



Coolamon Rotary News

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Week of 11 June

There was no meeting this week because of the public holiday in observance of the Queen’s birthday.

Week of 4 June

In attendance: Marg Perkin, John Burns, Ian Durham, Henk Hulsman, Dick Jennings, Ian Jennings, Neil Munro, Garth Perkin, Leslie Weston, Paul Weston
Guest: Helen McLoughlin, librarian of Coolamon Library.

The meeting was held at the Coolamon Sports and Rec Club, and got underway promptly at 7 pm. President Marg read the correspondence in John Glassford’s absence. The bulk of the meeting was a presentation by Helen McLoughlin, the librarian of the Coolamon Library. Helen surprised most in attendance when she described the wide range of activities and services provided through the library, many of which don’t involve reading or books at all! Of course, the library has a good collection of traditional books and access to many others through cooperative arrangements with other libraries, but other forms of books and printed resources include books on CD (with a CD player that can be borrowed from the library), a microfiche reader and microfilms of local newspapers going back to the early 1900s, e-books, etc. Probably most surprising is the availability of household power meters that can be borrowed by individuals wishing to learn how much

power is consumed by their various household appliances! It’s clear that libraries are morphing from their role as a quiet place to find and read books into more of a community resource far beyond hushed stacks of books and grouchy librarians shushing anyone talking above a whisper!

It was a great way to end the string of excellent speakers lined up by Marg and Club Services Director Garth for the past year. Neil thanked Helen for the very interesting presentation and presented her with the token change purse.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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“The hard part was finding a wrist watch that tells time in dog years.”

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President's Report



18 June – We had another good turn out for our dinner meeting. This was a great way to wrap up the last of the guest speaker dinner meetings for my year as President, with our guest speaker, Helen McLoughlan, the Library Assistant at the Coolamon Library. She highlighted a number of activities that the library is involved in, many of which some members were unaware of.

The library is almost 5 ½ years old, having evolved from the mobile Library van that used to service towns in the shire. It is part of the UTDS precinct and a great attribute to Community needs.

Some of the activities that Helen spoke about are: monthly children's storytime and associated craft activities (theme based), a meeting place for community groups (small kitchen available), teaching older citizens how to use the computer (basic instruction but will develop as the need arises), school group /preschool visits, a one off pizza night for senior students where they were able to come to the library after hours to complete assessment tasks and the like, a night for women to celebrate Womens' Day with guest speakers and nibbles on arrival and purchase of new books, DVDs for borrowing. All borrowing articles are only 5 years old or less. There is a concerted effort to ensure new technology is available, e.g. talking books.

The Coolamon Library is linked to the Riverina Library so any books/DVDs that people want can be accessed for \$1. The library ensures that it delivers to the shire and that it is not Coolamon focused, so activities are organised in other towns within the Shire. Two Book Clubs have been established; the one I'm in is in its 4th year and the other one is in its 2nd year. The Library also has photocopy and computer use facilities along with daily local newspapers. Libraries are no longer places where you just borrow books!

It is obvious that Helen loves her job and we are lucky that she is such a good "front of house." She liaises with the Council for funding submissions and also liaises with Bronwyn Hatty, the Youth Worker. Thank you to Neil who delivered the vote of thanks.

Next week will be the last for my year and Kim will be catering for this. You have been asked to let Garth know if you are coming for catering purposes. We will also be folding up raffle tickets on this night in preparation for the raffle draw at Changeover.

Yours in Rotary,
Marg

Websites of Interest

Coolamon Rotary Club: <http://coolamonrotary.com>

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.

DIARY

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

- 23 June Murrumbidgee RC – Change over night.
- 25 June Coolamon RC weekly meeting (Coolamon Sport & Rec Club). Major item of business: folding Monster Shopping Spree raffle tickets for the drawing. Catering by Kim; contact Garth if you'll be attending.
- 25 June Temora RC – Change over night.
- 2 July Coolamon RC Change over dinner and drawing for Monster Shopping Spree raffle.
- 7 July Street raffle
- 9 July Coolamon RC regular meeting (Coolamon Sport & Rec Club).
- 12 July Bingo. Rostered on are John G., Rod J., Leslie and Paul.

On the lighter side...

Two guys are walking through the woods and come across this big deep hole.

"Wow...that looks deep."

"Sure does... toss a few pebbles in there and see how deep it is!"

They pick up a few pebbles and throw them in and wait... no noise.

"Jeeez. That is REALLY deep... here, let's throw some of these big rocks down there. That should make a noise."

They pick up a couple of football-sized rocks and toss them into the hole and wait... and wait. Nothing.

They look at each other in amazement. One gets a determined look on his face and says, "Hey...over here in the weeds, there's a railroad tie. Help me carry it over here. When we toss THAT sucker in, it's GOTTA make some noise."

The two men drag the heavy tie over to the hole and heave it in. Not a sound comes from the hole. Suddenly, out of the nearby woods, a sheep appears, running like the wind. It rushes toward the two men, then right past them, running as fast as its legs will carry it. Suddenly it leaps in the air and into the hole.

The two men are astonished with what they've just seen...Then, out of the woods comes a farmer who spots the men and ambles over.

"Hey... you guys seen my sheep out here?"

"You bet we did! Craziest thing we ever saw! It came running like crazy and just jumped into this hole!"

"Nah," says the farmer, "That couldn't have been MY sheep. My sheep was chained to a railroad tie."