



Peace Through Service

The Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Guest Speaker: Neville Locker

Intro: Claire

Thanks: Brian

Our guest speaker this week was Neville Locker. His most recent endeavor has been collaborating on research about the "Man from Snowy River" and the various claimant's for that title. The outcome of this research is to be a book which will be published in the near future.

Another of his interests is tourism in the area and he chose to speak to us about an early tourist by the name of Dr John Lhotsky, a Polish man of Austrian parents. Dr Lhotsky was a highly educated man, but he was known for his volatility and outspokenness who apparently managed to offend people in high places wherever he went. Despite this, his investigations into the Monaro and the alps proved to be invaluable.

In 1832, the 'limit of location' on the Monaro was taken to be Michelago, lands beyond that were considered to be uninhabitable but Dr Lhotsky found that around 500 people were living in the area stretching to Delegate and Dalgety. He met a Dr Reid who had been living in Bunyan since 1828 and a Mr Bath in Cooma. He also found 31 properties between Cooma and Delegate running some 23,000 cattle and 40,000 sheep. Travelling from Dalgety into the alps, Dr Lhotsky developed an interest in the local aboriginals and their language. He recorded the 'Song of the Women of the Monaro Tribe', which is the earliest know form of Australian music. He found the mineral springs at Rock Flat and declared them to be better than the well-known European spring. (A point of interest is



Brian J & Neville

that silica mining was carried out on this same site between the 1930's and 1970's).

Neville has long been a proponent of tourism in this area. He operated a local history museum at Happy Valley 1962-82 and he is keen to see Cooma promoted as the hub of a unique area. Our proximity to Canberra, the mountains, Bombala and the coast means that the town has great advantages and we need to make people more aware of the many features that exist here, rather than just being the gateway to the ski fields.



Neil & Neville

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THREE MINUTER

Alyson:

As a teacher for many years, she was able to recall some stand-out students, one for his misuse of words and one for his behaviour which inspired his teacher to write a less than tactful report on him. (She then had him rewrite it!)

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

EXCHANGE: Lea Nickel arrives next Wednesday, 1st August, and will be met by the Cooper family. We extend a very warm welcome.

RYPEN: Applications are now open for RYPEN to be held at Mogo 7-9 September. Applications are invited from young people aged between 14 and 17.

Katrin announced that the board has donated \$1000 the Rotary Foundation for humanitarian and educational programs.

Photo Gallery



Claire introducing Neville



Brian thanking Neville



Neil & Neville



Kevin & Maree



Darrell & Mark S



John C

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Mark J-N

A thing of beauty is a joy forever - this does not apply to a vase of fresh flowers.

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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**

OUR NEWEST PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

In this club a Paul Harris Fellow is awarded to celebrate the contribution made by a particular person, whose life demonstrates the shared purpose of the objectives of the Rotary Foundation and who has contributed to the many activities of this club and our community.

This member has served the Cooma Rotary Club in many ways. His contribution earlier this year, to the various major administration reviews we conducted, especially with the new rules, by-laws and policies, was very much appreciated.

But that's not all he has done...

In 1997 he was the Community Services Director, in 1998 he set up the Rotary High Country Markets, in 1999 he was Youth Director, in 2008 he became Club Service Director in preparation for his year as President of this club in 2009. In 2010 this member resurrected the NZ Twin Exchange program and he was also instrumental in the initiation of an Interact Club at Snowy Mountains Christian School. Also in 2010 he was the Foundation Director and in 2011 he took on the role of Vocational Director.

Katrin said that it was her pleasure, as immediate past president of the Cooma Rotary Club, to present this Certificate, lapel pin and medallion to Rotarian, John Clarke.

She also urged John to wear the Paul Harris pin to all Rotary events as a symbol of our appreciation for your commitment to the ideals of Rotary. John we all offer our sincerest congratulations, it is well deserved.



Katrin & John C

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This Weeks Attendance: 75%

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: Mark Schmidt (Darrell), Neville Locker (Club), Georgie Constance (Ashley), Maree Dunne (Kevin)

Apologies: Matt T, Des T. **We Also Missed:** Joe

Leave: Chris, Graham, Elaine S, Steve, John V.

Make-ups: None

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ROSTERS	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Attendance	Mark J-N Rob S	Lou Claire
Property	Ken D Hass	Katrin Geoff
Fellowship	Margaret E Clair N	Margaret E Clair N
Markets	David H - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Katrin - MR Wolfgang - V John K John V Elaine S Lou M	David H - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA - MR John C - V Joe Marco Claire Les

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
Club Assembly	Club Assembly	Club Assembly

MEMBER HAPPENINGS

ANNIVERSARIES	BIRTHDAYS	YEARS OF SERVICE
John & Yvonne Mercer 32 years on 7th August	Ashley Constance 11th August Robin Simms 14th August David Byrne 15th August Trish Libauer wife of David 18th August	Ken Prendergast 5 years on 8th August David Holgate 45 years on 12th August Dugald Mitchell 43 years on 12th August Mark Cooper 3 years on 19th August Margaret Hassall 3 years on 19th August

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