



Peace Through Service

Guest Speaker: Georgie Hatfield and Dominic Bogatec

An Orphanage in South America

Intro: Jim H

Thanks: Les S

Georgie and Dominic shared with us their life changing experience of a trip to South America. On the first stage they met up with former exchange student Mavis and her husband Hendrika Hatfield. They had an amusing experience with their first taxi drive who asked them "Aren't all Australians black?". They also spent a couple of months in Ecuador to improve their Spanish.

They witnessed many amazing and unbelievable things. They said that they often heard about protests and political battles but in Huaraz, Peru they actually saw it. The whole town closed down as people were protesting to stop the President's son selling off their rights to pure, fresh water. The average salary is around \$2,000 per year so imagine the poverty that exists. They visited what they described as a one telephone town where



Georgie, Dominic & Les S

Names were announced over a loud speaker for incoming calls. In this town there is a small child refuge, where they spent 5 months. The western influence there has facilitated rises in alcohol abuse which in turn leads to sexual abuse, lack of affection, the crumbling foundations of culture. The children are lacking opportunities for education, they are malnourished and have limited protection from the harsh elements.

Georgie and Dominic's goal was to help maintain the safe house for these children which Hendrika was involved in a few months earlier. They also mentioned the corruption that exists, where most Peruvians dealing with large amounts of charity money will fill their own pockets first, while the children are lucky to get a cup of hot tea and a piece of bread for dinner.

They told us of a couple of buddies they made, Victor aged 3, lives in a cold mud brick house where guinea pigs roam and he shares a bed with his 4 siblings and has an alcoholic abusive father. Then there was Heranlinda aged 11, she has a heartbreaking story in that her family lives in a one room mud brick shack, with no light. The family of 5 share one double bed. She also had an alcoholic abusive father who accidentally committed suicide as the children watched. The upside is that abuse is no longer a part of their lives.

As part of integration into the community they organised several dinners involving parents and children but were shocked to see parents stealing food from the children.

The existence of this refuge is aiding to break a cycle of alcohol abuse by providing a loving atmosphere and the influence of other perspectives such as opportunities through education. Their time at the refuge was cut short by threats by a person who didn't want the corruption exposed.

From Peru they went to Bolivia, cruised through Chilean Patagonia and went trekking and camping in the freezing wilderness. They then moved on to Argentina and ended in Mexico City then came back to Australia.

They said that this experience made them really appreciate all that we have in Australia like hot water, food that is not deep fried beans and rice. It also helped them understand the true meaning of family and how important hugs are, especially from Mum.



Georgie, Jim H & Dominic

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THREE MINUTER

Tony Slater

This week Tony shared with us some of his youthful activities. He recalled when he was part of a tribe of kids in the '60's who went surfing at Cronulla and described the different boards he used. Since coming to Cooma skiing and the occasional game of golf has replaced surfing.

Photo Gallery



Mark & Mark



Neil & Peter D



Graham F & Peter A



John C & Irene



Jeanette & Mary



Lou M & Jan S

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Dugald M

The only think worse than being old and bent is being young a broke.

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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:
New Generations**

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

URGENT NOTICE:

There is a National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) dinner being held on Monday 3rd September from 4.30 pm for 5pm at the CSIRO headquarters, Limestone Avenue (near the war memorial), dinner will finish about 7.45pm. Number are low due to cancellations and the event is in jeopardy so Geoff Stonehouse of the Tuggeranong Rotary Club is hoping that some of us could join them, partners and friends are also welcome. You get a free dinner and there are no strings attached.

Guest speakers are the ACT Minister for Education Dr Chris Bourke, a representative from the CSIRO and a Science Professor.

If you are able to attend please contact Keith Armstrong, Moruya Rotary Club, on (02) 4471 7233 or 0408 236 630.

Katrin advised that Donna Longhurst, from Sir William Hudson Nursing Home was successful in the interviews and will be joining the GSE team to Mississippi next year.

John C reported that the Snowy Mountains Christian School Interact Club raised \$272 for the RSPCA cup cake day. He was also pleased to report that the School will be expanding to include Year 11/12 next year.

Our exchange student Lea had a busy week. Margaret E took her to Canberra to see the Russian Ballet performance of Sleeping Beauty (Men in Tights). She also went to Turross Beach for an exchange student get together and a dip in the sea.

This Weeks Attendance: 31 out of 39 - 79.5%

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: Mary (Jim H), Jeanette (John C), Irene (Steve S), Jan (Les S), Maree (Kevin D), Carol (Tony S), Georgie Hatfield & Dominic Bogatec, Lea (Club)

Apologies: Brenda C-B, Ashley C, Claire N, Joe V, Dave H, Brian J, Wolfgang L, Dave L.

Leave: Chris A, John V.

Make-ups: None

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ROSTERS	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Attendance	Lou Claire	Katrin Elaine S
Property	Katrin Brian	John C David B
Fellowship	Margaret E Clair N	Margaret E Clair N
Markets	David H - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Darrell - MR John C - V Joe Marco Claire Tom	David H - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Peter A - MR David B - V Neil Hass Kevin Marco

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: Frank Rodwell - Old Snowy Days Intro: Rob Simms Thanks: Geof Bowland	Brenda C-B	Joe V

MEMBER HAPPENINGS

ANNIVERSARIES	BIRTHDAYS	YEARS OF SERVICE
John & Rosemary King 42 yrs - 12th Alan & Catherine Dodd 12 yrs - 26th	Alan Dodd - 5th Claire Neumeyer - 19th Darrell Gaukroger - 25th Helen French spouse of Graham 2nd Kim Adams spouse of Chris 8th	Katrin Hackney 6 yrs - 13th

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We received two amazing invitations this week one to go to New Zealand and the other to go to India. If you ever wanted to tramp in NZ or see amazing India this could be the opportunity for you.

The Otago Youth Adventure Trust/Rotary Club of Milton Tramping Club Inc

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT PLACES ARE OPEN FOR OUR TRIPS IN THE 2013 SEASON

BRIEF BACKGROUND

The volunteers of The Otago Youth Adventure Trust/Rotary Club of Milton Tramping Club Inc. have now completed 26 successful seasons of organising the trips (details below), with some 16,000 people, mostly Kiwis and Aussies, having participated (many on several trips over the years). We operate as a Tramping Club on public lands and, as such, are required (by law) to run our trips on a "cost recovery" basis only. Participants are predominately middle aged, and have to become members of our Tramping Club (\$50) in the year of their trips, and we do suggest an optional donation, to enable us to return some funds to the two Charitable Trusts that are the parent bodies of our Club. All the trips are lead and organised by unpaid volunteers, who put thousands of voluntary hours into this ongoing project to ensure we are able to run the trips at a moderate cost. We have received much National acclaim for our project.

THE TRIPS

We list below the Trips that are planned for the 2013 season. To find full details of each trip (Details, Dates, Cost, Application Forms, Contacts, etc) please go to our web site, www.otagorotarytrusttramps.org.nz. On many of the trips we take parties of up to 40 people, on a "Freedom Walk" basis. (as distinct from the Guided walks available by Commercial providers). Each of our groups is led by 3-4 experienced trampers. Transport to the starting point and from the finishing point (Dunedin return) is provided, as is all the food, though people do have to carry their share.

The Tramping Trips (Full details on web site)

- MILFORD TRACK: NZ's most famous track in Fiordland National Park. (4 - 5 days). 5 trips planned from January to April.
- ROUTEBURN/GREENSTONE TRACK: Another brilliant track in Fiordland and Aspiring National Parks. (6 Days). 5 trips planned from January to March.
- KEPLER TRACK: A stunning alpine track in Fiordland. (5 Days). 1 trip planned in February
- TUATAPERE HUMP RIDGE TRACK: A great new track in southern Fiordland. Coastal beaches, bush & alpine (4 days). 1 trip planned in February

• RAKIURA TRACK; Stewart Island, 4 days. This years "new " trip. 4 trips, all already full up, by popular demand from the many people who come back year after year, till they have done all the trips . (Often start again)

WHAT BETTER TESTIMONIAL COULD WE HAVE !!

The four trips above are Tramping Trips, where people need to carry a pack (11-12 kg), over at times some rough terrain, and consequently require a good standard of tramping fitness. We mostly use the Department of Conservation huts, which are basic, but nonetheless comfortable and very adequate for our purposes.

The "Lodge - Back to Base" Trips

- ASPIRING (TITITEA) LODGE: Situated beside Mt Aspiring National Park. A great venue for some exciting day trips. (5 Days). 3 trips planned from January to Easter
- HUXLEY LODGE: In the Lake Ohau area. Some superb day trips in a different environment. (5 days). 1 trip planned, Easter 2012
- CATLINS - TAUTUKU LODGE: The largest OYAT outdoor education facility, in the famous Catlins area. Numerous day trips. (5 days). 1 trip in January.
- SUTTON LODGE: Also owned by OYAT. On the sun drenched Strath Taieri. Superb day trips, etc. (5 days). 1 trip planned in March.
- BORLAND LODGE: A well equipped complex in Southern Fiordland, with ample of day trips, etc. (5 days). 2 trips planned in February.

The five venues, above, are situated in beautiful remote areas, and are generally well appointed and suitable for some interesting day trips of varying grades of difficulty. Only light day packs need to be carried, and people are free to participate in whatever activity they wish. Generally our transport can deliver us, our gear and food, to the door of the Lodges.

The Otago Central Rail Trail Cycle Trips

Again we are planning two trips (January & March) on this, undoubtedly the most famous Cycle Trail in NZ, in Central Otago, along the old railway line from Dunedin to Clyde, some 170km, (4 - 5 days). Backup transport for all your gear, food and accommodation is arranged, and very good bikes can be hired. No steep hills, (all Railway Grade), and eminently suited to recreational cyclists.

AS MENTIONED ABOVE, FULL DETAILS ON THE TRIPS ARE SET OUT ON OUR WEB SITE. MANY TRIPS FILL UP RAPIDLY, AND IT IS A CASE OF "FIRST IN, FIRST SERVED".

Use the application forms on our web site, and send to the contact person for each trip, as printed on the application forms.

Regards

The Team from The Otago Youth Adventure Trust/Milton Rotary Tramping Club Inc

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To all clubs in D9710

I am seeking expressions of interest for a possible friendship exchange trip to India next February. Please see the information below.

Please contact me by 30 September so that I can make all arrangements with D3230.

Greetings from R.I. Dist. 3230, Chennai, India

n PP Satyan Bhatt, Chair – International Friendship Exchange writing to you from Chennai (Madras), India. Our DG also sends you his greetings and best wishes.

We would be delighted to host **2 couples on a reciprocal basis** in our District 3230. We can assure you of a wonderful stay and the Rotary families will experience the warmth and delightful Indian hospitality. Not to forget, the legendary Indian cuisine with a mind boggling variety which will make the visit most memorable. The duration of the visit could be around 7 – 10 Days.

Our District comprises of 117 clubs and the District Governor is Rtn Raja Seenivasan who is a very dynamic and compassionate man.

The best time to visit Chennai is during the months of December, January, & February. The average temperature during this time of the year is around 20 degrees Centigrade.

Please note that they only wish to host 2 couples for 7 - 10 days.

Kind regards
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