



Peace Through Service

Guest Speaker: Mark John-Natley - Snowy Mountains Ensemble
Intro: Steve Shirvington **Thanks: Ashley Constance**

Our guest speaker this week was Rotarian Mark John-Natley in his role of Publicity Officer & Fundraising Manager of the Snowy Mountains Ensemble a not for profit musical organisation in Cooma. He told us committee has only recently formed at the request of Matthew Ventura who was looking after everything singlehandedly and doing a fine job but Matthew is going to university next year to pursue his musical studies and didn't want the ensemble to fold due to a lack of ongoing organisation. He will still be involved in the music side of things but now we have a small group of people who care about the ensemble and have a variety of skills to support it with its performances and ongoing growth.

It is an Ensemble of about 20 players and 1 conductor drawn from all facets of the community and came about through combining the adult ensemble and the youth ensemble. Both were struggling but by combining have become a force to be noticed, particularly with the input, support and experience of Rodney Clancey who has become our conductor since moving to Cooma.

The age demographic is from 8 to about 70 and it's not just the adults who have the experience. Our concert masters are aged 15 and 70ish and they happily share the role. The ensemble has provided an environment for youngsters who are less experienced in performance with a chance to develop performance skills along with providing an outlet for older players who want to reignite their musical careers but are a bit rusty or never had the opportunity to perform in a group environment.

Some of our older members have said that because of the ensemble their lives have been given back to them as it means that they leave the house and socialise on a regular basis. Rehearsals are not just about practicing music they already know, or learning new pieces it is also about being friends with a variety of people and looking forward to seeing them each week.

One wish of the committee on behalf of the ensemble is to be in a position to purchase instruments that can be loaned or rented, for a nominal fee, to people particularly children who have musical ability but don't have the means to purchase their own instrument. We feel that this would be another way to make the ensemble accessible to more youngsters and to provide support and encouragement that might otherwise not be available.

In Cooma we are fortunate to have a variety of opportunities to perform community. Our most recent foray was to provide entertainment at the Cooma Music Festival and prior to that we formed a major part of the orchestra at the Gilbert and Sullivan Extravaganza in which we combined with the Cooma Harmony Chorus and a number of individuals who were brave enough to take part. We had 3 performances and it was enjoyed so much people were asking if there were going to be any more as they had told others about it and they wanted to come and see it.

Last year a new grand piano was purchased for the use of community groups and this year our ensemble performed as part of its 1st anniversary celebrations, along with the local brass band and a variety of vocalists. We also play at our local Australia Day, Harmony Day and Remembrance Day celebrations.

The one thing that we all have in common, the committee and the players, is a love for music and the desire to share it where and when there is an opportunity to do so. In Cooma it is rare to have only one group perform at an event; this is because we have so much talent in town and believe in the old adage "The more the merrier". Members of the ensemble performed for us at the end of the night.



Mark J-N



Ensemble Reps



Ashley C & Rodney Clancey –
Ensemble Conductor

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PEACE THROUGH SERVICE

THREE MINUTER

Katrin H gave us all a demonstration of how to make a peace crane. She provided us with a square piece of paper to copy her example. Not many of us were able to do this (which helped the sergeant's fine session). Our younger guests, including those from the Snowy Mountains Ensemble, were more successful. The peace cranes are keeping in line with the Rotary theme Peace Through Service and were the idea of the District Governor who will be present next week to collect the completed cranes.

Photo Gallery



Madeline & Caitlyn



Caitlyn & Emma



Craysha & Mina



Craysha, Caitlyn & Madeline



Mina & Emma



Madeline & Mina



Tamara & Emma

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Joe V

If we continue to develop our technology without wisdom or prudence, our servant may prove to be our executioner.

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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**

Neil Brown is selling eggs and honey to raise funds for the orphanage in Nepal.

The Snow Much More Fun Run has been cancelled due to a death in the family of Paul and Ange Hart. Our thoughts are with the Hart family at this sad time.

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

In the Rotary Down Under 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

This Weeks Attendance: 33 out of 41 - 80.5%

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: Rodney Clancy & Tamara John-Natley (Mark J-N), Christina (Wolfgang), Maree (Kevin D) Lea (Club), Madeline Rooney, Mina Bradshaw, Emma Ventura, Caitlyn Ventura, Craysha Coote (Club), Georgie (Ashley C)

Apologies: Peter A, Tom B, David B, Graham F, Jim H, Mat T

Leave: John V, Les S

We Also Missed:

**The Rotary Club of Cooma
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PEACE THROUGH SERVICE

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: District Governor - Phil Armstrong Intro: John V Thanks: Mark C	19 Sept - Brenda 26 Sept - Rob S	19 Sept - Rob S

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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