

COOLAMON ROTARY CLUB INC.

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION MONTH IN ROTARY

Bulletin # 7 Meeting of the 23rd August 2010



Report Meeting 23rd August 2010.

{This bulletin prepared by John Glassford.}

Members Present 14
Make Ups 1
Attendance 83%

Visiting Rotarians: Bill Prest from the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga.

Guests: Paul and Leslie Weston, David Fox, Belinda and Dan Peverill, Barry Holden, John Burns, Jason Sachs, Ralph Chapman, Marilyn Jennings, Sue Chapman, Susan Wingate-Pearse.

Guest Speaker: David Croft

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ian Durham welcomed all the guests and members present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

John Glassford read out the correspondence and of note:

- Bulletin from Rotary Club of Bourne-Sandwich, Cape Cod, Maine.
- Bulletins from Wollundry Wagga Wagga, Wagga Wagga, and Wagga Wagga Sunrise.
- Receipt from Rotary International.
- Invoice from Food Works \$100.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Craig Corrigan advised the meeting that he had presented the cheque to the Coolamon Central School for \$2,200 and will be presenting a cheque St. Michael's School this week.
- Marg Perkin announced the **Great Cowra Escape** weekend and details can be found in this bulletin.
- Grahame Miles requested that the board consider purchasing 2 ShelterBoxes for Pakistan.
- Dick Jennings conducted a very spirited fines session and no one was spared.
- The raffle was won by Ray Foley.
- Ray Foley reminded those rostered on for bingo and Caravan Park cleaning.

GUEST SPEAKER DAVID CROFT or CROFTY.



David Croft our guest speaker and Craig Corrigan enjoy a joke or three.

David was the guest of Max and Sue Chapman and Max introduced David to the meeting. David was with the N.S.W. Department of Agriculture for 40 years and specialised in pest and disease control. Before this he was born in Warren and was known as the rabbit man. He looked for work and joined a circus looking for a lion tamer which was a natural way to progress to foxes, rabbits, feral pigs and feral dogs.

David has had a ball and enjoyed his time researching mice plagues, locusts and rabbits. David wore many hats and literally explained his life with a different hat. Did you know that rabbits eat 30% of their body weight daily and that 9 rabbits eat as much as one sheep in a night? That means that 100 rabbits will eat as much as 9 sheep in a year. David also told us that Italy eats 500,000 tonnes of rabbit meat every year and a huge rabbit fur trade; he also said that it was much easier to harass a lady wearing fur than a bikie gang wearing leather.

David illustrated his talk with some great jokes and kept us laughing all evening.

David went onto say that there were 4-6 foxes per square kilometre in New South Wales and that foxes are the best host for rabies, and they have a huge impact on agriculture in Australia.

David was involved in the Newcastle Avian Flu outbreak and told us that 2 million poultry were destroyed a cost of \$40million.

David closed with the promised coming of the locusts which can travel 40-50 ks per day and that we can expect 4,000 locusts per cubic metre. Cannot remember when we laughed so much even though the talk was a serious one. We presented David with a kangaroo pouch money holder much to his amusement.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to David and to all the guests and members who attended.



ROTARY AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE CANBERRA AUGUST 21-22.

Rotary District 9710 organised a wonderful gathering of Rotarians from all around Australia, New Zealand and our neighbours including Papua New Guinea and Timor Leste. The conference was well attended with Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith as the main attraction. "Cowboy Ray", from Missouri, spoke well and had plenty to say about Rotary and our future in society. President Ray also spoke about membership retention and being modern in our outlook and thinking. Ray also encouraged us to throw away the old ways and look to innovative ways that we can serve our community at home and abroad. Ray used many an example of cowboy logic to get his points across.

"Always take a good look at what you're about to eat. It's not so important to know what it is, but you should know what it was. and don't worry about bitin' off more than you can chew, your mouth is likely a whole lot bigger than you think."

President Ray encouraged all of us to build BIGGER, BETTER and BOLDER Rotary Clubs.

All the speakers were well chosen and gave us plenty to think about and do when we return to our clubs. The breakout sessions were well run with good moderators and excellent discussion. I was most impressed with some of the younger Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors who attended and who contributed. Our future looks good with these younger Rotarians and future Rotarians.

Here are some photographs from the weekend held at the Hellenic Club in Woden in the ACT:



RI President Ray Klinginsmith



District 9700 Delegates



PDG Noel Trevaskis



MC Wendy de Luca Murrumbidgee Rotary Club

THE "GREAT COWRA ESCAPE" WEEKEND OCTOBER 16-17th

Proposed itinerary

Friday night. Tea at Tommy's Bistro @ The Imperial Hotel Kendall St.

Saturday. Cowra Showground in morning for Cowra Farmers and craft markets.

Saturday Wineries:

The Quarry Lunch available

Kalari Door and Art Gallery 120 Carro Road (5 mins from Visitors Centre)

Local produce platters available with booking

Mulyan North Logan Road-8.8 KM on Darbys Fall Road

The Mill Cellar Door 6 Vaux Street Cowra Seasonal lunch meals available.

There is a restaurant called Neila which has won different awards e.g. A- list in 50 great Australian restaurants (The Weekend Australia) It is BYO. Could be a possibility

Sunday:

Own breakfast

Drive to Canowindra which is a 20 minute drive from Cowra and look at Main Street (Bendy Street), Canowindra Trading Post, art galleries, Age of Fishes Museum, local wineries, coffee shops

Lunch at The Old Vic Inn Historic Guesthouse at Old Vic Inn Café.

Contact Marg Perkin-Event Coordinator.

******N.B. 6 cabins with ensuite have been booked for the Friday and Saturday nights-\$87.00 a night - 10% discount for Rotary people. \$29:00 for site for those with their own van. *All rooms with cooking facilities, heating, and car park***

ROSTERS:

- **Bingo Thursday Sept. 9th: Bert Browning; Marg Perkin; John Glassford; Mark Reardon.**
- **Caravan Park 27th August Mark Reardon and John Glassford.**
- **Caravan Park 3rd September John Glassford and Garth Perkin.**

DIARY:

30 August Board Meeting.

27 September DG Neal and Barbara Fogarty's Visit.

OCTOBER 16-17th COOLAMON ROTARY WEEKEND AWAY COWRA

14 Nov PRESIDENT's FORUM & District AGM– Grenfell

3 March 2011 {Thursday}: Coolamon Rotary Club's 40th BIRTHDAY PARTY.

1-3 April 2011 District 9700 Conference Orange

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

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