church he saw the same golden telephone with the same "\$10,000 per call" sign under it.

The American, upon leaving Vermont decided to travel down under to see if Australians had the same kind of phone. He arrived in Sydney, and again, in the first church he entered, there was the same golden telephone, but this time the sign under it read "40 cents per call." The American was surprised so he asked the priest about the sign. "Father, I've travelled all over America and I've seen this same golden telephone in many churches. I'm told that it's a direct line to Heaven, but in the US the price was \$10,000 per call. Why is it so cheap here?"

The priest smiled and answered, "You're in Australia now, mate - it's a local call".