



Peace Through Service

Guest Speakers: Justine McKeogh, Sandra Corby & Steve Mayhew - A Project for Cooma Public School

Intro: Peter A

Thanks: Margaret H C

Our guest speakers this week were representing Cooma Public School (CPS). Justine McKeogh, an Occupational Therapist, described the school as nestled among a strong stone facade and provides a nurturing and protective environment to approximately 200 students ranging from Kindy to Year 6. One of the special aspects of the school is that they provide support and special education classes for children with both physical and emotional needs. The program that is offered is well supported and fully integrated within the school routine but there is room for improvement. Currently the support class is situated at the front of the school where secure fencing is an issue, it lacks equipment and is dangerously close to the road. The children need a room that is safe and designed with a quite space to accommodate those with Sensory Regulatory Disorder who need an area for "sensory breaks" to support their learning. A strong partnership has developed between the school and Monaro Early Intervention Service (MEIS).

MEIS was established in 1997 to provide services for children from birth to school. The core idea is to improve the capabilities of children from 0 - 6 with a disability or development delay and to support these children and their families to integrate into society and provide a smooth transition to school. CPS is the main feeder for MEIS on the Monaro and the staff are well trained for the job.

Our second speaker was Sandra Corby who has 4 children, 3 that register on the Autism Spectrum to various degrees. She shared with us the importance of the MEIS and CPS in their lives. She told us of one of her daughters who at the age of 3 had no communications skills and very limited movement. After being referred to the Sensational Kids Sensory Therapy Clinic in Sydney and receiving treatment this child developed skills to allow her to integrate into mainstream society, the treatment received in Sydney was backed-up with support from MEIS. A couple of the children attend CPS and she said that the support from staff and the willingness to embrace new ideas has provided an environment where children like hers, who in the past would have been considered 'naughty children' are supported and encouraged to be their best.

Sensory Regulatory Disorder appears on the scale of the Autism Spectrum. It is a neurological disorder which results from the brain's inability to respond to various information received from the body's sensory systems, ie. Sight, sound, smell taste and position and movement of the body. Up to 70% of individuals suffer from this disorder at various stages of their life. Today, mainstream schools have an obligation to include all children successfully in school. Research has shown that there are an increasing number of children suffering from disorders on the Autism Spectrum, for example in a school of 200, like CPS, approximately 140 children will be suffering some degree of Autism.

Finally we heard from Principal Steve Mayhew who explained what CPS were trying to achieve for children who needed a specialised environment. He said that in order for these children to cope with the sensory demands of every day they needed somewhere to have a quite break every 90 minutes. If they had somewhere to go outside of the classroom then they could receive the input they needed without disrupting the other children. The school would like to further develop the STICKS program and have 3 sub-stations but to do this he said that they would need to purchase more suitable equipment and relocate the current space. To do this would cost about \$1200 for each sub-station. It would be fair to say that any financial support from the club would be greatly appreciated by the school, parents and children.



President Richard, Steve & Justine



Justine, Hass, Steve & Sandra



Steve & Justine

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THREE MINUTER

None this week.

Photo Gallery



Justine & Sandra



Peter A, Mark C & Steve



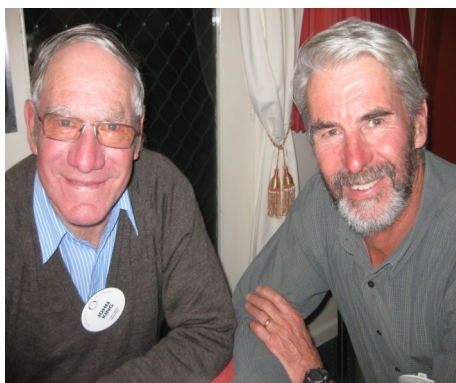
Peter A & Justine



Bill & Ashley C



Wolfgang & Mark J-N



John K & Tony S



Marco, Joe V & Steve S



Neil B & David B

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Tony A

There is a fine line between fishing and just standing on the shore like an idiot.

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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

**Please remember that the meeting on 3rd October 2012 will be held at:
Gordon Litchfield Wool, The Long House, Holland Drive, Polo Flat.
Club catering, BYO.**

Special Note: There will be no Sergeants' Session!

Chris Adams has organised to have Christmas Cakes made locally this year (not the one's in tins). The cost is \$25 for a high quality, great tasting cake and they will be more profitable for the club. Please give your orders to Elaine S, ASAP.

A big thank you to some additional supporters of Club Runner - Walker, Gibbs & King, Marko and Wolfgang.

The current projects in PNG are moving forward with Dave & Oscar Holgate, Garry Prosser and Darrel Gaukroger leaving to assist Peter D with the installation of the water tanks.

Following on from last weeks Three Minuter by Brenda C-B, Margaret E shared with us 'The Story of Scotland'.

You are invited to attend a great night of wine tasting in support of the Cooma Crew's fundraising efforts for the Steven Walter Children's Cancer Foundation (SWCCF). The night will feature 2 winemakers and 12 varieties of wine to taste, as well as food to go with each wine. There will be great lucky door prizes to be won and a couple of special guest celebrity wine tasters!

The Cooma Crew are also taking part in the Around Australia Ride, in support of the SWCCF, which will start in the first week of May 2013. The distance will be around 14000kms and is all tar sealed except for the parts that have been dug up. Each rider is set a fundraising target of \$5000 and pillions a target of \$2500.

For further information go to <http://www.southeastprinting.com.au/around-australia-ride/>

The Cooma Crew are Andrew & Kathy Manthey, Brian & Dale Coyte and Jack & Di Nott.

Details on either of these event can also be obtained from Steve S.

This Weeks Attendance: 31 out of 39 + 2 make-ups - 80.4%

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: Sandra Corby (Peter A), Bill Elder (Dave L), Steve Mayhew, Justine McKeogh, Lea (Club)

Apologies: John C, Kevin D, Jim H, Alison H-J, Brian J, Claire N, Elaine S, Matt T.

Leave: Les S, Peter D, Geoff B.

We Also Missed:

Make-ups: Tony S - East Timor (12/09 & 19/09)

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ROSTERS	OCTOBER	November
Attendance	Katrin Elaine S	Hass Dave L
Property	John C David B	Wolfgang Neil
Fellowship	Margaret E Clair N	Margaret E Clair N
Markets	David H - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Peter A - MR David B - V Neil Hass Kevin Marco	David H - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Katrin - MR John K - V Ken Tom Joe Darrell

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
<p>Guest Speaker: Gordon Litchfield - The Wool Industry</p> <p>Intro: John K</p> <p>Thanks: Ashley C</p>	<p>3 Oct - Matt T</p> <p>10 Oct - Tom B</p> <p>17 Oct - Katrin</p> <p>24 Oct - Mark C</p> <p>31 Oct - Geoff B</p>	<p>3 Oct - Ken D</p>

MEMBER HAPPENINGS

ANNIVERSARIES	BIRTHDAYS	YEARS OF SERVICE
Marco & Marjorie Revelant - 12 years on 18 October	Lea Nickel - 04 October Richard Lawson - 10 October Robert King - 13 October Lou Moore - 20 October Wolfgang Laub - 25 October Margaret Hassall - 28 October	David Byrne - 11 years on 17 October Claire Neumeyer -11 yrs on 31 October
Wolfgang & Christina Laub - 37 years on 20 October	Marilyn Gaukroger wife of Darrell - 17 October Kathy Byrne wife of David - 22 October Joo Slew Kwan wife of Patrick - 29 October	

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