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A Letter from Louise

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Meeting 1091

Quote of the Week:

"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill

Christmas is upon us & for some it may not be joyous & fulfilling & that's where people like Stuart & the Salvo's step in. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously with gifts & hamper goodies. It was my pleasure to present Stuart with a cheque for \$2000 for the Salvo's Christmas Appeal on behalf of all members. Please if you have anything else drop into the Salvo's store on the corner of Peel & O'Connell St.

Mick Daniels certainly had some alarming stats on petrol pricing & answered a raft of questions from the floor. This industry is going the same way as many others, get big or get out, selling everything from milk to moccasins just to stay afloat. Gone are the Mum & Dad servo's with driveway service, bring back the "good old days." Keith Pynt was a welcome guest from the same industry. Last week we experienced the extent of diversification necessary to make a living when Keith & his staff hosted us at Cascada for breakfast.

Last chance for nominations for Board positions with our AGM next Wednesday. We will be having a distribution of funds, so please advise a director if you have a suggestion for consideration.

Dools represented the Club at the "Gift of Time" Ceremony on Monday & as a Club we received a certificate of appreciation from Council. It's hard to keep track of all the hours we put in as volunteers, but we don't do it for the recognition, we do it because it feels great to be able to give assistance where needed. We have some big events coming up including Country Music Cavalcade Marshalling, Longest Line Dance & Breath Testing.

Organ donation is in the news again & apart from the frivolity surrounding the discussion this morning, please give it some thought & have that conversation with your family.

Greetings from Sweden. A big hello & Merry Christmas to all our members from YEP Felix Frankenberg. Felix assures me he is studying very hard to get into uni & working as a bartender on the weekends. Shock, horror, he's only got 6 more months of being a teenager!

SANTA PUB CRAWL FRIDAY 16TH

Louise oxo

UPDATES/ NEWS / DIARY DATES

- **Can I have some more recipes please (favourite Christmas fare)**
- **AGM this meeting, nominations to the Secretary, signed by the nominator, seconder and nominee.**
- **Santa Crawl – Chris Watson requesting those interested to contact him. He has good numbers but happy to take more for the event on 16 December starting at the Post Office Hotel**
- **The Longest Line Dance held during the Country Music Festival has been approved by Council. Chris requires 6 helpers prior to the Cavalcade.**
- **Caramello Quiz: Q. What do we celebrate in the December Rotary calendar? A. Family Month**
- **Please consider organ donation and it is vitally important that you openly discuss your wishes with your family.**
- **Gift of Time Ceremony – we were represented by Dools.**
- **Christmas greeting from our last exchange student – Felix Frankenbugerhamersmidt**
- **Salvation Army gift and food donation morning. Louise also presented Stuart Glover with a cheque from our Club for \$2,000.00.**
- **Fines were really hot from Sarg Chris – a lot about ducks in turkeys – must be a Christmas stuffing tip.**
- **James Treloar heard singing “I’m a little teapot short and stout...” walking up the stairs with his own teapot. What the? He is missing his private tea lady at TRC.**



Guest Speaker – Mick Daniels – The Mysteries of Fuel Pricing Explained (Hopefully)

Introduced by Peter Hyde

Mick has been involved in the Motel and Service Station industry for 11 years and owns the Caltex Service Stations at East Tamworth and Moonbi.

History – Oil companies could only own and operate a small percentage of service stations and therefore had to franchise/lease the properties.

Oil companies could not tell the operators what to charge, but could get around this by putting out a price and the giving 'assistance' as long as the operator sells at a certain price. This provided restrictions to margins.

Service Station operators have to pay Royalties to Oil company, credit card charges and shrinkage. If the operator charged more than the suggested price then the Oil company can pull the assistance and therefore forces the operator to charge even more.

Now Oil companies pay a flat rate of 3 cents margin per litre. Now no control over fuel prices and Oil companies can fully control their sites.

Domination of market - Woolworths and Coles control 75% of the market and make their profit from groceries and not fuel.

Thanked by Ross Lobsey

***David Is To Be Returned To Italy ...
A bit of cultural news for a welcome change.***



***After a two year loan to the United States ,
Michelangelo's David is being returned to Italy***



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The following are results from an OZ-words Competition where entrants were asked to take an Australian word, alter it by one letter only, and supply a witty definition.

Clearly, you need to be an Aussie to understand.

Billabonk: to make passionate love beside a waterhole

Bludgie: a partner who doesn't work, but is kept as a pet

Dodgeridoo: a fake indigenous artefact

Fair drinkum: good-quality Aussie wine

Flatypus: a cat that has been run over by a vehicle

Mateshit: all your flat mate's belongings, lying strewn around the floor

Shagman: an unemployed male, roaming the Australian bush in search of sexual activity

Yabble: the unintelligible language of Australian freshwater crustaceans

Bushwanker: a pretentious drongo, who reckons he's above average when it comes to handling himself in the scrub

Crackie-daks: 'hipster' tracksuit pants.

And for the Kiwi's amongst us:

Shornbag: a particularly attractive naked sheep

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Masterchef page

For Christmas table from the White's

Cherry Crowns

90 g butter

½ cup condensed milk

1 cup coconut

½ cup icing sugar

1 cup (125 g) sweet biscuit crumbs

½ cup glace cherries

Pink food colouring

100 g dark chocolate

Combine butter, milk, coconut, icing sugar, crumbs, cherries and colour. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes. Roll heaped teaspoons of mix into balls and place on foil covered trays and refrigerate for further 10 minutes. Melt chocolate, dip ½ cherry ball into chocolate. Refrigerate.

ROSTER	14 December 2011	21 December 2011
Guest Speaker	AGM	Santa Claus
Topic		Bag of goodies
Door Team	Helen Tickle & Terry Burgess	Ron Allen & John Glynn
Meeter & Greeter	Mark O'Connor	Peter Bell
Welcome	Paul Stevenson	Patrick Mahony
President Assist	Michael Smith	Laurence Hearne
Visitor Assist	Garnet Wood	Rob Sharp
Corporal Assist	Terry Robinson	John Toulmin
Introduction		Elf
Vote of Thanks		Reindeer – Rudolph

CORPORALS for **December: Julian Smith & Brian Thompson**
January: Michael Smith & Paul Stevenson

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS	
Members Birthdays	Nil
Partners Birthdays	Nil
Anniversaries	Brodie and Pam Shields 24/12 – 40 years
Induction into Club	Nil
Attendance	81%
Make Ups	John Fogarty – Tamworth Sunrise
Visiting Rotarians	Nil
Visitors	Keith Pynt
Head and Tails	Phil Penman – once again
Raffle	James Treloar and tea pot

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