



Peace Through Service

Guest Speaker: Ruth Shanks AM - Country Women's Association at the Combined Services Meeting

The Country Women's Association of NSW was formed in 1922 out of concern for women living on the land, particularly in isolated areas. It was incorporated by an Act of Parliament in 1931. Their motto is "Pride in our Past...Faith in our Future...".

I am sure you all know of many "other" names for the Country Women's Association especially the "Cranky Women's Association". There are a few more and these include:- Caring, Working Angels, Cheese and Wine Association and the best one for today's environment is "Chicks With Attitude" I have been a member of this organisation for 43 years and still gain great enjoyment out of the activities involved with my membership.

Many of you would not know that CWA has an affiliation with an international organisation called The Associated Country Women of the World. This organisation has over 350 member organisations in 75 countries, and this membership represents approximately 9 million women. The alliterative name for this has been suggested as "An Assorted Collection of Wandering Women".

There are nine different areas throughout the world and Australia is part of the South Pacific Area, of which I am President. This means I am on the Board of the organisation and travel to London once a year for a Board meeting. I am into my 3rd year of my second term. Each term is three years.

South Pacific Area ACWW stretches from Western Samoa in the East to Christmas Island in the west, and from Papua/New Guinea in the North to Tasmania in the South. The east-west distance is approximately 8,900 kilometres or 5,500 miles and the north-south distance is approximately 4,000kms or 2,500 miles. I live almost in the centre of this huge area. There are 11 countries involved in ACWW- Samoa, Nuie, Tonga, Kiribatis, Tuvalu, Fiji, Papua/New Guinea, Australia, New Zealand, Christmas Island, and the most recent addition Timor Leste. In all there are 45 societies in our area and approximately 900 individual members.

The island societies are in need of assistance to improve living conditions, health, education etc and the societies in Australia and New Zealand are very supportive of this and fund many projects. Our member societies are also very generous in their support of ACWW with donations to Pennies for Friendship and also Projects being sent every year.

Some of the projects that have been funded recently in the islands include water tanks in Papua/New Guinea, Tuvalu, Fiji, and Tonga, assistance to a pre-school in Mt Hagen for resources etc, a micro-credit scheme also in PNG, Computer and gardening equipment in Samoa and the refurbishment of a kitchen in the Women's Resource Centre in Tonga.

The plans for the projects we fund come from the organisations themselves. They have to present an idea, a very detailed budget and time line and they also have to provide 20% of the budget either with funds or in kind. This gives them ownership of the project and therefore gives them an identity.

In addition to these projects, the organisation funds projects in other parts of the world on the same basis. No government funding is provided to our organisation and therefore fund-raising is an important part of the members' ongoing initiative. None of the members of the Board are paid, all their work is voluntary.

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As part of the evening we also heard from representatives of the Country Women's Association, Cooma Day VIEW club, Cooma Lion's Club and our own President Richard.

Barbara Scanes, President of the Cooma CWA shared with us significant events of their year. February saw various members take prizes in the cooking, handicraft and produce sections in the various local Agriculture Shows. March saw them providing food for the Relay for Life, 1st year Medical Students from ANU and Canberra University. In May two members travelled to Blacktown to attend the 90th AGM and Conference of the CWA. At the end of June they held their annual Curry Luncheon with over 130 people attending. The profits from this event were donated to the Cooma Men's Shed. And September they celebrated CWA Awareness day with a sausage sizzle which was supported by the Cooma Lions Club. This year it was also decided that each branch in NSW would have an honorary member for 12 months and it was decided that Jane Redmond the local women's health and breast care nurse was to be the lucky person. Jane received the honour with pride. Along with the Men's Shed, the CWA also donate monies to the Salvation Army, St Vincent De Paul, Cooma Monaro Library, Coins for Friendship, Medical Research, Cooma P & A Society for Junior prizes in cooking and they also provided education grants to four primary schools and education vouchers to the Secondary school and members volunteer their time to the Kiosk at Cooma Hospital. Barbara finished by wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Marilynne Weston President of the Cooma VIEW Day club said 2012 was again a busy year for us beginning with our AGM and Australia Day BBQ Lunch held at Buckenderra – a really lovely setting with Host Terri catering to our every need. In April, Cooma Day celebrated its 25th anniversary, with members from ACT and surrounding clubs, namely Yass and Goulburn joining us. The cutting of the Birthday cake was shared by seven of the inaugural members, who are members of our club today. Even though we've had a harsh winter, our numbers at meetings have remained stable, averaging 31. Our membership remains at 50. During the year, several members attended meetings at ACT clubs, which we find very informative and it is all in the name of friendship. Many of us also attended the Gala in May which is about all clubs combining to enjoy a day of fun and frivolity and of course raising money for TSF.

Again we have donated book vouchers to Cooma Monaro Shire schools for their presentation nights, as well as providing emergency packs for children of Domestic Violence, both of which are ongoing. We have donated stationary packs to The Smith Family, forwarded cheques to them for their Disadvantaged Children assistance scheme, as well as our club continuing the sponsorship of two Learning for Life children. These 2 boys are giving us a lot of satisfaction as we can see the improvement in their writing and their grammar, from when we took them on four years ago. We catered for an afternoon tea for Monaro Crisis Accommodation, with them donating money to the VIEW Club which we will spend on more packs. We also catered for an afternoon tea at Sir William Hudson Memorial centre. March saw our club take the train trip to Chakola and return to the station where we were supplied with a delightful lunch. A surprise at the conclusion was an impromptu performance from Robert Shearer who just happened to be nearby. Another pleasant surprise was looking over the renovated home and B&B at 1 Cromwell Street after owner Steve Allen was our guest speaker. What a delight and another treasure for Cooma. As this is my final year as President of Cooma Day VIEW Club I wish the incoming committee all the very best for the future and many thanks to my club for giving me the opportunity to serve both TSF (The Smith Family) and my local community.

President Richard spoke about the roots of Rotary, how it was founded in 1905 by Paul Harris in Chicago USA. He said that there are about 1.2 million members worldwide in 34,000 clubs located in 220 different countries. He described the core values which are Service, Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity and Leadership. The Cooma Rotary Club was chartered in 1953. He described the projects that the club are currently involved in. Some of which are Rotary Oval & Norris Park, the fitness stations which are in place at various place around Cooma and the specialised equipment for children at the Cooma Primary School. He also mention some of the overseas project like the water upgrade projects in Papua New Guinea, the Rotary Youth Exchange Program and the Group Study Exchange Program.

We enjoyed a presentation by the Yamaga students who are from Cooma's sister city in Japan. These young people are guest of the Lion Club and along with entertaining us they presented small gifts as well.

There is no report from the Lions Club.

Photo Gallery



Advertising created by students at Cooma Primary School.



Irene, Ken D & Elaine M



John K, Graham F & Mark J-N



Promoting ourselves locally

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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

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

The fundraising BBQ held last weekend in support of the Cooma Primary School project raised over \$2000. We had 25 Rotarians and some of their partners join us. Congratulations and many thanks to you all.

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 it back.

Cheers for Cures, a Cancer Council Fundraising event being held at the Snowy Mountains Christian School, Baroona Street, Cooma on Sunday 18 November. This musical afternoon starting at 3.00pm is being hosted by Tamara John-Natley and Jasey Fjording. Featuring piano and violin solos, duets and the Madmincramar Quartet. Tickets at the door \$10 Adults, Children by gold coin including a light afternoon tea.

If you can't make it to the performance you can still support the cause at

<http://nsw.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/Maralyse>

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

The Annual General Meeting is to be held on 21 November 2012 instead of 28 November.

President Elect Margaret H is still seeking expressions of interest from anyone wishing to fill the Secretary role.

3 MINUTER

None this week due to the Combined Services Dinner.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Anon

A man might be smart if he can estimate a woman's age correctly, but he is not very bright if he communicates it.

This Weeks Attendance: 27 out of 33 - 71%

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: Lea, Rob & Carol - Snowy Echo (Club), Heather Willis (Margaret E), Sonya Vucic (John V), Barbara Chandler (Elaine M), Georgie Constance (Ashley C), Mary Hatfield (Jim H),

Apologies: Matt T, Elaine S, Steve S, Graham F, Peter D, David B, Tom B, Peter A, Les S.

Leave: Joe Vescio

We Also Missed: Chris A.

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 |
|---|---------------|---------------------|
| Guest Speaker: Matt Towing Intro: Steve S Thanks: Graham F | Marco R | Margaret H |

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 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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