

# Weekly Bulletin



## GUEST SPEAKER:

### Graham French

1200 Metres at 43 degrees 40 south Tasmania

Tasmania has been a magnet to Graham, having had 5 walking trips in the wilderness and 20+ times in the Sydney to Hobart.

His 1<sup>st</sup> trip was in 1952 at the end of year 4 with 2 classmates. They cycled to Melbourne then caught a freighter to Devenport and cycled to Cradle Mountain, caught another freighter back to Melbourne and cycled up the Hume Highway back to Sydney. Had another 2 Trips walking to Cradle mountain in 54 and 92.

Two trips to the south west area totaling 2 x 100 Km and climbing Fountain peak and 150km Climbing Precipitous Bluff in the Tassie Wilderness – an area is 1.38 million hectares, 1 fifth of the State is National Parks and have World Heritage Listing – one of the last true Wilderness areas on earth.

Graham gave us a run down of the geological and meteorological aspects of the Tassie landscape as well as the plants and animals found there.

Graham gave details of a climb through the Wilderness area including the Federation Peak and the Westerners and Arthur Ranges with 4 other mates.

The climbing and trekking was arduous, climbing high peaks (500 to 900 metres in height) in this the worst weather area of Tasmania. The climate was extremely unstable, were unable to get any accurate weather predictions. The tops of the ranges climbed are classed as subalpine .

Although arduous, with many obstacles and inclement weather, the highs were equally as spectacular – as were the views.



Grahams talk was detailed and informative. Unfortunately we don't have sufficient room to accurately record his presentation but club members were suitably impressed with his (and his friends) achievements at 1200 metres at 43 degrees 40 South Tasmania.



Top – Graham F with Les S - introduction  
Bottom – Graham F with Robbyn C - thanks

**WE MEET WEDNESDAYS 6:00PM FOR 6:30PM  
AT THE SOVEREIGN MOTEL (OPPOSITE KENTUCKY FRIED) SHARP ST, COOMA**



John K has been a busy man – at the markets and doing running repairs at Norris Park and with Dave H on attendance.

### Three Minuter

N/A

**A HUGE thanks to Claire N for the great effort she went to, to make the Rotary Mental Health (Pie, mash and peas) day such a great success. From getting the best price for pies, organising the peeling of the spuds and co-ordinating her crew. Well done to all of you. Takings were \$487 plus \$105 in donations. Thank Claire.**



Part of Claire's Hat Day crew

### **THOUGHT OF THE WEEK Courtesy of Geoff B**

Good, better, best, never let it rest, until your good is better, and your better best.

### **News**

#### **RI President Meeting**

23 May 2012 Canberra Hellenic Club 23 May 2012 our meeting is transferred to this Venue. No bus as only 8 members attending. Those attending should see if they can car pool. \$35.00 per head.

**March**  
Polio Eradication

**April**  
Rotary Magazine

**Australian  
Rotary Success  
Conference**

21 & 22 July 2012 in Canberra.  
Expressions of interest from Rotarians to take  
on the role of scribes at breakout sessions at  
the conference. Ability to use a laptop to record  
basic points of discussions.  
Contact AG Rowley Tompsett on 0422 235 095

**May**  
Planning

**June**  
Fellowship

**July**  
Literacy

**Nominate  
Operation Cleft**

AG Rowley Tompsett, Ambassador for Operation  
Cleft in Ginninderra Rotary Club as asked fellow  
Rotarians to nominate for a donation of \$5,000  
from Radio Station 3AW. To nominate go to  
[www.3aw.com.au/comp-cfs](http://www.3aw.com.au/comp-cfs)

**August**  
Membership  
Extension

**Pride of  
Workmanship  
Awards**

John Clark will be away on holiday so these will be  
organised by Geoff B

**Meeting of 30  
May**

This meeting is to be held at the Cooma TAFE –  
Three course meal – Cost \$30.00.

**Dinner Fees**

All Cooma Rotary members are advised that your  
Dinner fee is now to be \$20. You will again have  
to pay for your raffle ticket \$2.00 to Margaret.

Next Weeks Program	Three Minuter	Thought of the Week
RI President Meeting Canberra Hellenic Club	NA	NA
<b>Following Week Program</b>		
Vocational		LES S

**This Weeks Attendance:** 95.6% with makeups (Is this Port Katrin?)

**Visiting Rotarians:** Nil

**Guests:** Linda (Club) Helen F and Emants Tillers (Graham F) Roslyn & Vivienne (Rob S)  
Mark John Natley (Chris A)

**Apologies:** Peter A, Tom B, Ashley C, Brenda DB, Tony S.

**Leave:** Mark C, Cheryl & Colin M,

**Makeups:** Darrel G, Ken D, Brenda CB, Des T, Claire N, Tom B.

**We also Missed:**

**The Rotary Club of Cooma Inc**

**The Secretary**

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The contact for making apologies and for notification of guests for dinner meetings is  
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Rosters	May	June
<b>Attendance</b>	John K Des T	Ashley C Wolfgang L
<b>Property</b>	Brian J L Elaine S	Marco R Elaine M
<b>Markets</b>	Geoff B (Van) Rob S Ken D John V Marco R Alyson H-J (PA) Elaine S (MR) David H (Coordinator) Chris A (Coffee)	Jim H (Van) Graham F Kevin D Margaret H Tony S Alison HJ (PA) Darrel G (MR) David H (Coordinator) Chris & Kim A (Coffee)
<b>Fellowship</b>	Margaret E Claire N	Margaret E Claire N

**SOME SIMPLE RULES ABOUT ROSTERS****General:**

Members rostered on and not able to attend are to make arrangements with another member to take their place.

**Markets:**

Those nominated to tow the caravan or chuck wagon are to be at the Rotary shed no later than 8am. Ensure you get the key to the shed from David Holgate PRIOR TO THE EVENT so the equipment can be set up early. If you are unable to tow the van or chuck wagon PLEASE ASK SOMEONE WHO CAN, or advise David Holgate before the event. Others nominated should be at the park by 8.30am.

**Member Happenings**

Anniversaries	Birthdays	Years of Service
		Margaret E 13 yrs on 24 May Les S – 13 yrs on 26 May