

COOLAMON ROTARY CLUB INC.

Bulletin #2 Meeting of the 19th July 2010



Report Meeting January 19th 2010

{This bulletin prepared by John Glassford.}

Members Present 11
Make Ups 2
Guests:
Guest Speaker:
Attendance 72%

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ian Durham welcomed all to another Rotary year and thanked all members for their attendance

SECRETARY'S REPORT

John Glassford read out the correspondence and of note:

- Cheque from Coolamon Shire for caravan park cleaning \$366.00
- Invoice for district dues \$1,062.00
- Invoice for RI Dues \$ 574.17
- Email from D9700 re club trailer insurance (to be followed up)
- Club bulletins from Wollundry, Wagga Wagga, Milford Sound NZ.
- Audit forms received from Twomey Patterson

TREASURER'S REPORT

Henk Hulsman presented several bills to be paid a total of \$1725.00 (aprox.)

Henk also reported that the deposit accounts interest was \$624.78

Reminder half yearly dues are now due please pay Henk \$130.00 to stay financial.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

1. *International Services Director Ian Jennings.*

Experience of a lifetime .. Go with GSE Lead a Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team to Oklahoma USA or The Philippines.

GSE is a cultural and vocational exchange with a District in another country, funded by The Rotary Foundation. D9700 send teams of four young non-Rotarian business and professional people, with a Rotarian Team Leader, to a District in another country for four weeks and host an exchange team in return

Applications are called for 2 Team Leaders and Team Members (applicants can nominate for either or both teams):

Team to The Philippines D3830 (approx. 26 Feb to 25 March 2011)

Team to Oklahoma D5770 (approx. 21 March to 19 April 2011)

D9700 will be hosting the GSE Teams from The Philippines D3830 from 7 March to 4 April 2011.

The GSE Team from Oklahoma will be hosted from 4 March to 11 April 2012.

GSE team member applicants must be between the ages of 25 and 40, not be a Rotarian or directly related to a Rotarian and be fully employed with at least two years of work experience in their chosen field.

Applications for Team Leaders and Team Members close Friday 6th August 2010.

Further information and application forms from GSE Chairman Dennis Bishop 69263022; 0404834884 email dennismbishop@bigpond.com or Ian Jennings.

2. *Service Projects Director Ray Foley:*

PP Grahame Miles reported on the last bingo night which had 40 players and a gross profit of around \$500.00. Next bingo night is the 12th August.

Volunteers were Craig Corrigan, Rod Jarrett, Max Chapman, Neil Munro and Grahame Miles. Neil has offered to organise bingo for the time being.

Street Raffle date in Coolamon to be confirmed asap.

3. Club Administration Marg Perkin

PP Grahame Miles advised the meeting of the visit of Terry Jones on Monday 9th August. We were all asked to make an effort to get as many people along to hear Terry a brilliant raconteur and has many wonderful tales of his time in Griffith as a reporter.

Terry will be speaking on "Rotarian Don Mackay's Exposure of Underbelly"

Terry is currently Editor of the Bathurst Newspaper, the Western Advocate. In the 1970s he was Editor of the Griffith Area News and has a wealth of knowledge of the events before and after Donald Mackay's disappearance. On the evening of July 15, 1977, Donald Mackay disappeared from a hotel car park after having drinks with friends. He was never seen again.



Please advise Marg and Grahame of your attendance. 6927 3377 Marg or 6927 3274 Grahame.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Club Bulletin. Request that Garth Perkin receives his bulletin via snail mail. Much discussion on the merits of e-bulletins versus hard copy.

President Ian Durham called for nominations for President Elect for 2011-2012

RDU Magazine on line much again discussion and on-line versus hard copy.

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

ROSTERS:

- **Bingo Thursday August 12th: Ray Foley; Ian Durham; Dick Jennings; Marg Perkin.**
- **Caravan Park 23rd July Ray Foley & Craig Corrigan.**
- **Caravan Park 30h July Craig Corrigan & Henk Hulsman.**

DIARY:

2 Aug Board Meeting

6 Aug GSE Team Leader and Team Member applications close.

9th August Guest Speaker Terry Jones Bathurst

15 Aug GSE Team Leader selections – Young

21-22 August Canberra Australian Rotary Conference

14 Nov PRESIDENT's FORUM & District AGM– Grenfell

1-3 April 2011 District 9700 Conference Orange

Joke of the Week:

The Blonde Guy

An Irishman, a Mexican and a blonde guy were doing construction work on scaffolding on the 20th floor of a building.

They were eating lunch and the Irishman said, "Corned beef and cabbage! If I get corned beef and cabbage one more time for lunch, I'm going to jump off this building."

The Mexican opened his lunch box and exclaimed, "Burritos again! If I get burritos one more time, I'm going to jump off, too."

The blonde opened his lunch and said, "Bologna again! If I get a bologna sandwich one more time, I'm jumping too."

The next day, the Irishman opened his lunch box, saw corned beef and cabbage and jumped to his death.

The Mexican opened his lunch, saw a burrito and jumped, too.

The blonde guy opened his lunch, saw the bologna and jumped to his death as well.

At the funeral, the Irishman's wife was weeping. She said, "If I'd known how really tired he was of corned beef and cabbage, I never would have given it to him again!"

The Mexican's wife also wept and said, "I could have given him tacos or enchiladas! I didn't realize he hated burritos so much." Everyone turned and stared at the blonde's wife. The blonde's wife said, "Don't look at me. He makes his own lunch."

Thanks to P.P. Tom Telfer
Rotary Club of London West London, Ontario,
Canada 6330 ROTI Charter member & Past
chair of Rotary Editors & Publishers

ROSTERS: PLEASE PRINT AND KEEP

CARAVAN PARK ROSTER

July 2010	July 9 th	Rod Jarrett
	9th & 16th	Ian Durham
	16 th & 23 rd	Ray Foley
	23rd & 30th	Craig Corrigan
	30 th & August 6 th	Henk Hulsman
August 2010	6th & 13th	Rod Jarrett
	13 th & 20 th	Max Chapman
	20th & 27th	Mark Reardon
	27 th & September 3 rd	John Glassford
September 2010	3rd & 10th	Garth Perkin

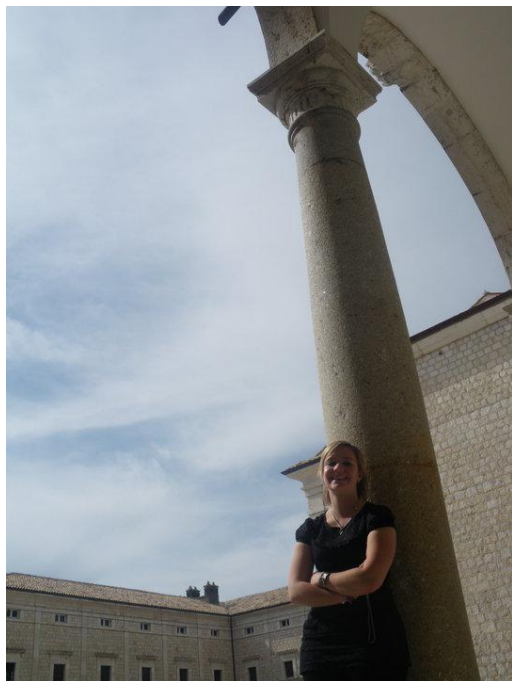
	10 th & 17 th	Dick Jennings
	17th & 24th	Ian Jennings
	24 th & October 1 st	Garth Perkin
October 2010	1st & 8th	Grahame Miles
	8 th & 15 th	Neil Munro
	15th & 22nd	Bert Browning
	22 nd & 29 th	Ian Durham
	29th & November 5th	Ray Foley
November 2010	5 th & 12 th	Craig Corrigan
	12th & 19th	Henk Hulsman
	19 th & 26 th	Rod Jarrett
	26th & December 3rd	Max Chapman
December 2010	3 rd & 10 th	Mark Reardon
	10th & 17th	John Glassford
	17 th & 24 th	Garth Perkin
	24th & 31st	Dick Jennings
	31 st & January 7 th 2011	Ian Jennings

BINGO ROSTER

8 th July 2010	Craig Corrigan Henk Hulsman	Max Chapman Rod Jarrett
12th August 2010	Ray Foley Ian Durham	Dick Jennings Marg Perkin
9 th September 2010	Bert Browning John Glassford	Marg Perkin Mark Reardon
14th October 2010	Craig Corrigan Neil Munro	Henk Hulsman Grahame Miles
11 th November 2010	Ray Foley Ian Jennings	Max Chapman Rod Jarrett
9th December 2010	Ian Durham John Glassford	Marg Perkin Dick Jennings
13 th January 2011	Bert Browning Ian Jennings	Mark Reardon Neil Munro

MILLIE BUTT OUR YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT FROM MARRAR UPDATE

MILLIE'S MUSINGS FROM BELGIUM {Received 24th June 2010}



The last time I wrote I left you pondering about me skiing in the French Alps, and I tell you now that it is what skiing should be like all over the world! The snow is so so smooth and even and it is everywhere. My skiing improved instantly. On the 4th March, Julia (American) and I travelled through Belgium, Luxembourg and Switzerland all in one day with her host Parents Mady &

Michelle (My third host parents) and my host parents Marie and Bernard. We all stayed in Marie and Bernard's apartment at Chatel (the name of the resort).

This place is massive! Never have I seen so many chair lifts and pomas in the one place! We skied on mostly blue and red runs because it was so much more enjoyable when we weren't faced with near cliffs for skiing courses and also because it was Julia's second time at snowboarding ever! I surprised my host parents with my skiing ability (and no I'm not boasting that I'm a fantastic skier, far from it) but just the fact that I could keep up with them was amazing to them. Here in Belgium everybody thinks that Australia is 40 degrees all year round. They have no idea that we have a ski season! So when I tell them that I can ski they are shocked! They always ask where did you learn? There is no snow in Australia.

Had my host Grandmother's birthday party at our house the weekend after skiing. A lot of French being spoken! I made everybody ANZAC biscuits and everybody loved them. We had all this fancy appetisers and entrées and from this I have decided that I really do not like liver at all. Who ever thought of eating that!

On the 16th Mar all the Rotary students went to the Opera! Really enjoyed getting all dressed up for it. Was a little hard to understand it because it was in French (I think) and they had subtitles in Dutch, German and something else that I did not recognise at all. The costumes and voices were all very impressive and I was entranced the whole time by the focus of the actors/singers and the ensemble work that was perfect.

This was a very busy Wednesday afternoon and everybody had a fantastic time in Liège. Unfortunately when I got home I was so tired I didn't have a shower and woke up to my bed being full of glitter! I am still amazed how much glitter there was!

On the 20th Mar my host family (also being Julia because she was staying with us while her family was away) and I went to the 'Burning of the Winter' celebrations at the village hall. This concept didn't really make sense since it was still about 3 degrees! That is still winter to me! After eating dinner in the hall we all went outside for the lighting of the bonfire that would drive winter away. But before they could light the

bonfire the 'winter' had to be placed on the top of the bonfire, the winter being in the form of a witch. I found this fascinating because it was so old fashioned.

For Easter I was staying at Morgane's (my best Belgian friend) house because my family are going skiing for a week and I was leaving for ITALY on Monday. Easter seems to be not very big in her family. Although other exchange students have stories of amazing amounts of chocolate being exchanged. Probably a good thing that I didn't receive any chocolate! I gave Morgane's family some Australian chocolate and a batch of ANZAC biscuits, which I swear were all gone within one day.

Ok so no for ITALY! Honestly this trip was the best 11 days of my life! We left on Monday 5th May at lunchtime and drove on the bus non-stop (only for food) until Rome. This was not the most ideal mode of transport although we had no choice in the matter so we sang and laughed and slept our way to Rome. Entertaining ourselves anyway possible with music, movies, games and even creating fake moustaches! To make sure this email is not a billion pages long I will not go into detail of every single moment of the trip.

- First Day – A very long bus trip!
- Second day - When we arrived we first visited the Vatican, The Sistine Chappell and the Basilica. The architecture of these amazing buildings is astonishing! I am unable to describe how beautiful and breathtaking they really are (which is also the same for a lot of what I saw in Italy).
- Third day - We went to the Coliseum (which is massive, even without its outer wall), the original forum of Rome and the Fountain of Trevi. It is a shame that all these places are so packed with people all the time. Really takes away from the uniqueness of these amazing places.
- Forth day – More travelling and a visit to the Abbey of Monte Cassino which was very impressive with its size and beauty, but was difficult for us exchange students because we were told we are not allowed to talk, or sit on the steps, or take photo's using tripods, etc. And also to get into the abbey we all had to have our shoulders and legs covered.
- Fifth day – I was amazed at the bus driving abilities of the locals. We travelled along skinning winding roads on the coast to some

small villages. A lot of shopping was done today by the girls!

- Sixth day – The Island of Capri. One of my two favourite places in Italy. After a relaxing boat tour around the Island in the sun we had 5 hours of free time in the afternoon. This place was remarkable. The views, the people, the atmosphere, and the FOOD!!! It was here that we believe we found the best Pizza that we had ever tasted!
- Seventh day - Once again in describable! We visited the ancient city of Pompeii. This was of particular interest to me because I studied it in Ancient History in yr 12. The fact that those ruins are still there after being buried under 20 meters of ash and rock for so long is just amazing.
- Eight day – The Leaning Tower of Pisa. Quite a bizarre building, although very fun to take pictures with!
- Ninth day – Island of Burano today which is famous for its glass blowing. Here we watched someone make a small horse sculpture from a ball of hot glass in about a minute! Absolute talent!
- Tenth day – The sinking city of Venice! The other favourite of mine. The water streets, the gondolas, the boatmen, the shopping, the buildings. Everything!
- Eleventh day – The bus ride home!
- All in all, Italy was good food, good company, and good times!

After returning from Italy Julia was living at my house. I was meant to be moving a week later but ended up staying at my first house for another week because my second family was stuck in Egypt on their holiday because of the Volcanic ash cloud that cover Europe! Nice place to be stuck in I say!

On the 24th April my district travelled to Brussels. We visited the Atonium which is a reason why Brussels is famous and also Mini Europe. The Atonium is a massive metal structure of spheres all connected by poles (not the best describing word but it is very hard to find the correct one). The escalators inside are hugely long and only go up, although the view from the top is worth the walk back down. Mini Europe explains itself really. It is a scale model of all the important and famous buildings of Europe. We walked around this park for about 2 hours it is so big. After this day some of my fellow Aussies and I stayed the night in Hostels in Brussels as to catch a bus the next day at 7am to travel to

ANZAC Ceremonies in the North of Brussels. I was amazed to find out how many Australians fought here in Belgium.

In the last day of my first house I went for a swim because I felt I needed to use the pool before I left. My host brothers and Julia thought I was crazy because it was only 17 degrees in the water! After I had been in there for about an hour doing some laps and enjoying the sunshine, curiosity got the better of the boys and they joined me. Not for too long though because they still thought it was freezing. I was thankful for the swim after missing the second half of my water polo season.

On the 28th of April I finally moved into my new family's house after the week delay. My new house is up a very very steep hill that is quite a hike home from school every day, although it is worth it for the fantastic view. In my new family I have Pascal and Hubert (host parents), Clémence and Justine, (host sisters aged 14 and 22) and Antoine (host brother aged 18 who is currently still in Mexico on exchange but will be returning at the start of July). And my new dog ELVIS! He is amazingly cute and scruffy, and loves to play tug-a-war with me.

I somehow managed to pack my things into my suitcase and about a billion other bags. It amazes me how much stuff finds its way into my possession!

Sunday the 2nd of May, Rotary organised an outing to the theme park Walibi! Had a fantastic day going on nearly every single rollercoaster about 4 or 5 times (woke up the next day with a stiff neck)! Also went on rides such as giant swings and river rapids. This unfortunately made us wet but did not really make a difference as it rained almost all day. Diana and I bought awesome ponchos! Very attractive indeed!

The time is really starting to fly. School is a little uneventful for exchange students at the moment because it is exam time and everyone is in revision mode (remember the seasons and school years are different). Our regular Wednesday meetings continued in other places other than Liège after getting noise complaints from surrounding buildings.

I attended a concert of a band from school 'Feeling,' with Morgane. Loved the style of music, like a relaxed folk genre.

Spent an afternoon with my family at a little place called Durbuy for mother's day. A very pretty village that still had horse and carriage rides.

Taught Morgane and her siblings how to make ANZAC biscuits because they loved them so much. Everyone loves ANZAC biscuits here!

Visited the Fort in Huy with Julia and her sister who was visiting from America. Amazing view from up there (it beats the view from my house even).

Stayed a night at Diana's house in Spa and met all her Belgian friends. I am still amazed at how easy it is to travel in this country

On the 7th of June I travelled to Brussels and met up with Miss Jacqueline Irvine who was on her Euro Tour with Rotary! Had an amazing afternoon with her and her friends. Showed them around Brussels and introduced them to Belgium cuisine. Was hard to say goodbye but was a fantastic afternoon.

I have now finished school and only have to do 3 exams then I am free for the 3 month summer holidays! In these holidays I am looking forward too:

- My host brother returning from Mexico
- My friend from Australia visiting
- 16 exchange students visiting for a 2 week exchange
- 2 weeks visiting the south of France with my first family
- And finally the new exchange students coming in August

I am not looking forward to saying goodbye to all the old exchange students! My oldie Julia has already left! There will only be the Australian, New Zealand, South African exchange students here for the holidays.

That's all for now! The next installment will probably be after my holiday in FRANCE!

Hope everyone is well.

Love to all

Yours in Belgium Millie Butt