



# Coolamon Rotary News

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**NB:** There were no regular meetings over the past two weeks. April 9 was Easter Monday, and April 16 was an inter-club meeting in Temora to benefit Interplast. What follows is an account of the Temora meeting and Interplast.

## Inter-club meeting in Temora – 16 April

Eight members of the Coolamon Rotary Club (Marg, Garth, Grahame, Ian J., Dick, John G., Leslie and Paul) along with two of Marg's friends made the trek to Temora on Monday evening to support the Interplast fundraiser organized by the Rotary Club of Temora. Also making the trip were a large contingent of Rotarians from Young along with smaller groups from Cootamundra, Cowra, Wagga (Sunrise and Woolundry) and a few others. The meeting was held at the Ex-Services Memorial Club, a surprisingly spacious and well-equipped venue. The evening kicked off with drinks and fellowship, and was followed by introductions of the various visiting clubs and a fine session by Temora's sergeant-at-arms. While much of the inside humour was lost on the non-Temorans, it was an entertaining fines session nonetheless.

The main feature of the evening was a presentation by plastic surgeon James Masson, who described the Interplast program and showed slides from his many trips to developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region. The graphic slides were a bit much for the squeamish, but the remarkable reconstructions they have been able to achieve have led to profound improvements in the lives of thousands of disadvantaged people of all ages—truly moving. Interplast is a joint effort of Rotary and volunteer surgeons and medical assistants (anaesthetists, nurses, etc.). For more information, have a squiz at the Interplast website (<http://www.interplast.com.au/>).



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## President's Report



16 April - We had a very successful market day on Sunday. At least 400 people came through the door, and there was a good selection of quality products on display. Thank you to all the organisers on the day and those who put in a lot of time before the event. Special thanks to Grahame and Paul. All the finer details I am unaware of at this stage, but further information as it comes to hand will be passed on. We hope the schools will be able to sell lots more raffle tickets. Remember the draw is on 2nd July at the Changeover Dinner.

Garth, John, Ian J, Dick, Leslie, Paul, Graham and I (and 2 of my friends), went to Temora last night on an inter-club visit to hear Dr James Masson give a presentation on Interplast. Interplast sends teams of volunteer surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and allied health professionals to developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region to provide medical treatment and training. Dr Masson has travelled to Papua New Guinea and Vietnam to operate on very severely injured people who have needed skin grafts for example, as a result, in some cases of acid burning. Some amazing reconstruction has also occurred on children born with cleft palates. His slides were very graphic to say the least but clearly showed the great work being achieved. Dr Masson is passionate about the work he is doing and after 17 years of training to specialise in this field, will no doubt continue to travel to places and continue to provide expert training and surgical procedures.

Don't forget next Monday Narelle Thomas will be our guest speaker. She will be the Artist-in-residence at the Annual Art Show, so it will be great to meet her before this event. Jean Simpson has asked me where we want our swags that we raised money for sent and after discussion with her decided on young men in our area (women are encouraged to seek shelter and it is young men who have been kicked out of home that are most in need).

Yours in Rotary,

*Marg*

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## Upcoming Events

- 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.
- ANZAC day (25 April) race day at the showgrounds. Volunteers need to assist with parking. Contact Garth if available.
- District Assembly in Grenfell (29 April).
- Fellowship night at the Thirsty Crow brew pub (Wagga) will be held on 30 April in lieu of our regular weekly meeting. Contact Garth if interested.

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

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Rebecca Cutler and her display of tasty cupcakes.



Shoppers examine the wares on offer and compare notes.

## Coolamon Produce and Craft Markets - 2012



Marg and Craig man the front entry table.



Difficult choices to make at the Junee Licorice Factory stall.



Alysha Nicol stands in front of her handmade aprons on offer.



Paul at the rear entry booth with some happy shoppers.

## DIARY

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

- 23 April Coolamon RC regular meeting (Coolamon Sport & Rec Club). Guest speaker: Narelle Thomas, botanical artist. Gilbert catering; ring with apologies.
- 25 April ANZAC Day. Harness racing event at the showgrounds (volunteers needed).
- 29 April District Assembly in Grenfell. Please plan to attend.
- 30 April Outing to Thirsty Crow microbrewery and restaurant in Wagga. Ring Garth if planning to attend.
- 7 May Regular meeting and board meeting at bottom pub. Ring Garth with apologies.
- 6-9 May Rotary International conference in Bangkok. Further information can be located on [www.rotary.org/convention](http://www.rotary.org/convention).
- 14 May Coolamon RC regular meeting (Coolamon Sport & Rec Club). Guest speaker: Garth Perkin on The Royal Flying Doctor Service. Gilbert catering; ring with apologies.
- 22 May Cocktail meeting with RI president, Wagga Country Club.
- 28 May Coolamon RC regular meeting (Coolamon Sport & Rec Club). Guest speaker: TBA. Gilbert catering; ring with apologies.
- 2 July Changeover dinner and drawing for Monster Shopping Spree raffle.
- 7 July 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.

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### On the lighter side...

A man is in a bar and falling off his stool every couple of minutes. He is obviously drunk. So the bartender says to another man in the bar: "Why don't you be a good Samaritan and take him home."

The man takes the drunk out the door, and he stumbles at least ten times on the way to his car. They drive along and the drunk points out his house to the man. He stops the car and the drunk stumbles up the steps to his house with the man.

The drunk's wife greets them at the door: "Why thank you for bringing him home for me, but where's his wheel chair?"