



Peace Through Service

Guest Speakers: Gordon Litchfield & Friends - The Wool Industry

Intro: John K

Thanks: Ashley C

This weeks meeting was held at Gordon Litchfield's Long House wool shed. The premises is about 500sq meters and they moved there in 1994. They opened another store in Yass in 2000. Gordon said that he had what he considered a team business and proceeded to show us around and gave us an explanation of the layout. There were a considerable number of individual cages and he said that those on the left side contained 'pieces', billies and locks and had identification numbers over them, those on the right were for merino wool.

There were about 750 bales of wool in the shed and he explained the processes involved in selling it. We were also shown how a core sample was taken out of each bale, placed in a white box with the individual identification numbers. These samples were then sent away and put up for auction. After the samples have been sold, the wool broker is advised and they then hold the wool until payment is made. Payment usually happens within 7 days. After payment has been made the wool is then sent on to Melbourne or Sydney for shipping to the new owners. Approximately 90% of wool is bought by China. China then sells wool to other places in Asia and to Italy. Before the bales are shipped they are compressed to reduce their size.

Sam Green, a former GSE member who went to New Zealand, then spoke. He said that manufacturers are trying to make wool ultra-light which will make it more suitable for active and sports wear. We were shown several articles of clothing, one of the nicest was a light weight wool suit. Sam said that the old style woollen overcoat that was undoubtedly a bit itchy has gone out of fashion to be replaced with a new lightweight version.

To finish Jim Sidebottom showed a video of wool working. Many of us were fortunate to be presented with wool key rings or a very nice pair of wool socks. It was a very interesting and informative night that provided an insight into the wool industry. Litchfield's is a company that is working for the community and doing an excellent job.

As a final note - that catering this week was done by a Rotary team. They did a wonderful job and we thank them all for their efforts.



Kate Litchfield & a sample wool suit



Gordon Litchfield



Kate & a wool sample

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THREE MINUTER

None this week.

Photo Gallery



Ashley C & The Litchfield Crew



Kate, Simon & Gordon Litchfield



Kate Litchfield & Pres Richard



Des T & Jim Sidebottom



Sam Green



Brenda, Mark J-N, Gordon & John C



Kim & Chris



Gordon, Jim, Maree, Kevin & Chris

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Anon

A man wanted to drown all his sorrows but couldn't get his wife to go swimming.

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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:
Vocational Service**

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

'Back to the Beach' - Rotary District D9710 Annual Conference 2012

Friday 26 October - Sunday 28 October

Batemans Bay and Moruya

Have you made your bookings?

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 that is approximately 85% fruit and weighs in at about 1kg. They will be significantly more profitable for the club. Please give your orders to Elaine S, ASAP.

We are looking forward to hosting the Mississippi GSE Team who will be arriving in Thredbo on Sunday 26th October 2012.

Recently President Richard shared with us the outcomes of the Rotary Bowel Care Scheme of 2012. There were a total of 40,425 kits sold through 682 pharmacies supported by 117 Rotary Clubs. The results as at 30 August were 40,099 clear, 41 carcinomas detected, 209 people with polyps and a further 76 still awaiting outcomes. Out thanks is extended to Hooks Pharmacy in Cooma and the Jindabyne Pharmacy in Jindabyne for being involved and supporting an important health cause.

The coming meeting on 10 October is a Partner Night - so remember to bring your spouse.

This Weeks Attendance: 29 out of 39 + 8 make-ups - 92.5%

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: Georgie (Ashley C), Jeanette (John C), Carol (Tony S), Cameron, Megan & Kim (Chris A), Maree (Kevin D), Irene (Steve S) Christina (Wolfgang), Matthew (Lou M), Gordon, Kate & Simon Litchfield, Sam Green & Jim Sidebottom (Club)

Apologies: Peter A, Mark C, Claire N, Joe V, John V.

Leave: Les S, Peter D, Geoff B, Dave H.

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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: Lea Nickel - Our Current Exchange Student from Germany</p> <p>Intro: David B</p> <p>Thanks: Mark C</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>10 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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