



Coolamon Rotary News

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Regular club meeting – 23 April

In attendance: Marg Perkin, Garth Perkin, Henk Hulsman, John Burns, Mark Reardon, Christine Atkinson, Ian Durham, Neil Munro, Leslie Weston, Paul Weston.

Guests: Marilyn Jennings, David Jenkins, Christine Lorraine, Narelle Thomas, Kim Thomas, Christine (Up-To-Date-Store volunteer).

After a feast of Chinese food prepared by Gilbert, those in attendance were treated to an awe-inspiring talk by Narelle Thomas, a Wagga artist renowned for her detailed drawings and paintings of botanical subjects. Narelle described how she started in a career as a botanical artist at a later age than most, and the various methods she uses to prepare her artwork. Graphite pencil, coloured pencil and watercolour are her main media, and all manner of plants are her subjects. Not surprisingly, Narelle has won numerous botanical illustration competitions and shared many of her favourite compositions with the assembled. Her more recent compositions include entomological subjects in the context of their host plants, which adds a very interesting twist to her stunning work.

[See Narelle's work at www.narellethomas.com]



Narelle and her husband, Kim, shared photos of plants and other natural subjects in their recent tour of northwestern Australia. The photos of botanical subjects will become the basis for future artworks.

Paul thanked Narelle for an excellent presentation and presented her with a Rotary cookbook. We look forward to Narelle's involvement with the upcoming art show at the Up To Date Store, and her stint as artist-in-residence at same.

There was no fine session as Dick was absent; those in need of public praise or humiliation will have to wait until the next regular meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:35.

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President's Report



23 April - Just to correct from last week when I wrote about the homeless men. They haven't necessarily been kicked out of home, more the point their home life is less than desirable due to parents with alcohol and drug abuse or domestic violence.

Narelle Thomas gave an excellent presentation on Monday on botanical art and more particularly her journey as an artist. She had taken fantastic photos on her trip through Kakadu, the Kimberleys and the coast of Western Australia which she did 4 years ago. From these detailed photos she has developed botanical arts of work, some of which were displayed at the Wagga Art Gallery at the end of last year. This proved to be an exciting venture for her though hours of the work in preparation. She primarily uses water colour and graphite pencils. I loved the flowers where she added an insect or a butterfly for contrast. Really beautiful. She is preparing some work for the 2016 special Centenary exhibition at the Royal Botanical Garden in Sydney, where she has regularly displayed work there over the past 12 years. It was also great to see Kim, her husband, there to support and give some additional insight, as he is a horticulturalist teaching in TAFE.

- I represented the Club at the annual ANZAC day memorial, laying a wreath with Ian Penfold from Lions. This was an honour. It was a great service.
- Thank you to the Perkins, the Westons and Henk for helping with the Harness meet by manning the gates. Although it was very cold, we did enjoy the experience.
- Garth and I will be going to the blessing of the dragon Boats on Saturday at 10:00. They will be blessed by Ed Byford. If you would like to attend, let me know.
- Mark Bryce from the GSE team has sent a thank you to all for the wonderful time he had with us and the fact it was all too short.
- I have no further details about RI President's visit to Wagga. The program is still being finalised. It hoped that 300 Rotarians will attend the cocktail party at the Wagga Country Club on Tuesday 22nd May, 6:30 for 7:00.
- Don't forget the Changeover dinner on Monday, 2nd July. I am in the process of organising this. John has already sent invites which was appreciated.

Just a reminder that if the meeting is at the Club with Gilbert, it is your responsibility to phone Gilbert yourself before 12:00 on the day. If it is otherwise e.g. Thirsty Crow, meeting with self catering, ring Garth. Thank you to Garth who is trying to make it clear for everyone by giving us a photocopy of month events and it is also on the website. While I think of it, the man I was speaking to from Tasmania when I was re ordering money pouches commented on our website-he said it was very good. Thank you to Paul and John for this.

30 April - We had a great night last Monday at the Thirsty Crow. Val and John, Christine Atkinson, Ian D and Christine and I enjoyed the pizzas there and the lively and interesting conversations that ensued. Thanks for coming.

Saturday week ago, Garth and I went to the blessing of the Dragon Boats and met up with Father Ed and Lynell. They both looked well and it was great to see them again. Lynell has a job at the TAFE as Head Teacher in Community Studies. It was a beautiful morning to see the boats on the water and to see the rowers all in pink. The Rotary Club of Coolamon was mentioned as having kick-started with a donation of \$500 needed for the purchase of a boat. The ladies prepared a most delicious morning tea at the Clubhouse.

Attendance at cocktail party honouring the visit of the Rotary International President to Wagga on 22nd May is being encouraged by District Governor Ian. The event will be a cocktail party at \$20 per head with a cash bar at the Wagga Country Club. Attire is jacket and tie. Garth will make some phone calls to see who is coming as numbers and money have to be in by 11th May, 2012.

I'll briefly outline some information from the Board meeting. The Market day made a profit of \$1213 (some minor expenses to come out). A market at Christmas time is being discussed.

President's report (continued)

- Craig has leave of absence till December to allow him time to pursue his additional responsibilities at the Club.
- Paul read out my letter of resignation from the Club after being a member for almost 8 and a half years. This will take effect after Changeover. My letter is on file to read if you wish (it is not for health reasons--fortunately I'm in good health!).
- It is good to see the photos of the Rotary International Conference. I'm sure John and Susan are having a great time. They would be up at Chang Mai now I think having a well deserved break from work.

Yours in Rotary,

Marg

DIARY

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

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| 14May | 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 | Informal meeting at Grahame Miles' residence featuring travelogue of Grahame and Sharon's recent travels to Europe. More details forthcoming. |
| 4 June | Coolamon RC regular meeting (Coolamon Sport & Rec Club). Guest speaker: TBA. |
| 11 June | No meeting (Queen's Birthday long weekend). |
| 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.



Craig Corrigan on his new beastly trike at the ANZAC Day festivities.



Leslie, Garth and Paul collect entry fees as the ANZAC Day trotting event at the showgrounds.



Father Ed blesses the dragon boats at Lake Albert.



A dragon boat gets eyes and decoration from the artist.



John and Val Burns, Christine Atkinson, Christine Lorraine and Ian Durham enjoy the food, drinks, and conversation at the Thirsty Crow (Marg was there as well, but is behind the camera).