

---

## PROGRAMME

- 11 Jul..... Markets
  - 13 Jul..... School holidays start
  - 14 Jul..... Como-Jannali changeover
  - 21 Jul..... Assistant Governor's visit
  - 24 Jul..... School holidays end
  - 25 Jul..... District RAWCS fundraiser
  - 04 Aug..... District Governor's visit «partners»
- 

### Give it to me straight, Doc

A man goes to his doctor for a complete check-up. He hasn't been feeling well and wants to find out if he's ill. After the check-up the doctor comes out with the results of the examination.

"I'm afraid I have some bad news. You're dying and you don't have much time," the doctor says.

"Oh no, that's terrible. How long have I got?" the man asks.

"10.." says the doctor.

"10? 10 what? Months? Weeks? Days? What?!" he asks desperately.

"9...8...7..."

\*\*\*\*\*

The man looked a little worried when the doctor came in to administer his annual physical, so the first thing the doctor did was to ask whether anything was troubling him.

"Well, to tell the truth, Doc, yes," answered the patient.

"You see, I seem to be getting forgetful. No, it's actually worse than that. I'm never sure I can remember where I put the car, or whether I answered a letter, or where I'm going, or what it is I'm going to do once I get there -- if I get there. So, I really need your help. What can I do?"

The doctor thought for a moment, then answered in his kindest tones, "Pay me in advance."

\*\*\*\*\*

An artist asked the gallery owner if there had been any recent interest in his paintings which happened to be on display.

"I have good news and bad news," the gallery owner replied. "The good news is that a gentleman inquired about your work and wondered if it would appreciate in value after your death."

"What did you say?" questioned the artist.

"When I told him it would, he bought all 15 of your paintings."

"That's wonderful!" the artist exclaimed. "What's the bad news?"

"He's your doctor."

---

### The Lottery

A tax on people who are bad at math.



---

**Vol: 54 No: 01 Date: 07 July 2009**

---



Daniel presented President Mike with a unique cane

### TONIGHT'S PROGRAMME

Changeover

### NEXT MEETING

14 July – Como-Jannali Changeover

# The Rotary Club of *Padstow* Inc.

## Club Notes for 30 June 2009

### Mike Kenny – President

- Welcomed Guests – Elizabeth Pickering, Daniel, and Bev Pedder

### Glenda Murray – Secretary

- Micronews Newsletter – about micro surgery.
- District Changeover reminder for Friday night 6:30pm for 7:00pm at Panthers Penrith \$30.00 pp.
- National Tree Day Sunday 2/08/2009 9:30am to 4:30pm. The Council are asking for people to help plant trees at Carysfield Park, Bass Hill – Parking is off Johnston Road. A barbecue lunch will be provided for volunteers.

### Julie Harris – Community

- Thanked all committee members.

### Keith Roffey – Public Relations

- Rotary International are holding another Invitation to Membership, Public Image & Marketing Seminar at RDU House 25/07/2009 10:00am – 2:30pm. RSVP to Keith by 15/07/2009.
- RAWCS & District 9650 looking for volunteer team to work on a hospital in Vanuatu. See Keith for details.

### Kevin Bouffler – Attendance

- 31/43 70.45%
- Apologies from David Edmunds, John Milne, Frank Pezzimenti, Maurie & Jeiji Abbott, Terry Martin, Terry Pedder, Sharon & Warren Bond, Melinda Heywood, Charles Garcia, Alex Thomas, Jo-anne Wallace.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

### Gaille Walton

- \$2.00 for “exercise jackpot” – list going around.
- Sewing for “Wrapped With Love” – has 290 squares – anyone interested in going to Gaille’s place on Sunday 5/07/2009 and/or 12/07/2009 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm or Saturday 18/07/2009 at Diane’s place

### Veronica Necyporuk

- District RAWCS are holding a fundraiser dinner Saturday 25/07/2009 at the German Club. 3 course meal \$55 ph.
- Picnic Point Principal Wolly Negroh apologised for not coming to the Captains & Principals night; he was sick.

- Attended the MUNA dinner last Saturday.
- Veronica handed Michael a \$712.50 cheque – the Club’s portion of EHGTHS selling Community Chest tickets.

### Keri Sweet

- Good news story – attended Garry Yang’s wedding at Paddington. He is doing his doctors internship in Wagga Wagga.

### Kevin Bouffler

- Requested that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Police.

### Garry Metcalfe

- List is going around for Como-Jannali’s changeover on 14/07/2009.

### Elizabeth & Daniel – GUEST SPEAKER

- Daniel came back to report on his visit home to the Sudan. It had been 17 years since he saw his parents.
- It was a very emotional time. The people in Elizabeth’s office pooled together and bought Daniel a video camera but soldiers seized the camera at the airport. A friend gave him a digital camera so he has some photos to show us.
- Daniel thanked us very much for helping him get home to see his family. He left Sudan as a child and grew up in Kenya until he was 18 then came to Australia.
- Daniel said we have changed something in his life with our generosity.
- His mother lives in Khatoum. At the airport his mother had to page Daniel so they could see who would respond to the page. It had been so long since they had seen each other they didn’t recognise each other.
- Elizabeth told us they had trouble getting to Sydney airport and then getting Daniel’s excess baggage on the flight – arrived only 20 minutes before flight was due to leave.
- He went to Juba and saw his father – but didn’t recognise him at first – his father had remarried and had many children – he was the chief of his village.
- Daniel is a full time student doing a Bachelor of Arts and hopes in the future to do some law, if he can get another scholarship, then plans to go home to help his people. To do this he will have to learn Arabic.
- Unfortunately Daniel contracted Legionnaire’s Disease and ended up in hospital. He is lucky to be alive.
- He presented the Club with a walking stick with carved animals on it. It was all done from one piece of wood and is very beautiful.
- Since returning to Australia Daniel had a phone call to say that a neighbouring tribe had attacked his mother’s village and a number of his relatives had been killed.
- Chad Pethybridge thanked Daniel and presented him with a Boomerang.

### President Michael Kenny

- Thanked everyone in the club for their help to him during the year. It has been a great year and a humbling experience for him.