



Coolamon Rotary News

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AGM & Board Meeting – 7 November, 2011

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

The meeting was held at the Sports and Rec Club. After a barbecue meal prepared by Marg, Garth and Craig, President Marg called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. As per Rotary bylaws, Marg stepped aside for the running of the AGM. Garth Perkin chaired the AGM.

The minutes of last year’s AGM were read by Secretary John Glassford and approved. There was no business arising. PP Ian Durham then read his report of club activities during the last fiscal year, which was subsequently approved.

Henk Hulsman read the treasurer’s report for the past fiscal year, which was approved. The last order of business for the AGM was the election of officers. The officers elected were as follows:

- President-elect:* Paul Weston
- Secretary:* John Glassford
- Treasurer:* Henk Hulsman

Election of officers (continued)

- Club Administration Director:* Garth Perkin
- Service Projects Director:* Grahame Miles
- Membership Director:* Ian Durham
- Foundation Director:* Ian Jennings
- Youth New Generations Director:* Leslie Weston
- Public Relations Director:* Craig Corrigan
- Vice President (Immediate PP):* Marg Perkin
- Bulletin Editor:* Craig Corrigan

Congratulations to the incoming officers, who will take office after the changeover in July, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Board Meeting

The November board meeting immediately followed the AGM. Those present were those at the AGM with the exception of Neil Munro.



“Due to a scheduling conflict, yesterday has been rescheduled until tomorrow, tomorrow has been moved to today and today has been postponed indefinitely.”

President of Rotary International
 Governor of District 9700
 Coolamon Club President
 Coolamon Club President-Elect
 Coolamon Club Secretary
 Coolamon Club Treasurer



Kalyan Banerjee
 Ian Simpson
 Marg Perkin
 Paul Weston
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 Henk Hulsman

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Grahame and Sharon share a smile while Marg samples the wine and Leslie listens intently. Jason and daughter #2 are in the background.



The members of Coolamon Rotary Club enjoy a family-style meal at the winery, featuring wood-fired pizzas and pleasant outdoor ambiance.

Outing to Gundagai Winery

The fifth Monday in October, 2011 was occasion for an outing by the Coolamon Rotary Club to the Gundagai Winery on Nangus Road. A warm, sunny day in Coolamon turned out to be cloudy and a bit fresh in Gundagai, but the weather didn't keep the club members in attendance from enjoying the surroundings and each other's company at the small winery 5-10 km from Gundagai. In attendance were Craig and Stephanie Corrigan, Rod and Carmel Jarrett and their two sons, Grahame and Sharon Miles, Marg and Garth Perkin, Jason and Nicole Sachs

and their two daughters, and Leslie and Paul Weston. The winery is producing several wines that are starting to achieve recognition in regional competitions; several were on offer along with wood-fired pizzas, a treat served up by the winery on the last Sunday of each month. Despite the large number of pizzas ordered, the staff were able to serve them up surprisingly quickly. Live entertainment in the form of a guitar-playing duo provided enjoyable background music. A good time was had by all.

Upcoming event

This Saturday, 12 November, Marg will be hosting a **Ladies Afternoon** from 3:00 – 5:00. Wine and nibbles, tea/coffee and cake will be provided. A raffle prize valued at \$110 has been donated by Somerset Rose, Coolamon's jewellery store on the main street. Lou Shuter and Helen Moriarty will give a brief talk during the afternoon. Admission is \$15, with proceeds going to **Street Swags for the Homeless**, a charity program providing a bit of warmth to homeless people throughout Australia. A swag will be there on the day so people can see what the profits will be going to. For more information on the Street Swags program, visit their website at <http://www.streetswags.org>. Sorry, gents, ladies only unless you're willing to dress in drag!

President's report

Marg attended a President's Forum on Sunday 6th November in Temora. It was a chance to meet up with other presidents across the district to share with others on how the year is going so far: the positives, issues, improvements, etc. There were also speakers who spoke on how to deal with difficult people and leadership styles in relation to recent information on right brain/left brain research. Paul Murray informed those assembled about the new district website called Club Runner. Ken Engsmyr shared information on the promotion material for RYLA (Youth Leadership). This material has been passed onto Leslie to discuss at the last Board meeting for the year. An evaluation was also shared about the PETS training this year and the District



Assembly so that any changes can be made for next year if necessary.

One of the main messages Marg took home from the meeting was to make sure we put fun into Rotary. There was also healthy discussion about attendance, the main issue being active involvement is more important than just being a member. Membership was also discussed, and a few ideas to increase membership were shared [e.g. invite prospective members to working bees and social outings, talk to people (follow up personal contact), information night for prospective members, and perhaps say "we're going to Rotary" rather than "we're going to a Rotary meeting," which some felt might turn people off].

Marg found the session to be quite informative and helpful as she's half way through her Presidency – "to know that we're definitely on track and that some of the changes we have made so far have been well received by others, too."



Mountains of the Moon Update

John Glassford and his team of intrepid climbers (including PDG John Lonergan) will begin their assault on the Mountains of the Moon in Uganda on 1 December. John is currently in training to tackle the snowy peaks, continuing fundraising efforts to improve the lives of orphans and vulnerable children who have been impacted by the HIV/AIDS pandemic. To make a donation to the cause or to learn more about the climb, visit the Mountains of the Moon website at <http://www.mountainsofthemoon.org/>.

Diary

(NOTE: All Coolamon RC meetings are 6:30 for 7:00)

- 10 Nov Bingo (roster: Neil, John, Leslie and Paul)
- 12 Nov Ladies' Day fundraiser "Swags for Street People". Location: Perkin's residence, 3:00-5:00. See more info in this bulletin.
- 14 Nov Coolamon RC weekly meeting and partner's night (Coolamon Sports & Rec Club). Guest speaker: Ian Jennings speaking on his recent trip to the Kimberley. Please contact Gilbert with apologies or guest info.
- 21 Nov Special Coolamon RC meeting at the Coolamon Central School. Principal John Burns and teacher (and Rotary club member) Jason Sachs will host a tour of the newly constructed and renovated facilities. Catering to be provided by the school. Contact Garth to confirm attendance. 7:00 pm start.
- 28 Nov Coolamon RC weekly meeting and partner's night (Coolamon Sports & Rec Club). Guest speaker: Ryan Dent of the Wagga Multicultural Centre. Please contact Gilbert with apologies or guest info. [Note: This will be the last regular meeting of 2011.]
- 1 Dec **Mountains of the Moon** climb begins! See update in this bulletin.
- 4 Dec Coolamon RC Christmas Party at Rand's Tank (Perkin's residence). \$25 per person (children free). Please contact Garth to confirm attendance and guests. [A brief board meeting will be held since this will be the last opportunity for the board to meet before the holidays.]
- 8 Dec Bingo (roster: Garth, Craig, Marg, Ian Jennings)
- 2012 dates:**
- 4 Feb Street Raffle
- 23-25 Mar District 9700 Convention (Young, NSW). Visit [Coolamon RC website](http://coolamonrotary.com) for details regarding accommodation (early booking is recommended).
- 6-9 May Rotary International conference in Bangkok. Further information can be located on www.rotary.org/convention.

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.
