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DOUG CONKEY



Doug opened the meeting, called on Chris Nash to lead us in Rotary Grace, and proposed the toast to the Queen of England, and Australia too. Guests were welcomed, and condolences noted at the loss of David Benn's Mother, and also Phil McIntosh's Father.

Last week, Paul Milde ran into Peter Davies, and reported that Peter looked even younger than we all remembered, and that retirement was obviously agreeing with him.

President Doug gave a "virtual" Sunday Market report, before introducing Kerry Pascoe, who gave an apologetic report - See page 7. Then David Byfield made the secretary's announcements, and Doug reminded members of Food and Wine committee meetings, weekly from today, each Tuesday at 5.30pm in the Commercial Club boardroom. The Twomey Patterson golf also recommences after a break for Christmas, next Monday.

The sergeant was held back until there was no time left, but Silas took time and launched into a mobile phone themed fine session. Brian Roberts was target #1, taking a call, but David Been went three times, his phone rang, he answered it, and then had a conversation. Kev Roben was #3.

Silas read a manifesto from Al Queda, about the shortage of virgins available to Suicide bomb martyrs, as a result of increased Terrorist activity. The emergence of Susan Boyle has to some extent dimmed the interest in martyrdom, now that they know what a virgin looks like.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Club Guests:	Lu-Wei Spinks	Eugenie Coche	Laura Sahi
Apologies:	Phil McIntosh	John Ferguson	Ken Cook
Alan Lloyd	John Hawkins	James Ross	Evan Robertson
Ray Pankhurst	Neil Pinto	Rob Pearson	Darren Wallace
Peter Clucas	Nick Leywood		
Visitors:			
Wendy Conkey	Carolyn Murray		

THE ROSTERS

	Fellowship,	Reception,	Furniture:
17 January	Peter Clucas	Greg Conkey	Colin Duff
24 January	John Egan	Alan Eldridge	John Flynn
31 January	Michael Eldridge	John Ferguson	Mark Fleming

Bulletin Editors Roster.	
Jan 17, Jan 24, Jan 31:	John Egan
Feb 07, Feb 14, Feb 21:	John Ferguson
Feb 28, Mar 06, Mar 13:	Paul Murray
Mar 20, Mar 27, Apr 03:	Doug Sutton
Apr 10, Apr 17, Apr 24:	Michael Knight

Sergeants Roster.

Jan 17: John Gray	Jan 24: Peter Clucas	Jan 3: Silas Darby
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MILESTONES

Partners Birthdays:	Angie Gerlach. (Gerry)	15th January
Wedding Anniversaries	Geoff and Ros Breust	12th January
Club Anniversary	Richard Braid 10 years in Club	15th January
	John Egan 27 Years in Club	15th January

APOLOGIES AND GUEST ATTENDANCE

APOLOGIES OR NOTIFICATION OF GUESTS SHOULD BE ADVISED TO DOUG CONKEY BY 4.00 PM ON MONDAY. THE PHONE NO. IS 69253039

Not The Passport Photos



All these Wollundry Rotarians are heading overseas to pursue various sporting interests, like Cricket, Skiing, or whatever George and Graham do. The strong Australian Dollar, which has been destroying the livelihood of Australian primary producers, and caused Australian manufacturing to be wound back to museum exhibition levels has allowed all these intrepid travelers to scatter their bloated currency to the benefit of other world currencies, artificially positioned to take advantage of our poor farmers or battling workforce. Just looking at the photos, perhaps David Hodge or John Flynn are the only ones even aware of all the issues.



Eugenie Coche Activity update

EUGENIE WAS BACK AT THE MEETING THIS WEEK, AND WAS WITH US TO HEAR LU-WEI TELL US ABOUT HER PREPARATION FOR EXCHANGE TO FINLAND. SHE HAD AN AIR OF "BEEN THERE, DONE THAT" IN HER ADVICE TO THE OUTGOING STUDENT, AND HER SUPPORT WAS REASSURING TO LU-WEI. EUGENIE'S REPORT TO OUR MEMBERS ON CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES, HOPEFULLY NEXT WEEK.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

District 9700 Conference
will be held in Young on
23rd, 24th, & 25th March.
Diarise it Now



Today was Lu-wei Spinks farewell presentation, and a chance to run through her speech that will be given in Finnish at its next outing. Born 17 years ago and raised on a 3300 hectare property on a flood plain outside Balranald, four hours drive west of Wagga Wagga. The farm has been in her family for three generations, but ten years of drought had taken its toll, so Bruce yearned for the big city, and Wagga Wagga was in his sights - an olive grove at Harefield.

Growing up on the farm was never dull, her dad's parents both lived on the property, along with her parents, Aussie Bruce, and his Malaysian Chinese Wife, Joo-Yee, and the two girls, and a dog called Rusty. Mainstream production was cropping, but diversified at times into cauliflowers corn and mung beans, all grown in broadacre formats.

After the move to Wagga Wagga, the senior Mr Spinks celebrated his 80th Birthday, and the theme for the evening was the Gangster life in the 20's. The lucky audience saw photos of the party, and obviously a great time was had by all. The photos could not be published, as Lu-wei cited copyright restrictions, but Frank Fuller may know other reasons why they are best not published.

Lu-wei attended Balranald Central school until the end of year 8, and then the school lost staff due to a reorganization, so she moved to Wagga, boarding and at Wagga Wagga High school, which had as many pupils as the population of Balranald. She has just finished year 12 at WWHS.

During her talk, Lu-Wei told us of her extra curricular activities, and these fell into two streams - Music and Athletics. Musically, she has played, to varying levels of competence, the flute, piano, guitar, clarinet and drums, and has saxophone in her sights if a teacher is available in Finland.

The highlight of Lu-wei's athletic career came in 2008, when she qualified for the Pacific School games, held in Canberra, and drawing on the best school student athletes from Australia and the South Pacific. She competed in the 100 metres, in a time of 12.64 secs, and ranked 13th overall among the young athletes - a fantastic achievement. We were shown some photos of the tracks on which she trained, and they certainly were not Institute of Sport standard. An injury has interrupted the running career for two years, but Lu-wei feels that she is ready to resume training, and could do that in Finland.

.....Dad hopped on the grader and made us a few tracks to train on.....

Other activities that she has tried include Soccer, a two and a half hour round trip to Swan Hill away, and a season of netball, but that was not enough of a challenge. She regretted that the AFL on offer in Balranald was only for the boys, but we think that the boys might never have caught her!!!! She played Hockey for Wagga High School, and though the team didn't win a game all season, Lu-wei scored their only goal.

Then Lu-wei got onto the subject of Finland, and with Laura Sahi in the audience, she was unable to con us with any old pronunciation. When she arrives in Finland, it will be midwinter, so very short days, long nights, and the jokes are already bandied around about losing her suntan.

The school that Lu-wei will attend is a "classics" high school, with Latin among the subjects that are on offer to students. The host parents have all made contact with their Aussie visitor, and they communicate through email, facebook, and social media that we only vaguely understand.

The overall impression we all took from today's presentation was that this young lady was an outstanding candidate for a Rotary exchange, and an admiration for the dedication of her parents to her upbringing.

the road to Adelaide was fairly flat

Photos from the Archives



SUNDAY MARKET



The market team were on site nice and early last Sunday to try and awaken the sleeping Giant - the Markets. The OIC was Kerry Pascoe, and the team included Brian Roberts, David Hodge, Robert Pearson, Geoff Breust, and Mark Sayer, with assistance from Mark's daughter, Georgia.

Kerry was determined that his market would be memorable, but the long break since the last market, the overcast weather conditions, the stallholders who stayed away, and the shoppers that didn't eventuate all conspired to deflate his ambitions - until in an inspired moment, a flash of genius, with the wisdom of Solomon, the path to memorability appeared, and "No Market" was invoked.

The Benefits of this decision were obvious - no rent had to be collected, and stallholders were unlikely to have any concerns. It was a popular move in the classic Win - Win mould. There had been money collected at the gate, so unfortunate consequences such as reporting and banking, didn't have to be endured, and a cash amount of \$341.75 was briefly mentioned at the meeting.

The post market wrap-up was catered for in the best traditions of market Fare. The sandwiches were impeccable, ham, cheese tomato on the freshest bread, and the Blueberry Muffins were to "die for".



MARKET ROSTERS

Start Times

Saturday 6.30am Start

Sunday OIC at 6.30 Team at 7.00am

Saturday
14 Jan
OIC Phillip McIntosh
David Benn
Greg Conkey
John Mason

Colin Duff
Hugh Campbell
Paul Gianniotis
George Thomas.

Rob Balding
Peter Clucas
John Knight

Sunday
15 Jan
OIC Peter Crozier
Glenn Elliot

Laurie Blowes
Alan Lloyd

David Byfield
James Ross

Sunday
22 Jan
OIC Geoff Hamilton
Steven McCoy

Alan Eldridge
Paul Murray

Mark Hillis
Dennis Shean

Sunday
29 Jan
OIC John Ferguson
John Gray

John Egan
Paul Milde

Mark Fleming
John Smith

Sunday
05 Feb
OIC Darren Wallace
Andrew Irvine

Graham Burmeister
Kevin Moffat

David Foster
Bruce Spinks

Saturday
11 Feb
OIC Peter Clucas
Rick Priest
Michael Eldridge
Simon Musgrave

Pat Ingram
Frank Fuller
John Flynn
Doug Sutton

Tim Barter
Brent Pickard
Jim Gibson

Sunday
12 Feb
OIC James Hamilton
Nick Leywood

Richard Braid
Michael Georgiou

Doug Conkey
Michael Merrylees

Sunday
19 Feb
OIC Greg O'Hare
Chris Nash

Peter Mackinnon
Neil Pinto

Chris Metcalf
Evan Robertson