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Monday 19th March

"Managing Conflict at work (and at home)". Mark Rosenburg, Balanced Curve

Monday 26th March

Travelogue - The Makin's visit to Santa Claus

Monday 2nd April

Rosie O'Halloran of Uganda Orphanage

Duty Roster

Next Meeting Monday 19 March 2012		Following Meeting - 26 March 2012	
Chairman	Stan Baseley	Chairman	Sandy Burrage
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Upcoming Events

Friday 16th and Sunday 18th March District Conference	Sat. 24th and Sunday 25th March Hills Home Show BBQ Fund Raiser
Sunday 15th April BBQ - Bunnings Dural	

Meetings

Monday 6.30pm for 7.00pm – Springfield House – 245 New Line Road, Dural
<http://www.wphcrotary.org>

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APOLOGIES: If you are unable to attend or are bringing a guest (even if they are your partner) you must book them in.

Phone **9439 1422** or email dturnbull@lhogroup.com.au **before 11am** on the day of the meeting.

President's Report



John Fletcher was officially welcomed into the Club following his induction. We look forward to his contribution to the Club's activities.

Our Guest Speaker, John Pritchard gave us a very sobering insight into land mines and unexploded ordinance in SE Asia, particularly Laos where his group is involved in financing remedial action. More of that in our Night Report.

This week-end is our Districts Annual Convention in Wollongong. We will report back on that event next week.

Thanks very much to those members who have volunteered to help out at the Hills Home Show BBQ in two weeks time (24th and 25th March). Tony Makin is the go to man for this event.

Next Monday night our guest speaker is Mark Rosenberg who will talk about managing conflict at home and at work.

Mark has a very interesting background. He is MD of Balanced Curve, a company that specialises in conflict resolution, mediation, executive coaching, facilitation and higher performing teams. He has written several books on conflict dynamics, personality profiling and innovation. He holds Arts (Psychology) /Law Degree (Masters) and a Master of Management from MGSM, Macquarie University. He is also a former international track athlete and is currently a Director of Athletics NSW.

'Late news', Larry Jacka was admitted to Westmead Hospital this week. He is currently undergoing tests. He is in good spirits but not over enthusiastic about being fed through a drip

Night Report

Meeting opened by acting sergeant Rob Hamer and introduced our Guest Speaker Lt. Colonel John Pritchard (retired) from MIVAC Mine Victims and Clearance Trust.

Brian Furrer reported on newspaper article regarding volunteering to help farmers affected by flooding to replace fences etc.

President Colin proceeded with induction of John Fletcher into the Club. John came to Australia from UK in 1974, his wife Mala is a chef. John is currently manager of ANZ Darlinghurst.

The topic of our Guest Speaker was "Ridding the world of land mines and unexploded ordinance." The MIVAC trust was founded in 2003 (www.mivactrust.org) and since then John has worked in Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos and Sri Lanka. Approximately 2 million tonnes of bombs were drop on Laos between 1964 and 1973 as part of Vietnam war. Approx 30% failed to explode and litter Laos causing death and injury to people and livestock. The trust raises funds to employ locals as mine hunters to locate and 'defuse' the ordinance

Sergeant Jim conducted a very amusing fines session where the dressed (and not so well dressed) were fined along with others who may not happened not to have appealed to Jim on the night

Heads and Tails won by Rosemary
Raffle won by Cawas

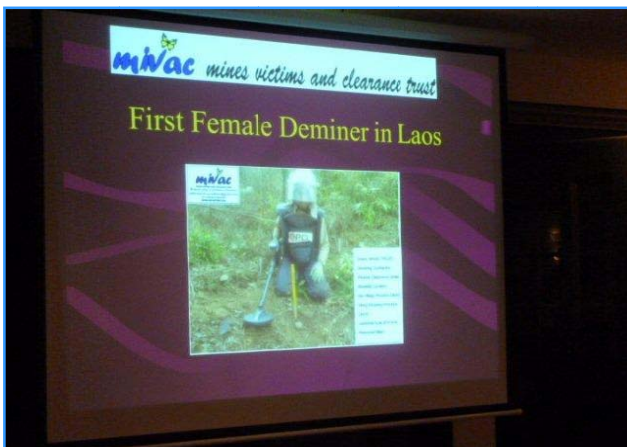
Night Reporter - Barry Lambert

Photos from our last meeting

President Colin inducting John Fletcher with proposer Stan Baseley



Below a graphic of the 'First Female De-miner in Laos'



Guest Speaker John Pritchard



Annual Trip Away - organizers *Colin Wright, Michael Moroney and Carol Russell*

HUNTER VALLEY “HORSE and COAL” TOUR

As most of you know by now we will be visiting the Upper Hunter Valley this year and it is shaping up to be a most interesting trip.

Firstly, we hear so much of the coal mining industry and the positive and negative aspects of it on the environment and our economy that it will be interesting to hear it from industry insiders.

On Saturday morning we are meeting in Singleton at 9am (it's a 3 hour drive) for a presentation “An Introduction to the Hunter Valley Coal mining industry, then an “Infrastructure Tour of local coal industry related facilities viewing mines, power stations, transport network, suppliers and Service providers”.

We will not be allowed into a mine however will be take on a tour with commentary in the surrounding mines in and around Singleton.

Well done Michael Moroney for organising this part of the trip.

Then in the afternoon, and after lunch, a bit of light relief with a visit to a Chocolate shop with a talk by the owner of the business. After that to a local Winery “Cruickshanks” for those of you who like a bit of a tittle and to wash down all that coal dust!

From there, after a pretty full day, we will retire to the Airlie Motel in Scone for dinner and the evenings accommodation.

On Sunday after breakfast we will leave about 9am to the Vinery Horse Stud on Sedgenhoe Road at Scone where we will seewhat else but horses/horses/ and more horses and what they get up to at a stud breeding property!!!

We will also hear all about their success stories and much more. This should be very interesting to anyone who follows horses/has ridden a horse/has had a bet on Melbourne Cup day, or even just loves horses – they are such beautiful creatures - think about those big brown eyes!!!! Col Wright has organised this and again Well Done Col.

After our visit to The Vinery, we are then off to Belltrees Historical Homestead. There we will be taken on a tour of the beautiful old homestead/retail outlets after which lunch is on for us. A nice relaxing way to end the day and from here we board our Coach for the trip home, via Glenbawn Dam if time allows. We expect to arrive home in Cherrybrook around 6pm.

Some practical aspects of the trip, as soon as we have an indication of numbers who will be travelling we will be able to give you a cost for the trip. The more who travel the cheaper it will be. As an indication though, if the Coach is full i.e. 48 people, the indicative cost per head will be around \$240 ph.

Since there was very keen interest when numbers were called for last Monday night, it looks like the coach will fill very quickly, in fact if everyone who indicated they would go, the Coach will already be full.

Therefore **FIRST IN BEST DRESSED**. Be quick to get you names in. Of course, all monies must be paid prior to the trip as we need to be paying progressively as we travel over the weekend.

There will be a list at the front desk on Monday nights from now on so your indication to attend, as soon as possible will ensure a seat on the Coach.



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Steve Baker Travelogue

Hi All,

Firstly thank you for your emails and calls. I thought I would send a quick email as I gathered that there was some interest as to how we fared in the floodwaters around the state at the moment.

Well we had a really great time in Wollongong for a 50th Birthday. Had champagne brekky, went surfing at Woonona and the weather was great.

The party was terrific until the morning after when I realised that I was no longer as young as I thought and that my 50th was well behind me (us). As a consequence, the recovery process was longer than planned, but we backed up again nevertheless. We had lots of fun (too much) and recovered on time to leave for Canberra on Monday morning as planned.

We headed off to Canberra to see the Renaissance Masters and to catch up with friends. It started to rain as we arrived and did so until the day we left. With the weather the way it was and the flooding starting, we decided to stay a couple of extra days.

As the temperature dropped, the doonas came out and we gave the awning a good tilt – as it absolutely bucketed down most days, The upside to being in Canberra is that there is plenty to do. So we went to the Museums, Galleries and visited friends. We managed to catch up with an Uncle we had not seen since for about 20 years. He lost his house in the fires in Canberra and rebuilt. So it was great to spend some time, have dinner and find out about long lost cousins etc.

After a week, we decided it was time to move on, and after searching the RTA live traffic website, we managed to find a way out west without having to go to Victoria. It was a convoluted trip through Temora, Leeton, Darlington Point and Narrandera. This included a few shallow water crossings, but nothing serious. I did put the Pajero in 4WD, but it was only pretending! After a very long day (about 8+ hours driving) we spent the night in Hay. Away from the floods at last!!

We headed off from Hay and went to Balranald where we spent a few hours of me reliving my past. I worked there in 1970 – 71. Not much has changed. Great nostalgia trip. I visited some old haunts (the pub and the club) as well as the Bank where I dropped in when I wasn't having a beer!!

Anyway, we are now in Mildura. We are staying at the Apex Caravan Park. Our site is 50 metres from the Murray River. I have added some photos to see, but it was about 27 degrees today and the weather (like the park) is stunning. I even went swimming, but could not convince Jean to give it a go. Something about the temperature!!

We plan to head to Broken Hill on Sunday or Monday then the Flinders. Hopefully it will all dry out before we get there, but right now we are having a ball.

The Caravan is towing beautifully and the car kinder on fuel than I thought which has been good. We celebrated with a nice BBQ Steak and red wine tonight. It really feels like we are away.

Hope all is well with you. If this is what retirement is about - then bring it on.

Steve & Jean

Steve with friend celebrating the 50th birthday on Wollongong



Steve and Jean's Mildura 'Camp' Site



Warrah Thank You

Below is copy from a recent letter to President Colin McGowan from Mr. Tony Molloy, Chairman of 'Warrah'

"As I'm sure you are aware, Woolworths organized and supported a fundraising event at Cherrybrook on 25 January.

A group of your people came along and supported the event by running a sausage sizzle. The enthusiasm shown by your team was a joy to behold.

The good news is that, with Woolworths contribution, the amount raised was \$2,646.40.

This was a wonderful outcome.

Thank you for your continuing support and a special thank you to the team who worked on the day."

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Anniversaries

Michael and Catherine Moroney - 22nd March

Jim and Dianne Simpson - 24th March

Birthdays

Julie Phelan (Doran) - 19th March

Humour

An older lady decided to give herself a big treat for her significant 70th birthday by staying overnight in an expensive hotel.

When she checked out next morning, the desk clerk handed her a bill for \$250.00

She exploded and demanded to know why the charge was so high. "It's a nice hotel but the rooms certainly aren't worth \$250.00 for just an overnight stay! I didn't even have breakfast."

The clerk told her that \$250.00 is the 'standard rate', so she insisted on speaking to the Manager.

The Manager appeared and, forewarned by the desk clerk, announced, "This hotel has an Olympic-sized pool and a huge conference centre which are available for use."

"But I didn't use them," she said. "Well, they are here, and you could have," explained the Manager.

He went on to explain that she could also have seen one of the In-hotel shows for which the hotel is famous. "We have the best entertainers from the world over performing here," the Manager said.

"But I didn't go to any of those shows," she said.

"Well, we have them, and you could have," the Manager replied.

No matter what amenity the Manager mentioned, she replied, "But I didn't use it!" and the Manager countered with his normal response.

After several minutes' of discussion the Manager was unmoved, she decided to pay, wrote a cheque and gave it to him.

The Manager was surprised when he looked at the cheque. "But madam, "This check is for only \$50.00."

"That's correct. I charged you \$200.00 for sleeping with me," she replied.

"But I didn't!" exclaims the very surprised Manager.

"Well, too bad, I was here, and you could have."

The moral of the story - Don't mess with Senior Citizens.

Contributed by Peter Cleary

Food for Thought

“Regardless of how much patience we have, we would prefer never to use any of it”

James T O’Brien



Sergeant Jim’s ‘Paraprosdokian’

“The early bird may get the worm but the second mouse gets the cheese.”

Family of the Week Program

Louise Lastein - Denmark 2011-2012			
Week Ending Sunday	Host Family	Planned Activities	Louise with You
12th	Hamer	Welcome Home Dinner - Friday 10th	District
17th - 19th	Hamer		
26th	Hamer	Umina Beach weekend (Fri- Sun)	Umina
4th MARCH	Hamer		
11th	Hamer		
16TH - 18th	Hamer	Conference - Wollongong (Fri- Sun)	Club
25th	Hamer		
1st APRIL	Gilchrist		
8th	Gilchrist		
15th	Gilchrist		
22nd	Gilchrist		
29th	Gilchrist		
6th MAY	Gilchrist		
13th May – 2nd JUNE	Gilchrist	SAFARI (13May - 2nd June)	District
	Gilchrist		
	Gilchrist		
3rd JUNE	Gilchrist		
10th	Gilchrist		
17th	Gilchrist		
24th	Gilchrist		
27th		Depart Sydney for Denmark	

		Club Program 2011-2012		RED YES = PARTNERS on a meeting night.
Mar-12		Literacy Month		
Frid	16	District Conference- Wollongong- Go for Gold at the Gong		Yes Rob Hamer
Sat	17	District Conference- Wollongong- Go for Gold at the Gong		Yes
Sun	18	District Conference- Wollongong- Go for Gold at the Gong		Yes
Mon	19	"Managing Conflict at work (and at home)". Mark Rosenburg, Balanced Curve		Rob Hamer
Sat	24	Hills Home Show BBQ Fund Raiser		Tony Makin
Sun	25	Hills Home Show BBQ Fund Raiser. Louise moves to the Gilchrists'.		Tony Makin Alison Bowland
Mon	26	Travelogue - The Makin's visit to Santa Claus		CMcG
Apr-12		Magazine Month		
Mon	2	Meeting - Rosie O'Halloran of Uganda Orphanage		Yes Graham Cuth.
Mon	9	Pub Hol- Easter Mon		
Wed	11	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at CMcG's place		
Sun	15	BBQ Bunnings Dural		Barry Lambert
Mon	16	Professor Nigel Hope, Orthopod at SAH		Rob Hamer
Mon	23	Anzac meeting - Lt Col John Pritchard - Armoured Corp and Engineers in Vietnam.		Yes Rob Hamer
Mon	30	Robin Baird - CEO, Sydney Hills Business Chamber		Rob Hamer
May-12		Community Month		
Wed	2	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at CMcG's place		
Mon	7	Silver Anniversary meeting. Past Members Night		Yes Ross Ballinger Alan Paynter
Wed	9	Combined Club Board Meeting at 7.30		
Mon	14	International Night - Miriam Jacka - Vanuatu		Yes
Sun	20	Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal		Tony Makin
Mon	21	Philip Smith - ROMAD presentation		
Sat	26	Weekend away- Scone area		Yes Prue/Colin/ Michael/Carol
Sun	27	Weekend away- Scone area		Yes Prue/Colin/ Michael/Carol
Mon	28	Craig Tobler - Shelterbox Australia		Rob Hamer

Jun-12		Rotary Fellowship Month		
Mon	4	Vocational Awards -Pride of Workmanship	Yes	Pete Cleary
Mon	11	Pub Hol- Queens Birthday		
Wed	13	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at CMcG's place		CMcG residence
Mon	18	Speaker Nigel McDonald, Forensic engineer, motor vehicle crash investigations		
Mon	25	Youth - Art Competition Prizegiving includes final presentation by Louise	Yes	Rosemary Clarke
Fri	29	Club Changeover Dinner- Epping Club- all members - suit/black tie	Yes	CM/BD
Jul-12		District Projects Month	Partners	Organiser
Mon	2	No Meeting (on first meeting day after Changeover)		
Mon	9			
Sat	14	BBQ Bunnings Thornleigh.		Barry Lambert
Mon	16			
Mon	23			
Mon	30			

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