



## Peace Through Service

### **Guest Speaker: Frank Rodwell - Old Snowy Days**

**Intro: Rob Simms**

**Thanks: Geoff Bowland**

Our guest speaker this week was Frank Rodwell. He spoke to us about the Snowy Mountains Scheme for which he worked from its early days. He related some anecdotes about the early days of the scheme when drought in the 40s was the impetus for people to look at providing water for the dry inland. The plans for the scheme went through a process of evolving so that the final scheme was quite different from the original concept.

Prime Minister at the time, Mr Ben Chifley, engaged Sir William Hudson to be the Commissioner and insisted that the work force get to work as soon as possible, even though the engineers would prefer to consider the project over some eighteen months.

Frank enjoyed working with people from all over the world. It was a matter of 'not where you came from but what you do when you are here'.

Frank started on the Snowy working in the region – on a pick and shovel, graduated to plant operator and then to operate a tournapull. When he decided to move into Cooma he joined the Scheme's group of Commonwealth Police. This force worked in with the state police force, supervising activities both in Cooma and in the regions.

They were exciting days and policing then was a different thing to that of the present day.



Frank, Richard & Rob S



Frank & Geof B

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**PEACE THROUGH SERVICE**

**THREE MINUTER**

None this week - Please check the Roster to see if you are speaking.

**Photo Gallery**



Katrin & Frank



Lea & Katrin



Rob S



Tony S & Dugald



Lou & Claire

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**

You are never too old to learn and never so experienced that you can't improve.

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**PEACE THROUGH SERVICE****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**

The Bulletin has come to you this week from Batemans Bay where the weather has been sunny and fine. Jan and I are here due to Tamara and Penny attending the RYPEN event, which will be reported on in the near future.

While we were collecting the girls we were fortunate enough to meet Rowley Tompsett and his wife Denise from Hall, Shirley from Gunghalin, a lovely lady from Milton/Ulladulla and District Governor Phil Armstrong from Moruya all who sent greeting and best wishes to all in Cooma. DG Phil also said that he was really looking forward to his visit with us.

Can everyone be sure to check the Rosters to see if they are listed to do anything at meetings or markets.

There is still time to express an interest in either the New Zealand tramping expeditions or the reciprocal visit to India. If you have the time don't miss out on these opportunities.

In the Rotary International Magazine recently there was a letter from Bruce Collier from the Dunedin Club in New Zealand. He wrote that up until 2010 a copy of a portrait of the Rotary Founder, Paul P Harris was displayed at their weekly meetings. Sadly over time this copy has deteriorated and restoring it may not be a viable option. The original portrait in oil was painted in 1931 and in 1932 the Chicago Rotary Club sold copies of a print as a fundraising project. Bruce feels that the portrait is a unique piece of Rotary history and is hoping that someone might know of another copy of this portrait and, if so, is keen to hear from them as he has had no success with his enquires in NZ. He can be contacted at [bcollier@es.co.nz](mailto:bcollier@es.co.nz)

**This Weeks Attendance:** 31 out of 39 - 79.5%

**Visiting Rotarians:** None

**Guests:** Lea (Club), Frank Rodwell (Club)

**Apologies:** John C, Ashley, Graham, Jim H, Mark J-N, Elaine S, Matt T, Kevin

**Leave:** Chris A, John V, Les

**We Also Missed:** Joe, Peter D, Peter A

**Make-ups:** None

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<b>ROSTERS</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>OCTOBER</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	Lou Claire	Katrin Elaine S
<b>Property</b>	Katrin Brian	John C David B
<b>Fellowship</b>	Margaret E Clair N	Margaret E Clair N
<b>Markets</b>	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.

<b>Next Weeks Program</b>	<b>Three Minuter</b>	<b>Thought of the Week</b>
<b>Guest Speaker:</b> Mark John-Natley - Snowy Mountains Ensemble	12 Sept - Katrin (who would like 5 mins)	12 Sept - Joe V
<b>Intro:</b> Steve S	19 Sept - Wolfgang	
<b>Thanks:</b> Ashley C	26 Sept - Rob S	

## MEMBER HAPPENINGS

<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>	<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>	<b>YEARS OF SERVICE</b>
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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## PEACE THROUGH SERVICE

We received two amazing invitations this month 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 the 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](http://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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## PEACE THROUGH SERVICE

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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