



Peace Through Service

**Guest Speakers: Allan Fjording - Snowy Mountains Christian School -
A New Option for Year 11 & 12 on the Monaro
Intro: Mark J-N Thanks: John c**

This week our guest speaker was Allan Fjording, Principle of the Snowy Mountains Christian School. He was with us to share the new option for Year 11 and 12 SMCS are hoping to implement in 2014. He started by telling us about himself. He was born in Copenhagen, Denmark and he is 3rd generation Fjording. His grandfather decided that he wanted to change the family name from Hansen to Fjord. But to change your name to another family name you had to have permission from the family, so as this permission was not forthcoming it was changed to Fjording instead. Allan moved to Adelaide SA and gained his degree in teaching. His first post was to a small town in Tasmania, after a period of time he moved to Thailand with the brief - make a high school. He left Australia with his wife and returned some years later with his wife and 3 daughters.

SMCS opened in 1997 and has always been determined to provide schooling though to Year 12. The school is affiliated with the Baptist church but it is not a church school, you don't have to be a Baptist to attend. The school is currently in the process of acquiring registration and accreditation to provide year 11 and 12 subjects, with the Board of Studies and Christian Schools Australia. They are proposing 2 different modes of study but both will cover the required 22 units, including 2 units of English, for completing the HSC. Model #1 is called 50/50. This means 1st year is 12 units of year 11 and 2nd year has 10 year 12 units culminating in exams or final pieces of work. This model is the traditional way of studying HSC. Model #2 is Focused. What this means is that 1st year consists of 3 subjects which are studied to completion and 2nd year repeats this with 3 different subjects. The advantage of this model is that the student only has to focus on 3 subjects at a time rather than multiple subject in each year. It has the same quantity and time frame as the 50/50 model but in a different structure. Is it efficient, has a high success rate and reduced stress levels.

The school anticipates supplying a number of face to face classes and a large choice of subjects without impacting on other schools in the area by co-operating with Monaro High to develop a program where students from both schools can have access to subjects of interest and attend both school campuses, Cooma TAFE and the Northern Beaches Christian School (NBCS). The NBCS is Board of Studies accredited and is experienced in offering online courses, it has students from over 80 different schools and has successfully delivered over 1500 courses.

At this point in time Allan foresees that the program they wish to develop will be a combination of both models to ensure the widest choice of subjects are available for students which in turn creates an environment where all students can achieve the outcomes they desire. Whether that is to continue on to university, move into a trade or to join the workforce.



Allan Fjording



Allan & John C



Peter D, Pres Richard & Allan

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3 MINUTER

The 3 Minuter this week was bought to us by Penny Clarke and Tamara John-Natley who attended the RYPEN weekend in September. Penny started by introducing herself and telling us a little about herself. She has lived in Cooma for about 11 years and currently attends Monaro High. She said that what she felt before going to Camp was that she didn't really want to go, she thought it was going to be a waste of time but she was pleasantly surprised. Some of the activities they did were bushwalking, little challenges and a bush dance, which was her favourite activity. Some of the talks were about challenges in life that might come up. Issues included things like depression and how to deal with it or how to help people suffering from it along with other things that might help us in the future. The most memorable talk was one a girl did titled "Life is like a cheese burger...". The group was from all over NSW and were different ages. The coolest person she met was a girl called Eleanor, they could relate to each other and laughed together, plus they were in the same group. At the end of camp they gathered together and talked about the RYPEN experience and certificates and rewards were handed out. Along with the certificate of participation Penny received an award for being the Most Outstanding Student there. She came away from the camp with different expectations of life. She finished by thanking Cooma Rotary for giving her the opportunity to attend RYPEN as it is an experience that she will never forget.

Tamara said - Well first of all I'd just like to thank Rotary for giving me the opportunity to go to RYPEN and meet so many great people and have such a wonderful experience. It was truly a once in a lifetime opportunity and I hope to return next year as a leader and give others the same opportunity and inspiration that the leaders there have given me. So on to what we got up to. The trip up was a nice quiet one, mum and dad got a holiday as a result and Penny and I did as well. To start we had the ice breakers, I forgot to take the advice of wearing shorts ...and as a result the ice breaker involving a spoon and cd was quite interesting...but I wasn't the only one, my entire team was wearing skinny jeans so we weren't exactly victorious in that respect. After all the ice breakers we were in groups and given sheets and a number, we asked every ones opinion on questions then got switched into another group so you were never with the same people twice. It was really interesting to see everyone's different opinions in certain things and discuss why they thought about it like that. Then it was lunch. The food was amazing, really that's all I could say about it and they wanted you to have as much as possible. The first night we had the bush dance and it was so much fun, it was slightly awkward at the start but by the end no one cared and it was just fun. Lights out was 10:30 but most people in my cabin were still having showers at that time let alone asleep, some did regret that in the morning when we had to go for a bush walk and some boys got a rude awakening involving an air horn. So what have I gained from RYPEN? Well it's given me a boost to knowing what it takes to be a leader...it's shown me that anyone, whether you are perfectly normal or have some disability, whether it be mental or physical, you can use that to help others, you can use that to improve someone else's life and that's what being a leader is; helping others and showing them what they can do no matter what stands in the way. That's what I gathered from RYPEN and that's why I hope to return next year...to give others the same opportunity you all gave me.

Photo Gallery



Penny Clarke

Lea, Penny Jan J-N, Mark J-N,
Chris Clarke & Tamara

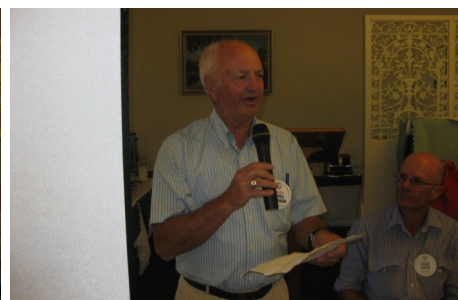
Tamara John-Natley



John C thanking Allan Fjording



David B introducing Penny & Tamara



Darrell G

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Peter D.

If you're not living life on the edge, then you are taking up too much space.

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PEACE THROUGH SERVICE**WE MEET WEDNESDAYS 6.00PM FOR 6.30PM****AT THE SOVEREIGN MOTEL (OPPOSITE KENTUCK), SHARP ST. COOMA****Theme of the Month for Cooma Rotary:
Rotary Foundation****THIS WEEK'S NEWS**

The upcoming meeting on 7 November is the Combined Services Dinner being held at the Cooma Ex-Services Club, Vale Street, please arrive by 6.30pm for 7.00pm start.

The evening is being hosted by the Country Women's Association and the cost is \$30.00 per head.

We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to Katrin H for a job very well done in co-ordinating the visit from the Mississippi GSE team. Well done and thank you.

If anyone left a red bag with 2 paintings in it at the Sovereign Motel on Wednesday night Mark J-N has it. Give him a call 0401 825 875 to get them back.

John K suggested that to raise the profile of the work that Rotary does locally, a logo for when local work is being undertaken be developed. He suggested Rotary International Working Locally or Rotary International Working for Cooma. Any other suggestions would be welcomed.

On Saturday 10 November from 7pm, the Multicultural Activity Group in Cooma (MAGIC) invites you and your family to attend their Diwali, Indian Festival of Lights Celebration. This event is taking place at the Marlborough Motor Inn. All women are encourage to wear a sari. Also could you bring a plate to share. This festival is a great opportunity to celebrate the cultural diversity of our community. For further details or to borrow a Sari contact Yvi Henderson yvi.henderson@monarofss.ngo.org.au Mobile: 0458 523457.

ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE 2013

"Districts 9710 and 6540 are arranging a Friendship Exchange to Northern Indiana for August/September 2013. To find out more about this great travel opportunity contact Steve Shirvington or Ross Power on rossp@iken.com.au

NOTE: The meeting on 14 November will start at the Cooma Hospital at 5.30pm then dinner will be back at the Sovereign Motel.

This Weeks Attendance: 32 out of 41 - 78%

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: Jan & Tamara John-Natley, Penny & Chris Clarke, Allan Fjording & Lea (Club), Heather Willis (Margaret E)

Apologies: Brenda C-B, Ashley C, Mark C, Kevin D, Katrin H, Jim H, Claire N, Elaine S, David H, Matt T.

Leave: None **Make-ups:** None

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ROSTERS	November	December
Attendance	Hass Dave L	Lou Chris
Property	Wolfgang Neil	John V Mark C
Fellowship	Margaret E Clair N	Margaret E Clair N
Markets	David H - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Katrin - MR John K - V Ken Tom Joe Darrell	David H - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Peter D - MR Dave L- V Les Tony Elaine M Brian J

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
Combines Services Dinner Cooma Ex-Service Club 6.30pm for 7.00pm start	N/A	N/A

MEMBER HAPPENINGS

ANNIVERSARIES	BIRTHDAYS	YEARS OF SERVICE
Kevin and Maree Dunne - 12 years on 5 November	Katrin Hackney - 3 November Graham French - 16 November John Mercer - 16 November Alison Holgate wife of David - 6 November Rosemary King wife of John - 12 November Catherine Dodd wife of Alan - 15 November Wendy Holgate partner of Robert King - 16 November Maree Dunne wife of Kevin - 28 November	Patrick Kwan - 13 yrs on 8 November John Vucic - 5 yrs on 14 November Joe Vescio - 3 yrs on 18 November

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