

COOLAMON ROTARY CLUB INC.

September is New Generations Month

Bulletin # 11 Meeting of the 20th September 2010



Report Meeting 20th September 2010.

{This bulletin prepared by John Glassford.}

Members Present 10

Guests 2: Sue Chapman and Maree Jennings

Attendance 59%

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Acting President Grahame Miles welcomed our guests and all our members present.

Grahame outlined some of the matters discussed at a recent meeting between Ian Durham, Grahame Miles and John Glassford. The meeting was to plan for increased membership and the feasibility of completing all our projects in 2010-2011. A summary of the meeting and items discussed and ideas formulated will be put to the next board meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

John Glassford read out the correspondence and of note:

- Bulletins from Wollundry Wagga Wagga, Wagga Wagga, Wagga Wagga Koorringal.
- Bulletin Henry's Herald from RC of Milford, Auckland New Zealand.
- Bulletin RC Bourne-Sandwich Massachusetts USA. RC Junee.
- Bulletin RC Parkwood Gold Coast Queensland.
- Cheque from Coolamon Shire for Caravan Park Cleaning \$165.00.
- Email from Henty RC with news of raising \$5,000 for the Mountains of the Moon 2011.
- Letter and photo from Michael Gibbons re: AFL Under 15's Carnival.

Business arising: Neil Munro moved that we approach Michael Gibbons and invite him to speak to the club on his experiences in the AFL Under 15s Carnival. Neil will contact Michael.

The motions moved and passed at the ordinary meeting of the 13th September were read and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Henk Hulsman gave a detailed report on our balance sheets.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION REPORT.

Marg Perkin gave a very positive report on her recent visit to Cowra with Garth to plan the Great Cowra Escape weekend. Marg gave glowing reports on the wineries and restaurants as well as the accommodation that Marg has booked for the members going to Cowra.

SERVICE PROJECTS REPORT.

Ray Foley advised us that the roster will be changed at the end of the year for both the caravan park cleaning and bingo.

Ray reminded those rostered on for the next bingo night and for this weekend's caravan park cleaning.

GENERAL BUISNESS.

Neil Munro is now a grandfather, a grandson, Ashton, and as is the tradition, Neil shouted the meeting a bottle of port. Congratulations Neil.

Mark Reardon ran Heads and Tails and John won the prize. Mark then conducted a very fast and rewarding fines session.

GUEST SPEAKER.

Tonight our guest speakers were Dick Jennings and Maree Jennings. Dick and Maree or should that be Maree and Dick showed a DVD of their recent trip to Western Australia with Allen's Coaches from Coolamon.

It was an amusing and very interesting presentation and one that made you feel that you should have gone as well. Amongst the places they visited with 16 others were:

Darwin, Humpty Doo, Kakadu, Yellow Waters, Victoria River, Lake Argyle, Ord River, Kunnanurra, Wyndham, Chamberlain Gorge, Argyle Diamond Mine, China Wall at Halls Creek, Geike Gorge, Derby, the Horizontal Waterfall, Willie Creek Pearl Farm, Broome and Cable Beach.

Adventures they had: Helicopter Rides, Cruising with crocodiles, swimming with floaties, rubber dingy hairy boat ride over the Horizontal Waterfall, "locked up" in the Boab Prison tree, trying on a \$7,000 pearl necklace in Broome, riding camels into the sunset along Cable Beach in Broome.

Some facts that we were given: It takes 15 years for a "Sandalwood tree to mature; the Ord River scheme in Kunnanura should be growing rice but the Turkey geese have put paid to that; the Argyle Dam has 36 times the amount of water found in Sydney Harbour. The spillway on the Argyle dam spills 1 million litres of water every second which ends up in the ocean; Lake Argyle is 950 square kilometres; in the open cut diamond mine at Argyle the massive dump trucks are driven by women; the Geike Gorge is simply spectacular with massive sandstone caves where the local tribes would shelter from the heat or the police.

Thank you Maree and Dick for a very entertaining evening, most enjoyable and much appreciated.

Max Chapman gave a vote of thanks to both Maree and Dick and presented Dick with the "pouch".

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

SOME OF THE PLACES THAT MAREE AND DICK JENNINGS VISITED.



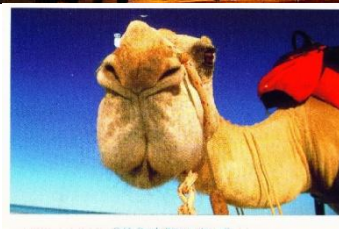
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ARGYLE OPEN CUT DIAMOND MINE



THE HORIZONTAL WATERFALLS



BROOME PEARLS AND CABLE BEACH THANK YOU BOTH!

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I want to share a day in the life at St Jude's that makes all the stress, fatigue or worry disappear for at least 24 hours – the day the new 190 students enrolling in 2010 received their St Jude's uniforms! To watch those excited, nervous and, in some cases, bewildered little tots arrive to begin the transformation that takes them from their brother's or sister's hand-me-down clothes to a brand spanking new St Jude's uniform (not unlike Cinderella going to the ball ... a favourite book in the school library!) is one of the greatest days on the school calendar.

This new uniform signifies that they are the chosen few (over 20,000 children apply each year) who made it through the academic test on a long and grueling Friday sometime between August and December last year, passed the extensive checking system that certifies they come from very poor families and succeeded in qualifying at the end of the month's probation class. This is the beginning of a life that, provided they work hard, will see their dreams of becoming doctors, pilots, government ministers and captains of industry become a reality. And you should all be as proud as we are that you have a part to play in that small miracle.

With the additional 150 Kinder and Grade 1 students and 40 entering first year high school, this year we will be affording over 1,300 Tanzanian children a totally free high quality education. And to ensure the school runs efficiently there are over 350 local staff, including our leadership team of Headmasters, Deputies and Heads of Departments drawn from the ranks of long-term staff members who have shown leadership qualities, professionalism and loyalty to the mission of the school – Fighting Poverty Through Education.

Picture left below: The apprehension of this first step through the gates on this day is palpable! Scary but also exciting.



Above right Jo has no chance of holding back the kids who are dying to show their parents their new uniforms!

We will be supporting the School of St Jude's again in 2011 with the **Mountains of the Moon** adventure for more on this amazing school started by one Australian lady, Gemma Sisia go to their web site:

<http://www.schoolofstjude.co.tz>



SOME ROTARY STATISTICS

Top 10 Rotary Clubs as far as numbers go are:

#1	Seattle	# of Members	657	District	5030
#2	Birmingham	"	546	"	6860
#3	San Diego	"	535	"	5340
#4	Oklahoma City	"	521	"	5750
#5	Fort Worth	"	506	"	5790
#6	Madison	"	501	"	6250
#7	Baton Rouge	"	495	"	6200
#8	Tulsa	"	494	"	6110
#9	Atlanta*	"	482	"	6900
#10	San Antonio	"	481	"	5840

*** There are at least 12 Rotary Clubs in the Atlanta area. The Rotary Club of Atlanta meets at 12.15 pm every Monday. The Atlanta Rotary Club was founded in 1913. <http://www.atlantarotary.org>**

Monday 27th September DG Neal and Barbara Fogarty's Visit.



The new District Governor, Neal Fogarty, is known to many of you. He is a PP of Orange North and has been an active member of Rotary since joining at Cowra in 1984. Neal and his wife Barbara live outside Orange and have two daughters, one living in Canberra and other living in New York with her husband and two children. Neal was a research scientist with NSW Department of Primary Industries, (now Industry and Investment NSW).

His specialty is animal genetics and his work with sheep breeding is highly regarded. Since semi-retirement about 2 years ago Neal has been able to devote more time to Rotary and golf. In the past 12 months he has attended the Intentional Assembly in San Diego and the World Rotary Conference in Montreal Canada. 'I am looking forward to serving all members and clubs during my 12 months as DG for District 9700.'

DIARY:

4th October Board Meeting. To be confirmed (October Labour Day Weekend).

11th October Guest Speaker Dan Peverill.

16-17th OCTOBER COOLAMON ROTARY WEEKEND AWAY COWRA.

29th November 2010 Annual General Meeting.

1st December World AIDS Day RFFA's Lunch Bag Project.

29th January 2011 Coolamon Street Raffle.

23rd February 2011 Rotary's 106th Birthday.

5th Saturday March 2011 {Thursday}: Coolamon Rotary Club's 40th BIRTHDAY PARTY. N.B.!

1-3 April 2011 District 9700 Conference Orange

21-25 May 2011 Rotary International Convention in New Orleans

1 July 2011 Coolamon's 40th Change Over Dinner {Friday Night}

ROSTERS:

- **Bingo Thursday October. 14th: Craig Corrigan, Neil Munro, Henk Hulsman, Grahame Miles.**
- **Caravan Park 24th September Ian Jennings and Garth Perkin.**
- **Caravan Park 1st October Garth Perkin and Grahame Miles.**

SOME WEB SITES.

COOLAMON ROTARY CLUB WEB SITE:

<http://www.coolamonrotary.com>

Rotarians For Fighting AIDS:

<http://www.rffa.org>

The Orphan Rescue Kit Africa:

<http://theork.com>

Mountains of the Moon Climb 2011:

<http://www.mountainsofthemoon.org>



COOLAMON HOUSE IN HOUT BAY, CAPE TOWN. {A full report will be available on this wonderful project now completed. There are some issues with the Rotary Foundation to be sorted out}.