

COOLAMON ROTARY CLUB INC.

October is Vocational Services Month

Bulletin # 13 NO Meeting October Long Weekend Holiday 2010



Bulletin for the 4th October 2010.

{This bulletin prepared by John Glassford.}

NO MEETING DUE TO PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

REMINDER AND A REQUEST FROM PRESIDENT IAN DURHAM

1. This Sunday October 10th

We will need volunteers to help with a benefit day for Greg and Narelle Guthrie who lost their home and all their contents in a fire last week. We will be joining the Lions and other like minded people from Coolamon to help run the day.

12.00 pm BBQ organised by Lions. They may need help.

1.00 pm Bowls Tournament run by the Bowling Club.

1.00pm Chocolate Wheel run by Rotary.

All afternoon waiters and drink servers wanted please bring your responsible serving of alcohol certificate with you.

Please contact Henk Hulsman to offer your help.

2. Hospital Fete 26th October.

We have agreed to run the chocolate wheel again this year for the Coolamon and District Hospital Fete.

Please give your names to Ian Durham and or fill in the form at the next two meetings.

3. Monday 11th October Guest Speaker Dan Peverill

Would you all advise Gilbert of your guests for Monday night's meeting where we have Dan Peverill as our guest speaker.

See you all Monday night.

Munching machine

Farmer's makeshift invention to stop the locust plague



Samantha Townsend
Regional Reporter

IT SUCKS, it slices and it dices — but wait, there's more. It could also be the answer to the state's locust plague.

This contraption, the "locust muncher", is one man's answer to controlling the ravenous insects that are invading regional NSW.

South Australian farmer Terry Bediavas is offering our farmers, who are facing the worst plague in 30 years, the prototype for his locust muncher.

Mr Bediavas said his primitive machine could help save what is expected to be the first bumper crop after the worst drought on record.

He said locusts needed to be sprayed while they were banding on the ground but once they took to the skies his muncher could clean up the adult insects.

"It may not look much but it does work and could be made into something more sophisticated," he said.

After locusts ravaged his crops, Mr Bediavas built his makeshift muncher. Using a fan, garden rakes and a grate from the fridge, he assembled the machine and welded it onto his ute.

"It works like a huge vacuum that sucks in locusts, shreds them and dispels them," Mr Bediavas said. "It only works when they fly."

Good idea: Farmer Terry Bediavas with his homemade locust muncher, which could help stop the plague Picture: Sarah Reed

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Collingwood fans are not stupid

50,000 Collingwood Fans meet at the MCG for a "Collingwood Fans Are Not Stupid" Convention.

Eddie says, "We are all here today to prove to the world that Collingwood Fans are not stupid. Can I have a volunteer."

Alan Didak gingerly works his way through the crowd and steps up to the stage.

Eddie asks him, "What is fifteen plus fifteen?"

After 15 or 20 seconds Didak says, "Eighteen!"

Obviously everyone is a little disappointed.

Then all 50,000 Collingwood Fans start chanting, "GIVE HIM ANOTHER CHANCE! GIVE HIM ANOTHER CHANCE!"

Eddie says, "Well since we've gone to the trouble of getting 50,000 of you in one place and we have the world wide press and global broadcast media here, I think we can give him another chance."

So he asks, "What is seven plus seven?"

After nearly 30 seconds Didak eventually says, "Ninety!"

Eddie is quite perplexed, looks down and just lets out a dejected sigh everyone is disheartened.

Didak starts crying and the 50,000 Collingwood Fans begin to yell and wave their hands shouting, "GIVE HIM ANOTHER CHANCE! GIVE HIM ANOTHER CHANCE!"

Eddie, unsure whether or not he is doing more harm than good, eventually says, "OK! OK! Just one more chance...What is two plus two?"

Didak closes his eyes, and after a whole minute eventually says, "Four!"

Throughout the stadium pandemonium breaks out as all 50,000 Collingwood Fans jump to their feet, wave their arms, stamp their feet and scream...

"GIVE HIM ANOTHER CHANCE! GIVE HIM ANOTHER CHANCE!"

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Esplanade Moth.

Fire Moth

Red Diamond Horse.

In New Orleans, people look forward to Carnival all year – children like it more than Christmas. Mostly Carnival is the thing that wakes up the child in us and makes visible the imperishable apparitions of our collective imagination. It is the place in this country where we are able to wander through the looking glass as adults and imagine other possibilities for ourselves.

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DIARY:

5th October Tuesday Board Meeting. Held. 7.30pm at the club.

10th October SUNDAY Greg and Narelle Guthrie Benefit Day at the Coolamon Sports Club

11th October Guest Speaker Dan Peverill.

16-17th OCTOBER COOLAMON ROTARY WEEKEND AWAY COWRA.

23rd Saturday October Coolamon and District Hospital Fete

13th November Inter Club Vocational visit by Wagga Wagga Sunrise to Coolamon and Ganmain*

26th-28th November RYPEN Challenge Borambola. (Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment year 9)

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.!

21st -24th March RYDA in Wagga Wagga (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness).

1-3 April 2011 District 9700 Conference Orange

11-16th April R.Y.L.A. in Parkes (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards 18-20 year old.)

17th April Coolamon Community Day.

21-25 May 2011 Rotary International Convention in New Orleans

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

* N.B. Wagga Wagga Sunrise wishes to bring around 30 Rotarians and partners for a visit to Coolamon and Ganmain on Saturday 13th November. They will be arriving in Coolamon for a lunch with our club and then go onto Ganmain for a straw bale building tour. Please let the board know if you would like to be part of this opportunity to have a good time with Sunrise and visit Ganmain with them on their tour of the straw bale "village".

ROSTERS:

- Bingo Thursday October. 14th: Craig Corrigan, Neil Munro, Henk Hulsman, Grahame Miles.
- Caravan Park 8th October Grahame Miles and Neil Munro.
- Caravan Park 15th October Neil Munro Ian Durham.

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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>