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Mike and Tony Pitch the PCYC



Tuesday's meeting gave members an insight into the PCYC. Pictured are PCYC President Michael Doyle, (left) Wollundry Rotary President Doug Conkey and PCYC Manager Tony Turner (right). The organization was founded by Bill Mackay and the Rotary Club of Sydney in 1937. Both Michael and Tony spoke to members and details of their presentation are on page 3.

Tuesday's Meeting

President Doug brought the meeting to order and welcomed everyone, especially guest speakers Tony Turner and Michael Doyle from the Wagga Wagga Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC).



He announced that as members arrived they were given \$165 as a refund from last years membership fees. It was voted last week to return \$150 to members but with GST it amounted to \$165. Doug noted that he hadn't seen so many happy Rotarians at a meeting.

He had a request to look at Profit and Loss and Balance Sheets for the Food and Wine Festival and he told members he had copies at the top table.



Acting Secretary Paul Milde announced birthdays and anniversaries. Paul then read the Farmers and Sunday rosters. He reminded members that the Changeover Dinner was June 26 and to get replies into the secretary.

Graham Burmeister received an email from Colonel Graeme Finney with a clipping from the Canberra Times. Graham read a bit of it to the meeting. The full Times article is reproduced on page 5.



World's Greatest Rotary Treasurer John Mason made history at Tuesday's meeting by handing money back to members. For the first time in the history of the club, members received a refund of \$165 from the Club (members) account surplus. Here he is shown (at right) handing back money to next year's Treasurer Nick Leywood. It's a hard act to follow Nick.



PCYC (A Rotary Project) Celebrates 75 years

Rob Balding did the introduction of Tuesday's Guest Speakers Tony Turner and Michael Doyle. Tony began his speech by noting that he brought his bodyguard with him (Michael). He said "we stole him off you a few years ago...and we're more than happy to return him at this stage."

He explained the objectives of the PCYC..."**to get young people active in life and to work to develop their skills in leadership and to reduce crime by and against those young people.**"

Currently two police officer are assigned to the PCYC. They work with young offenders helping them improve themselves. This year is the 75th anniversary of the PCYC and the 50th anniversary for the Wagga Wagga club.

The PCYC was set up in 1937 in a disused Police Station as an initiative of the Rotary Club of Sydney, and the Police Commissioner, William John Mackay.

The organization is a Charity and survives on donations and community support. Activities at the club include boxing, wrestling, karate, roller derby for ladies (started again), ballroom dancing, marching bands, athletics, soccer and they are starting archery. Their main problem is they need a bigger venue.

Michael Doyle came in as the President of PCYC 4 years ago. Police objectives are to take young people and work with them to help them improve themselves and make a contribution to the community. Police results working with youth offenders have an 80% reduction in reoffender rate. These are real number for a real problem.

Michael said that Wagga has been the **City of Good Sports**. He rattled off a long list of famous names. He has been working with local reps to determine why Wagga does not seem to be growing such high achievers as they once did. His answer is that there are no facilities in Wagga for good strength and conditioning training. Tony supported Michael with a AIS study that found that technique training and correct muscle training reduce serious injury. They want to start a program in Wagga that uses these advanced methods. They are looking to raise funds for equipment for their facility. The total cost is \$15,000 and they would like assistance from Wollundry. George Thomas gave a vote of thanks.



MEETING DETAILS

Visitors

Tony Turner, Michael Doyle, (speakers)
Tim Macgillcuddy (Paul Murray)

Guests

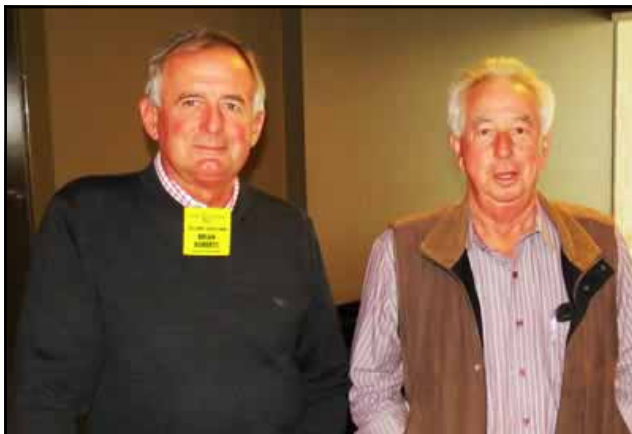
Eugenie Coche

Makeups

Steve McCoy SM
Nick Leywood RI
Darren Wallace RI

Apologies :

John Ferguson, John Ireland, Peter Crozier, Michael Eldridge, Alan Eldridge, Frank Fuller, Doug Sutton, Evan Robertson, John Hawkins, Ken Cook, Andrew Irvine, David Byfield



Police provide good news from frontline



ON TRACK: Australian army Colonel Graeme Finney said Afghan police were being supported in their local communities and that the police force was growing in expertise.

By Julianne Strachan

ON THE GROUND

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Colonel Finney, who is from Canberra, said the local police force was being supported within the community.

"I have had to go into some of the provinces and you look at some of the police officers there and they have been raised in the local community," he said.

"It's local people doing local policing, well accepted by the community in providing a really positive service and a security service to that community."

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Colonel Finney said Australians could take pride in the way its Defence forces had handled themselves in Afghanistan.

"It's a hard environment. A whole bunch of Australian soldiers are doing it tough and I think the Australian public should be very proud of the work they are doing," he said.

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In an interview with *The Canberra Times*, Colonel Graeme Finney, the deputy director of Future Operations - Stability with the ISAF Joint Command, said there were about 13,000 active police working in Afghanistan, but ranks were soon expected to swell to 30,000.

"There were attacks in Kabul - two in the last couple of weeks and you see the way the Afghan National Security Forces have reacted to those criminal events and the way they were able to resolve those issues without support from the coalition forces. It tells you a lot about their ability to lead operations and secure their country to deal with these criminal elements," he said.

Sunday Market Report

June 3 , 2012

The team consisted of: OIC David Foster

John Ferguson, Greg O'Hare, Phil McIntosh, Steve McCoy, Rob Fuller



Comments:

Good news was that there was a full contingency of members.

Bad news was that it was wet and rainy with almost no vendors and the markets were called off.



Eugenie's Second Last Speech

Eugenie reminded members that this was her second last speech. She is now staying with the Wallace family and they are treating her very well.

She now has a new 16 year old sister and that's great because she has a sister in Belgium so it's just like at home...and she knows how to treat her.

Next week will be Eugenie's Farwell speech so she welcomed all members to be there.

Presidents Doug also reminded members that next week was a ladies day.



Reminder!!!!!! Eugenie's Farewell on Saturday 9th June at 2pm under the "Tree of Knowledge" at the conclusion of the Farmers' Markets. Arrangements are for ladies to bring a sweet. Men a savoury plate. Please bring your own chairs and drinks.

ROSTERS



FELLOWSHIP RECEPTION FURNITURE

June 12 Laurie Blowes, Richard Braid, Geoff Breust
19 June Graham Burmeister, Hugh Campbell, Peter Clucas
May 26 Greg Conkey, Ken Cook, Peter Crozier,

If you are unable to carry out your duties, please find a replacement.

PROGRAM GUIDE

June 12 Eugenie's Farewell Speech
May 19 **TBA**
May 26 Changeover Dinner

Contact Alan Eldridge regarding the booking of guest speakers for 2012.

BULLETIN EDITOR ROSTER:

June 12 Paul Murray
June 19-26 Doug Sutton



SERGEANT at ARMS ROSTER:

June 12 John Gray
June 19 Silas Darby



Sergeant Session

Sergeant Silas help to modernise the fine session by saying..."Yo...Yo homie"...or something like that.

That concluded the session modernization.

*He then asked members whether they wanted fines or funny s*it. Members wanted both, so that's what they got. He fined Michael Knight for his Jaguar, Craig Bromley for his trip, previous Treasurers, Paul Murray for not letting Tim back, those who haven't paid changeover dinner, Paul Milde. He then read some excellent Irish jokes.*



MARKET ROSTER

Saturday Markets start 6:30 am
Sunday Markets OIC 6.30am, Team 7am

SATURDAY 9th June 2012 OIC Peter MacKinnon

Pat Ingram, Tim Barter, Mark Flemming, Frank Fuller, John Gray, Mark Hillis, Paul Milde, Kevin Moffatt, Dennis Shean, Darren Wallace.

SUNDAY 10th June 2012 OIC John Flynn

Richard Braid, James Hamilton, Alan Lloyd, Steven McCoy, Simon Musgrave

SUNDAY 17th June 2012 OIC Neil Pinto

Michael Georgiou, Jim Gibson, Michael Merrylees, Rick Priest, Evan Robertson.

SUNDAY 24th June 2012 OIC Silas Darby

Greg Conkey, John Hawkins, Greg O'Hare, Malcolm Robertson, Ken Taylor

SUNDAY 1st July 2012 OIC George Thomas

John Ireland, Michael Knight, Colin Mercer, Mark Sayer, Dick Smith

SUNDAY 8th July 2012 OIC David Hodge

Hugh Campbell, Doug Conkey, Gerry Gerlach, Paul Murray, Kerry Pascoe

SATURDAY 14th July 2012 OIC Tim Barter

Colin Duff, David Benn, Geoff Breust, Michael Eldridge, Nick Leywood, Chris Metcalfe, Pat Parnell, Rob Pearson, Doug Sutton, Wal Paton.

SUNDAY 15th July 2012 OIC Paul Gianniotis

Craig Bromley, David Byfield, Chris Nash, Brian Roberts, Wayne Jenkins

SUNDAY 22nd July 2012 OIC Alan Eldridge

Rob Balding, John Egan, John Mason, Kevin Roben, John Smith

SUNDAY 29th July 2012 OIC James Ross

Laurie Blowes, Graham Burmeister, Mark Flemming, Phillip McIntosh, Paul Milde