



Peace Through Service

The Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Guest Speaker: Rotarian Joe Vescio - So you want to be a Councilor

Intro: Mark C

Thanks: Margaret H

This week we heard from our fellow Rotarian Joe Vescio who gave an overview of the structure of government in Australia, with a specific focus on government at the local level. In Australia we have three tiers of government, the Federal government being the highest level followed by State government and thirdly Local government. The positions within Local government are filled by a Mayor and Councilors. This grouping is responsible for issues such as maintaining infrastructure, environmental protection and community development.

Local government elections are being held this year on 8 September. The election of councilors is by the proportional system. The proportional system in comparison to the preferential system is where the successful candidate reaches the "quota". The quota is the number of votes cast divided by the number of councilors + 1 vote is then added. This year, for the first time Snowy River Shire will be determining their Mayor by popular vote, meaning that electors will be completing two election forms, one for the Mayor and one for the councilors. To be a councilor you need no special qualifications, only an interest in what is happening within your local community. As a councilor you are involved in making decisions that affect the long term direction of the Council. You work within a limited budget and with a complex set of laws. There are thousands of issues to deal with and not every decision made is popular.

When you are involved in Council you learn that certain words have specific meanings. For example mandatory is read as must or shall, prohibitory as shall not or must not and discretionary is can or may. A local council cannot make its own laws as it is controlled by the Local Governments Act but they do have a Charter that they



Joe V

shall abide by - in fact you could say that it is mandatory.

The local council is not run by the councilors but by a General Manager. The GM is responsible for the day to day running of the administration of the council while the Mayor is responsible for the political arm of the council. For both councilors and GM life can be difficult, being at the beck and call of all the residents. Phone calls can come at any hour of the day or night and unfortunately the constraints on the council are not fully understood by residents who lobby for a particular issue. Although Joe's talk was comprehensive and realistic it probably didn't persuade anyone to stand for council.



Margaret H & Joe

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THREE MINUTER

Darrell Gaukroger:

Recently Darrell attended a R.I Convention in Bangkok. About 36,500 Rotarians and guests attended. The main convention hall held about 18,000 people and 650 buses were used to ferry to and from the venue, which was 15kms from the centre of the city. He said the flowers and foliage were used to enhance all areas of the convention venue both inside and out.

His favourite section was the House of Friendship in which you would find many activities, exhibits, products being sold and an internet café. One of his photos shows enormous stacks of bottles of water - these were to help those attending cope with the heat and humidity.

Photo Gallery



Wolfgang & Marco



Joe, Les S & Peter D



Ashley & Wombat



Jamie The Wombat

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Tom B

Once I was indecisive - now I'm not so sure.

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**WE MEET WEDNESDAYS 6.00PM FOR 6.30PM
AT THE SOVEREIGN MOTEL (OPPOSITE KENTUCKY FRIED) SHARP ST. COOMA**

Theme of the Month for Cooma Rotary:

LITERACY

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Bridal Expo Fund Raiser for 2MO Community Radio,

Claire N & Valmai are hosting this at the Cooma Ex-service Club on Sunday 29 July 2pm til 4.15pm

A bridal parade featuring yesteryear to present, including Bridesmaids, Flower girl, Mother of the Bride and Grooms attire. There will also be music, displays, entertainment and afternoon tea.

Tamara J-N will be a feature of the music being supplied for the day.

Cost: Adults \$15, Child \$5

Market Day: Last Sunday's market day was relatively small with only 30 stalls. The awesome team were great and \$1480.50 was cleared. A special event for the August market will be the guest Appearance of a wind ensemble consisting of 38 young performers.

Annual Fees are now due total \$265. Payable in full or in two instalments of \$135 and \$130.

The Bulletin: If anyone did not receive the Bulletin please contact Mark so he can put you on the mailing list (0401 825 875 or janffa@bigpond.com)

This Weeks Attendance: 28 of 39 members - 71.8%

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: Jamie The Wombat

Apologies: Geoff B, David B, Kevin D, Lou M, Elaine Schofield, Matt T, Des T

Leave: Graham F, Jim H, Elaine M, Steve S, John V.

Make-ups: None

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ROSTERS	JULY	AUGUST
Attendance	Elaine M Patrick K	Mark J-N Rob S
Property	Geoff B Les S	Ken D Hass
Fellowship	Margaret E Clair N	Margaret E Clair N
Markets	David H - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Elaine S - MR David L - V Mark C Brenda C-B Ashley C Peter A	David H - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Katrin - MR Wolfgang L - V John K John V Elaine S Lou M

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.

Next Weeks Program	Three Minuter	Thought of the Week
Neville Locker - "Man from Snowy River" Intro: Claire Thanks: Brian	Alyson H-J	Mark J-N

MEMBER HAPPENINGS

ANNIVERSARIES	BIRTHDAYS	YEARS OF SERVICE
Stephen & Irene Shirvington 31 Years on 3 July	John V on 3 July Tony S on 8 July Patrick K on 23 July Jan S wife of Les S on 11 July Christina L wife of Wolfgang L on 12 July	Peter D - 8 years on 1 July James (Jim) H - 15 years on 24 July

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