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President Doug allowed generous time for members fellowship, then we got stuck in to reports and plans for future activities.

Last year the RI convention was in New Orleans, but next year, in May, from 6th to 9th, the RI Convention is in Bangkok, a lot closer to home. DG Ian Simpson has made it clear that a massive contingent attending from our district at this convention is a priority.

Early commitments from John and Maria Egan, Doug and Wendy Conkey, and Ken Cook are a great start. Travel to and accommodation in Bangkok are cheap - Doug quoted \$70 for a hotel room including breakfast for two, and that is three star - ***- standard.

Marilyn Roberts is coordinating travel and accom. requirements for the Convention, and as our club contingent grows, opportunities for further activities will expand.

The Christmas Party will be held at David & Kaz Hodges home, same location as last year. The social committee will oversee the function, with Mark Hillis designated as the "Go To" man. The date is Nov 27.

There was debate on when to set fire to David Benn's olive tree prunings, but when we learned that Oct 21 clashed with the Lockhart Picnic Races, we opted to visit David on Friday evening, 28 October.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Club Guests Eugenie Coche

Apologies	George Thomas	Rob Balding	Mark Sayer
Geoff Hamilton	John Smith	John Mason	Nick Leywood
John Flynn	Alan Lloyd	Paul Murray	Rob Pearson
Peter Clucas	Doug Sutton	Neil Pinto	

Makeups		
John Smith	Griffith	27th Sept
Doug Sutton	Sunday Markets	25th Sept
Phil McIntosh	Sunday Markets	2nd Oct
Michael Georgiou	Sunday Markets	2nd Oct
Mark Hillis	Sunday Markets	11th Sept
Jim Gibson	Koorinal	28th Sept

THE ROSTERS

11 October	Fellowship,	Reception,	Furniture:
18 October	Nick Leywood	Peter Mackinnon	Steve McCoy
25 October	Phil McIntosh	Col Mercer	Michael Merrylees
	Chris Metcalfe	Paul Milde	Kevin Moffat

Bulletin Editors Roster.	
October 11	Michael Knight
October 18, 25 & Nov 1	John Ferguson
Nov 08, 15, 22	Paul Murray
Nov 29, Dec 06, 13.	Doug Sutton
Dec 20. Jan 03, 10.	Michael Knight

Sergeants	Glenn Elliot	Oct 4	Oct 11	Oct 18
Roster.	John Gray	Oct 25		

MILESTONES

Birthdays:	Chris Nash	8th October
Wedding Anniv.	Peter and Sharon Clucas	7th October
Club Anniversary	Glenn Elliot	3rd October

Eugenie Coche Activity update



Eugenie reported to the club after missing two meetings, due to “extra Curricular activities”. She had visited Dubbo with Tony and Lisa Weissel, and enjoyed visits to Jail and Zoo.

After working at Henty with Gerry Gerlach and Planet Power, Eugenie was impressed with the team of employees.

During the School Holidays, she was in Sydney for 10 days, staying with a Belgian family, friends of her Mother. Highlights included the musical “Jersey Boys”, 2 days of bushwalking in the Blue Mountains, including a night in the bush, and visiting the Royal National Park.

Her base in Sydney is in Oyster Bay, on the Georges River, in the Sutherland Shire.

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

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- 1) Letter from Lt Colonel David Wilton, inviting members and their partners to the Kapooka Spring Ball, to be held at the Officers Mess, Blamey Barracks on Friday 21st October. This is a black tie function, supporting Legacy and Family Link.
- 2) Letter from Georgina (Mulla) O'Neill inviting members to the Riverina Reconciliation Ball to be held at the MTC on Friday 28th October. Tickets are \$40, or group discounts apply.
- 3) A circular from Wagga Wagga City Council advising that Christmas events in Wagga Wagga could be promoted under the “A Very Wagga Christmas” banner. The list of activities would appear in print advertisements, and on websites for various electronic platforms.



Do you ever stop to think about what happens after the meeting. Details of who was at the meeting are distributed to bulletin editor and attendance officer.

Cash is balanced, fine money counted, and prepared for banking, invoices from the caterer and from the club appear, and need to be paid, and through all this, procedures demanded by the auditor need to be followed.

Please help by avoiding foreign coins in fines.



PROGRAMS FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:

- October 11 Eugenie Coche - Exchange Students presentation.
October 18 Dr John Preddy - Rural Clinical School
October 25 Vocational Visit - Kurrajong Waratah's new recycling plant.

Suggestions for Guest Speakers!!!! - just tell Alan Eldridge.



SERGEANT'S SESSION ALL TOO EASY

Very little preparation was required by Sergeant John, with football results providing ammunition for all the fines today. Collingwood, Geelong, Manly and Bondi supporters all were expected to pay, along with any fence sitters - but a heads up on Silas and what we can expect after the World Cup Quarter Final, Wallabies V Springboks.

The surplus plumbing parts had little appeal to the sergeant - he reckoned that greater need existed elsewhere, and donated the equipment to the Mens Shed, who's brick ****house survived the fire.

John Hawkins had a cross fine on Richard Braid - some new Holden buyer had never been shown how open the fuel filler cap, but perhaps he had done incredible mileage on one tank?????

DISTRICT NEWS:

RYPEN: The district RYPEN camp will be held at Borambola on the weekend of 25 - 27 November. Wollundry are the host club, and Neil Pinto will shortly be calling for assistance for activities on the Saturday

RYLA: Forbes are the host club for this district initiative. The RYLA week is scheduled for 16th to 21st April 2012.

National Youth Science Forum district selection interviews have been held, and 21 applicants vied for 14 positions. Wollundry Rotary nominated three students from TRAC, and two, Michelle Moore and Sarah Martin, were successful. They attended an orientation meeting at CSU early in Sept.

R I Convention, in 2012, will be held in Bangkok, on 6th to 9th May.

CLUB ASSEMBLY - DIRECTORS REPORTS



Laurie reported on the status of our markets, and noted that more favourable weather is finally showing up as income from **Sunday Markets**, after a unfortunate start to the Rotary Year, with wet Sundays. Planning for the Christmas market is under way, and the committee will meet today to develop strategies for Christmas Market, Children's entertainment and advertising.

At the **Farmers Market**, one community organization will be permitted to sell tickets, or promote their cause. This month, Breast Cancer Awareness has been selected for the opportunity.

The **Food and Wine Festival** committee is now meeting fortnightly, and has set Saturday March 31, as the date for the 2012 event. Laurie reports that succession planning is underway to find a new chairman to follow Kevin Roben, after the 2012 event.

The Project committee have met 5 times, and considered 17 applications for assistance, recommending 6 requests, for a combined value of \$8030.



Jim Gibson reported on Rotary Foundation issues, making the point that The Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary International, and is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and Friends of The Foundation.

Group Study Exchange is a Rotary Foundation program in which Wollundry has always been involved. District 9700 will host two inbound teams this year, one from Scotland, and one from Oklahoma USA, from 4 March, to 1st April 2012. Our Board offered to look after one of these groups in Wagga Wagga, and we got the Americans.

Our involvement in the **Centurion Club**, championed by PDG John Egan, runs to 15 members, and Foundation support of an extra US\$50 will qualify our members.

RAWCS is an Australian initiative under the banner of FAIM. Jim advises that involvement is planned, but no specific project has been identified.



Andrew pointed out the good work being provided by Tony Weissel, but with an ulterior motive - he is effectively calling for a secretary for the club for next year.

Wollundry has heavy involvement in Youth activities through CSU scholarships and Noel Barnes Scholarships, each of which is a club initiative, and then we support the wider Rotary initiatives of RYLA, RYDA, RYPEN, MUNA, Science Forum and School Liaisons.

Our involvement in Youth Exchange is the crown in this portfolio, and another year of participation reflects great credit on all involved



Geoff Hamilton was not at the meeting, but had a reasonable excuse, he was away picking up his new aeroplane. He had submitted a report for President Doug to present.

"All is Good" was the headline, and he thanked all the members that had contributed to the club manual update.

Geoff advised that if a member needed a club T shirt or sloppy Joe, that Paul Milde was holding stocks, and would provide these at heavily discounted rates.

President Doug supported the request for notes by speakers to be handed to the Bulletin Editors, and thanked the Bulletin Team for their efforts



As public relations cranks into gear when something goes wrong - then no news is good news.

Clearly, Geoff is a smooth operator



Mark was off in Tasmania, taking a stroll, but he had some attendance figures to report by proxy:

21 members have 100%

7 members less than 50%.

The Make up message needs to get out there.

An Irishman is stumbling through the woods, totally drunk, when he comes upon a preacher baptising people in the river.
 He proceeds to walk into the water and subsequently bumps into the preacher.
 The preacher turns around and is almost overcome by the smell of alcohol, whereupon he asks the drunk, 'Are you ready to find Jesus?'
 The drunk shouts, 'Yes, oi am.'
 So the preacher grabs him and dunks him in the water. He pulls him up and asks the drunk 'Brother have you found Jesus?'
 The drunk replies, 'No, oi haven't found Jesus.'
 The preacher shocked at the answer, dunks him into the water again for a little longer. He again pulls him out of the water and asks again, 'Have you found Jesus me brother?'
 The drunk again answers, 'No, oi I haven't found Jesus.'
 By this time the preacher is at his wits end and dunks the drunk in the water again --- but this time holds him down for about 30 seconds and when he begins kicking his arms and legs he pulls him up. The preacher again asks the drunk, 'For the love of God have you found Jesus yet?'
 The drunk wipes his eyes and catches his breath and says to the preacher,
 'Are ya sure dis is where he fell in?'



Promote polio eradication

World Polio Day, 24 October, puts polio eradication in the spotlight. Find out how you can promote Rotary's work to rid the world of this crippling disease. Plan an event now.

For more information, visit:

www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/Polio/Announcements/Pages/110929_annc_poliodayprevu.aspx



Michael Georgiou led the team of five, as Daylight Saving commenced for the summer of 2011 - 12. Rain on the Saturday evening had dented the confidence of some stallholders, and the numbers of stalls were disappointing, but Sunday was a delightful day, and the buyers turned up in biblical multitudes.

The cistern in the male loo was inoperative, broken, unserviceable, and failed to deliver water when required, so...Michael did something about it. Rick was delegated to effect a repair, and in due course, results were achieved.

As they say on Wikipedia.....(further citations required.)

Leftover plumbing parts were provided to the sergeant, to be auctioned.....see Sergeants Session.

Michael's team consisted of:

Phil McIntosh	John Mason
Rick Priest	John Egan.

One Member was missing, and the Sergeant duly noted that newer members, yet to be fully immersed in the culture of Wollundry Rotary, were inevitably involved. The remedy - fine those who proposed the culprits.

The Financials for the morning were:

Gate:	\$526.90
Stalls:	\$230.00
Adv Bookings:	\$366.00
Trestles:	\$20.00
Total	\$1142.90

MARKET ROSTERS

Start Times

Saturday 6.30am Start

Sunday OIC at 6.30 Team at 7.00am

Saturday 08 Oct	OIC Gerry Gerlach David Foster Peter Mackinnon Neil Pinto	Pat Ingram John Hawkins Chris Metcalfe Malcolm Robertson	Doug Conkey Michael Knight Pat Parnell
Sunday 09 Oct	OIC Colin Mercer Dick Smith	Richard Braid Bruce Spinks	Peter Clucas George Thomas
Sunday 16 Oct	OIC John Ireland Ray Pankhurst	Nick Leywood Kerry Pascoe	Chris Nash Evan Robertson
Sunday 23 Oct	OIC Laurie Blowes Alan Lloyd	Geoff Breust John Mason	Paul Gianottis Tony Weissel
Sunday 30 Oct	OIC Brian Roberts David Hodge	David Byfield Robert Pearson	Greg Conkey Mark Sayer
Sunday 6 Nov	OIC		
Saturday	OIC		

**WATCH
THIS SPACE**