

COOLAMON ROTARY CLUB INC.



February is World Understanding Month

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Bulletin for the 14th February 2011

Meeting 14th February 2011

{This bulletin prepared by d John Glassford.}

Members Present: 10. Make-ups 4

Attendance 74%

In attendance were Ian Durham, Henk Hulsman, Ray Foley, Marg Perkin, Garth Perkin, Neil Munro, Paul Weston, John Glassford, Craig Corrigan and Leslie Weston.

Susan Wingate-Pearse (Glassford) guest.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ian Durham welcomed our members and reported on RYDA and advised the members that RYDA will now be held in October in Wagga Wagga due to a double booking at the Equex centre.

On a sad note Past President of our club David Dunn passed away on Monday and David's funeral will be held in Wagga Wagga this Friday 18th at 12pm Venue: John Bance & Son, 12 Ashmont Avenue Wagga, Wagga.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Correspondence In:

Emails from DG Neal Foggarty, Paul Murray re data base updates.
Bulletins from Wagga Wagga, Wagga Wagga Sunrise, Wagga Wagga Koorringal, Junee, Temora, Wollundry Wagga Wagga and from Parkwood Gold Coast, Milford Auckland, Bourne Sandwich USA.
Accounts from RDU and D9700.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Henk Hulsman paid for several accounts including Rotary Down Under and D9700 dues.

SERVICE PROJECTS REPORT

Ray reminded those rostered re their duties and advised us that the tickets for the Monster Raffle are ready for printing.

Neil Munro reported on bingo held on the 10th February showing a profit of \$215 even after the jackpot went off for \$140. There were 27 players. President Ian thanked the volunteers Craig Corrigan, Marg Perkin, Ray Foley, Neil Munro and Ian Durham was also there.

Craig Corrigan reported on the progress of the telephone book and is experiencing some problems with advertisers getting back to him with their copy and cheques.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Marg Perkin advised the meeting that we will have Maureen Thornycroft as a guest speaker on the 28th February and Paul Weston on the 28th March.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Coolamon's 40th Birthday. Much discussion on holding this important event for our club and it was decided that we should look at holding it on Monday 2nd May. We need to firm up on this date asap. It was also decided that we find a good speaker such as John Winterbottom.
- Neil Munro requested that a letter be sent to Aileen Stevens from Ganmain thanking Aileen for her generous donation of a set of vintage port from the Wyndham Estate. This gift will be used for a special raffle and the proceeds to go to the Coolamon and Ganmain District Hospital.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Susan and John Glassford spoke on their recent trip to Samoa. They stayed at the Virgin Cove Resort in Saanapu on the main island of Samoa; Upolu. They also visited the areas devastated by the tsunami in September 2009.

John has some ideas on how we can continue to support Samoans. These will be discussed with the incoming board and president-elect Marg Perkin for 2011-2012.

SAMOA FACTS AND FIGURES.

Samoa officially the **Independent State of Samoa**, formerly known as **Western Samoa** and German Samoa, is a country encompassing the western part of the Samoan Islands in the South Pacific Ocean. It became independent from New Zealand in 1962. The two main islands of Samoa are Upolu and one of the biggest islands in Polynesia, Savai'i. The capital city, Apia, and Faleolo International Airport are situated on the island of Upolu.

The oldest date so far from pre-historic human remains in Samoa has been *calculated* by New Zealand scientists to a likely true age of circa 3,000 BP (Before Present)

At the turn of the twentieth century, the Tripartite Convention partitioned the Samoan Islands into two parts: the eastern island group became a territory of the United States (the Tutuila Islands in 1900 and officially Manu'a in 1904) and is today known as American Samoa; the western islands, by far the greater landmass, became known as German Samoa after Britain vacated all claims to Samoa and accepted termination of German rights in Tonga and certain areas in the Solomon Islands and West Africa.

In 1914 New Zealand sent a warship to Apia and the Germans handed over the country and after the war in 1919 Samoa was officially handed over to New Zealand by the Germans.

From the end of World War I until 1962, New Zealand controlled Samoa as a Class C Mandate under trusteeship through the League of Nations. After repeated efforts by the Samoan people, Western Samoa gained independence in 1962 and signed a Friendship Treaty with New Zealand. Samoa was the first country in the Pacific to become independent.

Samoans' religious adherence includes the following: Christian Congregational Church of Samoa 35.5%, Roman Catholic 19.6%, Methodist 15%, Latter-day Saints 12.7%, Samoan Assemblies of God 10.6%, Seventh-day Adventist 3.5%, Worship Centre 1.3%, unspecified 0.8%.

Population around 180,000

Some Photos from Samoa



Fale at Virgin Cove Resort



Sunrise at Saanapu



Lalomanu house raised by the tsunami



A monument to nature's power



Rebuilding on higher ground



The new tsunami roads into the hills



A typical Samoan home with family grave



Catholic Church at Saleaamua

JOKES FROM ROTI (Rotarians On The Internet)

1. Sent by Peter Battle PP & PHF RC Barry Dist. 1150 South Wales

The Kiss

A tough looking group of bikers were riding when they saw a girl about to jump off a bridge so they stop.

The leader, a big burly man, gets off his bike and says, "What are you doing?"

"I'm going to commit a suicide," she says.

While he did not want to appear insensitive, he didn't want to miss an opportunity he asked "Well, before you jump, why don't you give me a Kiss?"

So, she does and it was a long, deep lingering kiss.

After she's finished, the biker says, "Wow! That was the best Kiss I have ever had. That's a real talent you are wasting. You could be famous

Why are you committing suicide?"

"My parents don't like me dressing up like a girl....."

2. Also sent by Peter Battle from Wales.

Scottish Joke.

President Barack Obama visits a Glasgow hospital

He enters a ward full of patients with no obvious sign of injury or illness,

He greets one.

The patient replies:

Fair fa your honest sonsie face,
Great chieftain o the puddin race,
Aboon them a ye take yer place,
Painch, tripe or thairm,
As lang as my airm.

Obama is confused, so he just grins and moves on to the next patient.

The next patient responds:

Some hae meat an canna eat,
And some wad eat that want it,
But we hae meat an we can eat,
So let the Lord be thankit.

Even more confused, and his grin now rictus-like, the President moves onto the next patient, who immediately begins to chant:

Wee sleekit, cowerin, timorous beasty,
O the panic in thy breasty,
Thou needna start awa sae hastie,
Wi bickering brattle

Now seriously troubled, Obama turns to the accompanying doctor and asks, 'Is this a psychiatric ward?'

'No' replies the doctor, 'this is the serious Burns unit '

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROTARY 106 YEARS OLD 23rd FEBRUARY 2011



The first four Rotarians -- Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram E. Shorey, Paul P. Harris.

On 23 February 1905, Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey gathered in Loehr's office for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting. **Harris's desire for camaraderie among business associates** brought together these four men and eventually led to an international organization of service and fellowship.

Rotary's founder, **Harris**, a lawyer, was born in Wisconsin, USA, on 19 April 1868. He was raised by his paternal grandparents in Vermont and attended the University of Vermont, Princeton, and the University of Iowa. He was Rotary president from 1910 to 1912 and a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago until his death on 27 January 1947.

Loehr, a mining engineer, was born on 18 October 1864 in Carlinville, Illinois. He was a Rotarian for only a few years, never holding office at the club or international level. But that first Rotary meeting was held in his office, Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. He died in Chicago on 23 May 1918.

A Rotarian for only a few years, **Shorey** served as recording secretary during the club's first year. He was born in Maine in August 1862 and died in March 1944.

Schiele, a coal dealer, served as the Chicago club's first president in 1905 and Rotary International's third treasurer in 1945. Born in Terre Haute, Indiana, in 1870, Schiele attended Terre Haute Business College and served in the U.S. Army during the Spanish-American War. He was president of the Schiele Coal Company from 1902 until his retirement in 1939. He and Harris became lifelong friends and lived near each other on the South Side of Chicago. Schiele died on 17 December 1945 and is buried near Harris at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Today 106 years on Rotary has over 1.2 million members in 210 countries with some 34,005 clubs.

FULL STORY ON THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL WEB SITE:

<http://www.rotary.org>

ROSTERS:

Bingo Thurs. March 10th: Leslie Weston, Ian Durham, Paul Weston, Marg Perkin.

- Caravan Park 18th February 2011 Leslie Weston and Dick Jennings
- Caravan Park 25th February 2011 Dick Jennings and Garth Perkin

DIARY:

19th February Saturday Royce Abbey Peace Oration Dinner at the Riverine Club – Prof Richard Broinowski. \$60 per head contact Wagga Wagga Sunrise Rotary Club.

20th February Sunday Rotary Peace meeting 11.00am Victory Park Wagga Wagga.

21st February Meeting with Monster Raffle Stakeholders.

23rd February 2011 Rotary's **106th Birthday**. Wagga Wagga Forum Cinema "The Conviction" proceeds go to Polio Plus. 7.00pm \$20 per head.

26-27 Feb 2011 – President Elects Training Seminar (PETS) at YOUNG.

28th February Monday Maureen Thornycroft guest speaker on Doing Business in Coolamon.

28th March Monday Paul Weston guest speaker on digital photography.

1-3 April 2011 District 9700 Conference Orange

11-16th April R.Y.L.A. in Parkes (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards 18-25 years old.)

17th Sunday April Coolamon Community Day.

2nd May Monday 2011 Coolamon's 40th BIRTHDAY PARTY. To Be Confirmed.

30th May Monday Monster Raffle Draw in Coolamon.

21-25 May 2011 Rotary International Convention in New Orleans

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

16th July Coolamon Street Raffle

October 2011 RYDA in Wagga Wagga (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness).

1st December 2011 Mountains of the Moon Summit.

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>