



Coolamon Rotary News

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Weekly Meeting – 21 March, 2012

In attendance: Marg Perkin, Garth Perkin, Neil Munro, Dick Jennings, Paul Weston, Leslie Weston, JG, Ian Durham, John Burns, Christine Atkinson.

Visiting Rotarians: PDG Fred Loneragan, Mark Janetzki (Henty), Helen Maxwell (Temora), Lloyd Maxwell (Temora), Harry Nixon (Koorinal), Greg Gutler (Koorinal)

Guests: Anne Peacock, Mark Alexander, Barry Lillywhite, Annette Green, Bernadette Bodell, Christine Lorraine, Susan Glassford, Jayne Larsen, Bill Thompson, Alex Thompson, Dan Knimpson, Zack Ahrens (Boston), Abe Brown (Johannesburg), Quinn Hart (Canberra)

President Marg called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. After introducing our many guests, Marg presented Daniel Knimpson of the Forever Young Committee with a check for \$1000 from Coolamon Rotary to assist with the construction of the park being constructed in honour of Daniel Piltz and Catherine Furner, two local youngsters who died recently from cancer.

After enjoying dinner, those assembled were treated to an engaging talk by John Glassford (with contributions from John Loneragan and Mark Janetzki) describing their recent adventure in Uganda to climb the Mountains of the Moon. John

described the grueling trek through hilly, boggy terrain with treacherous creek



crossings on dodgy bridges, where 2.5 km travelled in a 12-hour day was considered good progress. The effort took a lot out of the intrepid climbers, and only one member of the Aussie team (Fred Madden of Bathurst) and Moses, the lead guide, made it to the top of Mt. Margherita, the target peak.

John then showed photos and videos of the beneficiaries of the funds raised by the climb (and other efforts), the orphans of AIDS-stricken communities in Uganda, Tanzania, and South Africa. It's great to see what a positive impact these programs are having on the lives of these disadvantaged children, but of course there's always more that needs to be done.

Thanks, John and company, for your excellent presentation and superlative efforts to help such needy citizens of the world.

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



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President's Report



Thank you to John Glassford for his presentation on the Mountains of the Moon climb and the brief history he gave of the other programs he has initiated and an explanation of the beneficiaries. He and Fred Lonergan set up a display table of the Orphan Rescue Kit and photos of some of his work. John's successful effort to invite guests, especially those who went on the trip with him, was all very much appreciated; I'm sure the talk was quite informative for those who didn't know much about the programs and a reminder for those who do what has been achieved. This was all very much appreciated so again, thank you to John. Our club made a donation of \$2,000 for the Mountains of the Moon project.

It was great to have Daniel come, too. He is a committee member of the Forever Young Committee which is overseeing the construction of a playground to remember Daniel Piltz and Catherine Furner, two young people in our community who recently died of cancer. The Coolamon Rotary Club was proud to kick-start this with a donation of \$1000. The committee has organised a Garden viewing on Easter Saturday at various local gardens to further assist with the establishment of the playground.

Gary Roberts, our District Assistant Governor, has made a request. South Wagga Club is asking for Rotarians to help man a Rotary Awareness table at the Home and Leisure Show at the Wagga Showgrounds on the weekend of 30th March. If you are able to assist with this, please let Gary know. Remember that the International President will be in Wagga on the 22nd May. It will be a dinner meeting at the RSL Club. We have decided to make it our meeting night. The cost will be about \$30. More details when they become available.

For those billeting the GSE team, I'm sure it will be a good experience. They will be doing their presentation next Monday. If you are able to accompany them on any of their travels in the district, you would be welcome to do so.

Finally, we have a request from the Coolamon Harness Racing Club to offer assistance in preparing the grounds and amenities prior to the day, manning the gate, parking stewards and assisting with the selling of food and drinks at the Anzac Day harness races to be held on 25th April, 2012. If you are able to help could you let me know so that I can let Jim Lewis know. It would be great to have a good roll up for this. It is anticipated that Coolamon will be showcased to visitors from Queensland, Victoria, NSW and New Zealand.

We are coming up to a busy month so I hope as many as possible will be able to support the projects so they are successful. We certainly do quite a bit for a small club!!

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 garden 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).
- We'll be needing help from members to man the entrance tables at the upcoming Produce and Craft Market at the Up-To-Date Store on 15 April. Please reserve the date.

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

DIARY

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

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| 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 |
| | 25 Mar: Arrival in Coolamon |
| | 26 Mar: Attending Coolamon RC regular meeting (Coolamon Sports & Rec. Club). Catering by Gilbert; phone with apologies. |
| 2 April | Coolamon RC regular meeting (Coolamon Sports & Rec Club). Guest speaker: Melinda Skidmore, Angels of the Forgotten. |
| 9 April | No meeting (Easter Monday) |
| 12 April | Bingo. Roster: Leslie Weston, Paul Weston, Marg Perkin, John Glassford. |
| 15 April | Coolamon Rotary Craft & Produce Market, Up-To-Date Store, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. |
| 16 April | Coolamon RC regular meeting (Coolamon Sports & Rec Club). Guest speaker: TBA. |
| 20 April | Fundraiser for Zone 10/District 9700 at Temora Ex-Services Club. Guest speaker: surgeon from Interplast. Cost: \$20/head. |
| 23 April | Coolamon RC regular meeting (Coolamon Sports & Rec Club). Guest speaker: Narelle Thomas, botanical artist. |
| 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. |
| 7 July | Street 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.

Give us your best shot....

(photographs by members)



Male blackback gorilla photographed by John Glassford from ca. 3 m