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Club of West Perth



Bulletin

Breakfast Meeting 10 April 2025

Guest Speaker

The Guest Speaker this week will be Doctor Brian Collings who will talk about the sinking of the "Achille Lauro".

Duty Roster

Duty Role	10 th April	One Week Look Ahead
Host	Corrin Caine	Tim Dawe
Welcome	Tim Dawe	Pat Emery
Toast	Pat Emery	Bernie Foley
Thanks	Bernie Foley	Dennis Hartley
Bulletin	Dennis Hartley	Geoff Hick
2 Minute Noodles	Geoff Hick	Ian Hutton (if available)

Please find a substitute if you cannot fulfill your duty

Breakfast Meeting 3 April 2025

Guest Speaker

Our Guest Speaker last week was Mr Jason James CEO, Cosmos Alliance, a Christian health and development organisation that trains health workers for projects in Africa and New Guinea.

Jason delivered a very comprehensive presentation on COSMOS' activities in training health care workers for follow on support in generally remote communities in Africa and Papua New Guinea.

COSMOS concentrates on training in general medicine and mental health. It works with government bodies but primarily with councils and districts' administrations particularly in PNG.

The organisation has a number of professional and para-professional volunteer in Perth that deploy to its overseas projects in similar fashion to the way RCWP operated the Bali Eye Clinic.

Priority areas addressed by COSMOS are:

- Sanitation,
- Disinfected water,
- Repair and maintenance of existing water and sewerage infrastructure,
- Provision of advice to governmental Health Departments.
- Provision of short intensive courses in nursing, first-aid, mental health and psychological consulting services.
- Provision of basic kits to remote area nurses,
- Provision of remote “Facetime” assistance when required, and
- General guidance on leadership and management.

This year COSMOS is requesting that RCWP consider provision of a grant of at least \$20,000 to assist in ongoing training and assistance programs.

Comment. This request could be a good candidate for a RAWCS grant and or a combined club project.

2-Minute Noodles



Our Naval chop shop galley noodle chef Geoffrey Hick spiced up the breakfast with a fascination presentation on the “Wager” which was a British Navy privateer supported by the British government. It was a square-rigged sixth-rate Royal Navy ship of 28 guns. It was built as an East Indiaman in about 1734 and made two voyages to India for the East India Company before the Royal Navy purchased her in 1739. It formed part of a squadron under Commodore George Anson and was wrecked on the south coast of Chile on 14 May 1741. The wreck of Wager became famous for the subsequent adventures of the survivors who found themselves marooned on the desolate Wager Island in the middle of a Patagonian winter, and in particular because of the Wager Mutiny that followed.

The Wager was [part of a flotilla of ships that circa 1740 +/- sailed the seas plundering Britain’s traditional enemies the Spanish, French, Portuguese and others.

The Wager had a Press-ganged crew under a martinet, Cdre Anson. The crew suffered not only the privations common to most sailors of the era but extremely harsh discipline and scurvy.

Needless to say the story of the Wager can be found in WIKIPEDIA, however, the yarn spun by "Young Geoff" was more enthralling!!

Announcements

President Tick

Pres John and Carmel; John van Vliet and Gisela; and, Geoff Simpson and Margaret attended the District Conference in Mandurah John commented that: "... and although not a fan of conferences the conference very informative particularly with respect to what other clubs are doing. RCWP should have put up one or two project outlines especially for: West Timor Malaria Eradication project; the proposal to put a water well into Kontum, Vietnam; and, also for a proposal to assist homeless teenagers. Both John v V and Geoff were impressed with the conference especially the facility.

Members' project submissions are extended to Thursday 10Apr25 – use the EXCEL spreadsheet project assessment matrix if interested.

Past District Governor Angus Buchanan will contact members individually to conduct a confidential appraisal of opinions on club membership and where the club needs to position itself for it to appeal to potential "young" members.

Pres John is working up a Motor Neurone disease project at the suggestion of a friend whose wife passed away recently from MND.

President Elect Kym MacCormac

Kym reported that the wine that he had secured in the previous week's ad hoc wine auction was "Superb".

Tony Pepper: The Ethnic Dinner is on Tuesday the 8th, arrive at 6:00 for a 6:30 start at the Royal Indian restaurant in Hay Street, West Perth. Parking will be pretty good at that time of night, so you shouldn't have to walk very far. It is a set menu banquet with starters, main courses and a simple dessert \$50/ head. Royal India offers great food. We have been there before as a Club. You can order drinks off the menu; wine, beer, spirits, or you can bring your own bottles at \$10 each per bottle.

Arthur Blaquiére auctioned off for \$35, a 3 gold medals Barossa Shiraz from its heirloom vineyards. He dragged it out of the depths of his cellar, and it was from a case of a cancelled order to the USA. What a bargain; bought by Kym yet again!!!

Geoff Hick. The Royal Flying Doctor Service project is coming up soon and again we expect to use the "Value Added" or "Rolling Stone down the Snowy Slopes" technique to generate a significant donation to RFDS. If members have potential donors please advise Geoff.

General Announcements:

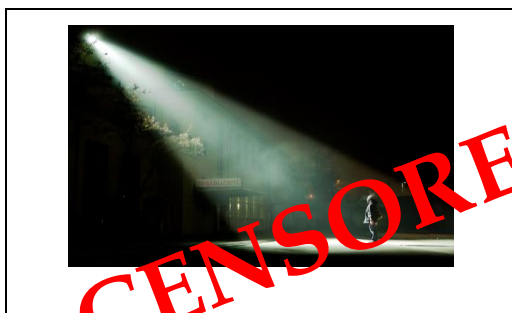
- The possibility of a field trip in the country in September, weekender and overnight stay, maybe Geraldton or something like that. A bus load on a cultural tour
- A Writers Guild project is being considered: \$7000 to gutter up “Mattie Furphy House” an heritage cottage in Swanbourne that urgently needs assistance because of a “Hands Off” approach by the Local Authority.

Bulletin Vacancy: Deadline 30th June 2025.

Speaker Hunting Vacancy: Deadline 30th June 2025

Duty·Role	03·April	10·April	17·April	24·April	
Host		Corrin·Caine	Tim·Dawe	Pat·Emery	
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2·Minutes	Dennis·Hartley	Geoff·Hick	Ian·Hutton	Kym·MacCormac	

UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT



Birthdays

Arthur Blaquiere
Nathan Blockley

Anniversaries

Tim Dawe

Rotary Membership

Tony Pepper

Attendance

Members:	16
Honorary Member:	0
Visiting Rotarians:	0
Guests:	1
Guest Speaker:	1
Total:	18
Apologies:	13

President's Parting Thought

".... We as a nation should strive to be the best FOR the world, not the best IN the world.."



Summary of Upcoming Meetings

Thu 17th Apr:

TBC

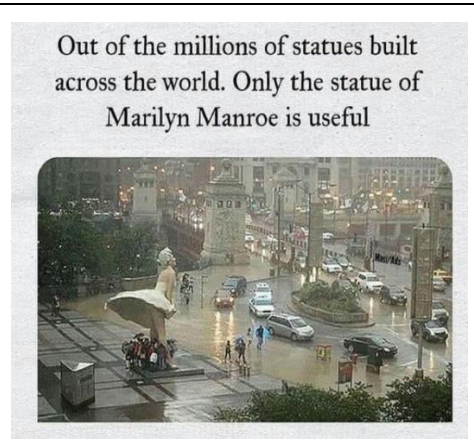
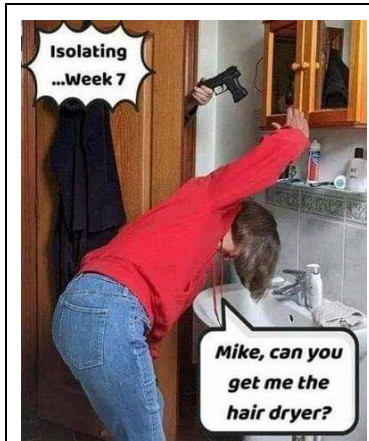
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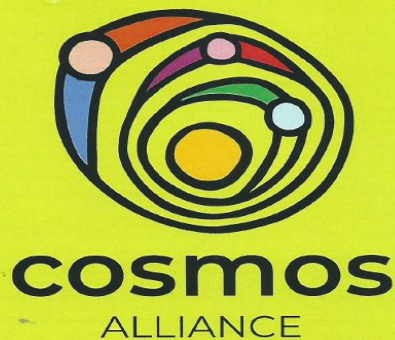
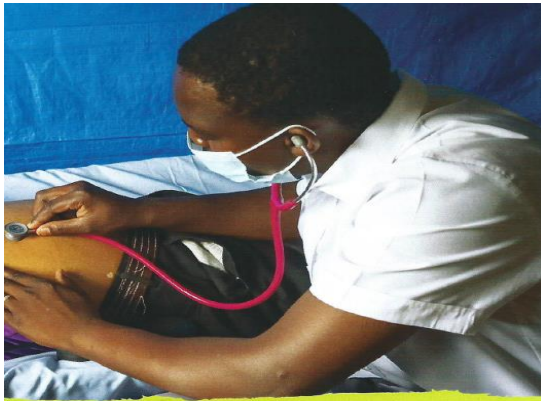
Doctor Peter Gall, Retired University of Notre Dame; Passion for Creative Writing

Thu 1st May:

M/s Catherine Henwood, CEO Perth Symphony Orchestra, a Worldwide Musical Journey

Tit Bits





WHERE ARE WE WORKING?

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

In Papua New Guinea, rugged terrain and limited infrastructure hinder access to quality health services, clean water, and sanitation in remote communities. We work with East Sepik Provincial Health Authorities to deliver 5-day training courses that enhance the practical and diagnostic skills of community health workers, empowering them to provide better care in their communities.

JOIN OUR ALLIANCE

VOLUNTEER

We have opportunities to serve overseas or support our work from our Perth office.

DONATE

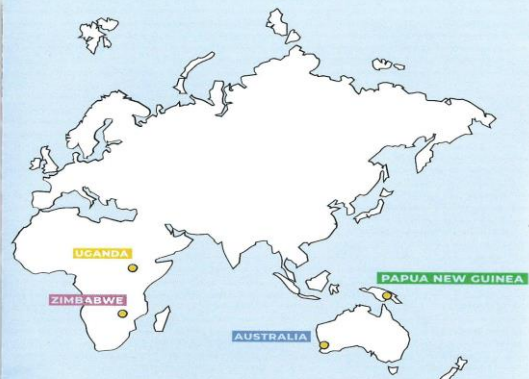
Transform lives in Zimbabwe, Uganda, and Papua New Guinea - your contribution will help us reach more people in need.

Donations over \$2 are tax-deductible.

LEAVE A LEGACY

A gift in your will can create a powerful legacy, helping us make a lasting impact.

Contact admin@cosmosalliance.org for more information.



UGANDA

In Mbale, Uganda, we partner with JENGA, a vibrant organisation promoting sustainable development. Together, we raise mental health awareness in schools and via radio, while also supporting patients and caregivers with holistic care at the local mental health hospital.

ZIMBABWE

Around Bulawayo in southern Zimbabwe, we empower the Sizolwethu Health team through training, mentoring, and encouragement. Sizolwethu delivers mobile clinics, health education, wound care, surgery access, and community-focused health solutions in underserved rural areas.

