



Coolamon Rotary News

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Weekly Meeting – 6 February, 2012

In attendance: John Burns, Ian Durham, John Glassford, Henk Hulsman, Dick Jennings, Ian Jennnings, Grahame Miles, Neil Munro, Marg Perkin, Garth Perkin, Mark Reardon, Leslie Weston, Paul Weston

Visiting Rotarians: Max Chapman, Peter Gissing

Guests: Sue Ryan, Joy Whitten (Autism Support Group of Wagga)

President Marg called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting was primarily social in nature, with no business being conducted. Several issues were raised that will be discussed in detail at the next business and board meeting (13 Feb).

The guest speakers were Sue Ryan and Joy Whitten from the Parkinson's Support Group of Wagga. Sue recounted the poignant story of the changes that she and her family have endured as her husband started exhibiting symptoms of Parkinson's at age 41. Sue and her family have shown remarkable strength as they have had to make numerous changes to their lifestyle as her husband's condition has steadily worsened over the past 15 years. Equally remarkable was the description of Parkinson's from an insider's perspective as Joy shared with us her trials as she has coped with the disease. Fortunately, Joy has one



Joy Whitten and Sue Ryan from the Wagga Parkinson's Support Group

of the milder forms of Parkinson's, and is not expected to undergo the debilitating transformation that many victims contend with. Nonetheless, Joy has had to make many adjustments in her daily routines necessitated by the vagaries of Parkinson's. Marg thanked Sue and Joy for truly inspirational and informative talks.

Dick closed the evening with a rousing fines session, and as usual, no one was spared. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

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President's report

Thank you for the good roll up we had last Monday. It was great to meet Sue and Joy from the Parkinson Support Group. They certainly held everyone's attention. What amazing people.

Thank you to the workers at this month's Bingo and the street raffle.

Also thank you to John and Paul who have been working hard on the Diary in the Bulletin and on the website to ensure it is easy to understand and that there are no clashes with the dates.



Hope to see as many of you as possible at future meetings with the proposed guest speakers. It goes without saying that partners are welcome at any of these meetings. I think it is great that we are getting a very good roll up.

Yours in Rotary,
Marg

Upcoming Events

- Our guest speaker for 2nd April will be Melina Skidmore from a program called Angels for the Forgotten, which is a program dedicated to working towards better outcomes for children living in care or crisis situations.
- On 23rd April we will hear a presentation from Narelle Thomas, a botanical artist who recently had an exhibition at the Wagga Art Gallery. Narelle has been inspired by the unique Australian flora and fauna, and will be the Artist in Residence at the art show and the Up-To-Date Store later this year.
- Don't forget the gardent show planned for Easter Saturday (7th April). Tours of local gardens of distinction will be on offer, an effort to promote the township of Coolamon. Rotary members will be asked to give assistance on the day (more details to follow).

Don't forget to consult the diary for other upcoming events.

Horse sense

An out-of-towner drove his car into a ditch in a desolated area. Luckily, a local farmer came to help with his big strong horse named Buddy. He hitched Buddy up to the car and yelled, "Pull, Nellie, pull!" Buddy didn't move.

Then the farmer hollered, "Pull, Buster, pull!" Buddy didn't respond. Once more the farmer commanded, "Pull, Coco, pull!" Nothing. Then the farmer nonchalantly said, "Pull, Buddy, pull!" And the horse easily dragged the car out of the ditch.

The motorist was most appreciative and very curious. He asked the farmer why he called his horse by the wrong name three times.

The farmer said, "Oh, Buddy is blind and if he thought he was the only one pulling, he wouldn't even try!"

DIARY

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

- 13 Feb Coolamon RC business meeting (Coolamon Sports & Rec Club). Catering by Gilbert; phone with apologies.
- 20 Feb Coolamon RC regular meeting (Coolamon Sports & Rec Club). Guest speaker: Deb Bewick, Wagga Autism Support Group. Self-catered; phone Garth if attending.
- 23 Feb Movie night – “The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel” – Wagga (more details forthcoming)
- 27 Feb Coolamon RC fellowship meeting (Coolamon Sports & Rec Club. BYOT (bring your own tucker!).
- 5 Mar Coolamon RC regular meeting (Coolamon Sports & Rec Club). Induction of John Burns; representatives of local school P&Cs in attendance. Catering by Gilbert; phone with apologies.
- 23-25 Mar District 9700 Convention (Young, NSW). Visit [Coolamon RC website](#) for details regarding accommodation (early booking is recommended).
- 26-29 Mar Visit from GSE participants from Scotland (see details elsewhere in this bulletin).
- 15 Apr Coolamon Rotary Craft & Produce Market, Up-To-Date Store, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.
- 6-9 May Rotary International conference in Bangkok. Further information can be located on www.rotary.org/convention.
- 2 July Changeover dinner and drawing for Monster Shopping Spree raffle.

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.
