

Peace Through Service

The Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Guest Speaker: Dave Libauer - Lost for 13 hours in the Jungle

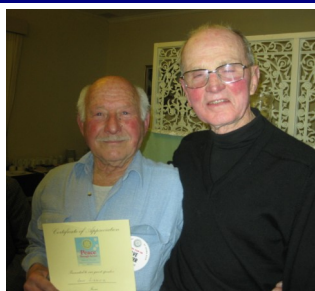
Intro: Rob Simms

Thanks: Dave Holgate

Our guest speaker this week was Dave Libauer - genuine champion wrestler but not so genuine GREAT WHITE HUNTER originally from South Africa.

Dave shared with us some anecdotes from a safari that he went on. His first story concerned a lion, that learned from his mistakes. Dave had gone on a lion safari, at base camp they were advised not to leave camp without a guide but David decided that it would be ok if he did it his way and went off by himself. As he was having a look around he was confronted by a lion, as the lion leapt Dave took a shot to scare it off. The lion went one way and Dave went the other. Later in the day Dave was practicing his sharp shooting near the camp when he heard a funny noise through the bushes, he decided to investigate and when he parted the weed he saw his lion - practicing short jumps.

The second story concerned the South African Consul who had come to revisit the Congo. During his stay a hunting day was organised and Dave decided that he would go along - totally unaware of what he was getting into. A base camp was set up and 2 guides were organised for the hunting trip, Dave was given a shotgun and was asked to be an assistant. They left the camp at 4pm and agreed to be back 3 hours later. The group had been walking for sometime when the lead guide spotted a little buck. They stalked it for a while but in the end decided not to shoot it. Dave was keeping an eye on the time and noticed that they had been gone nearly 1 & 1/2 hours so he suggested that it was time to return to camp. The problem was that the guide couldn't locate the little twigs he had snapped to identify their path and their the direction couldn't be determined by the sun's location. The guide decided they would go back in the direction from which they had come. They had been walking over grassy terrain without tracks to follow and were truly lost. They came to a river, luckily there was a tree over it which they used to cross, looking out for lions and snakes. They kept walking and subsequently came to another couple of rivers which looked strangely familiar which was when they realised that they



Dave & David H

were going in circles. It was getting dark and clouds were forming so they found a large tree to rest. The guide climbed up settled in a fork and

That Dave should join him because of lions. Dave said no and settled down at the base of the tree with his gun at the ready but was attacked by Tsetse flies which can cause sleeping sickness when they bite. So Dave decided to climb up into the tree where there were no flies, and get some sleep. They spent 3 hours up in that tree and to make it more uncomfortable it rained. After the clouds cleared there was a full moon and Dave spotted 4 stars in a diamond form that he knew they could follow. The guide was reluctant at first but finally they got back to camp, 13 hours after they left.



Dave L & Robb S

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PEACE THROUGH SERVICE**THREE MINUTER**

David Byrnes:

Recently while on holiday David and his lovely wife, Kathy, were in a Romanian airport waiting to board a flight to Bulgaria. In his back pocket David felt a pocket knife, so he transferred it to his backpack but on seeing the upgraded security he decided to throw it into a rubbish bin, he decided to let the Romanians have it.

Kathy wasn't impressed as it had been a personal gift from her some 30 years previously - they didn't speak for the next 4 hours.

On arrival in Bulgaria David went to collect their securely locked luggage from the roundabout. The luggage was there, the padlock was there and so were the keys for the padlock.

This was a rather quite day, as Kathy being once again unimpressed chose not to speak to David for a further 4 hours.

Photo Gallery

Dave L & David H



Margaret E & Lea



Katrin & Tony S



Mark JN & Jamie



Lea & Jamie



Maree, Kevin & Jamie

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

There is no such word as can't, it just takes a bit more thought and effort.

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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:

Membership Extension

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

President Richard advised members to read the Rotary Basic item in the last RDU.

We send congratulations to former member John Jacoby what has been presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship award.

In relation to membership - Dugald M reported that he has only had one membership nomination since the forms were handed out last week.

Rotary Club of Canberra has invited Rotarians to join them on Thursday 6 September 2012 at the Greater Union Cinema Manuka at 6pm for the opening night of Kath and Kimderalla. Tickets are \$15 each with all proceeds going to community service. Contact Gilliam McFeat on 0410 683 672 for inquires or further details.

Group Study Exchange to Mississippi - 4 weeks in April 2012. Applications are now open and the theme is "Health Care" with a particular interest in Aged Care.

We have 2 applicants for the September RYPEN conference, they are Tamara John-Natley and Penelope (Penny) Grayson.

At the market on 19th August 2012 will be hosting the North Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble which is visiting the area. The performers are students from Primary School to Year 12. They will be entertaining from 11am and David H needs volunteers to assist with picking up and transporting chairs from the Multi Function Centre to the Bandstand in the Park. **Volunteers please assemble at the park at 9.30am.**

This Weeks Attendance: 32 out of 41 - 78%

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: Lea Nickel (Club), Maree (Kevin D)

Apologies: Tom B, Patrick K, Elaine S, Joe V, John V.

Leave: Chris A, Peter A, Steve S, Jim H.

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
Guest Speaker: 6 Visiting Medical Students Intro: Lola Radnotti Thanks: Tony Slater	Elaine M	Ashley C

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 - following on from previous service with Cooma RC and in PNG including being Chairman. 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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