



Peace Through Service

Annual General Meeting 2012

This week was our Annual General Meeting. Treasurer Marco handed out a copy of the club's financial account which was found to be in good order - well done Marco. (Funds will have increased with the amount of fines Steve S received recently).

Also the process of election for next year's office bearers was held. The outcomes were:

- President Elect 2013 - 14 Margaret Hassall
- Immediate Past President Richard Lawson
- President Nominee 2014 - 15 Peter Davis
- Secretary - Katrin Hackney
- Foundation - Richard Lawson
- Treasurer - Marco Revelant
- Community Service - Elaine Schofield
- New Generations - Steve Shirvington
- International Service - Patrick Kwan
- Vocational Service - Elaine Mooney

We thank the nominees for agreeing to take on these positions.

The cancellation of the Rotary Meeting for 26 December 2012 and 2 January 2013 was ratified.



Exchange Student Lea presenting a banner to President Richard



President Elect Margaret (Hass) Hassall



President Nominee 2014 - 15 Peter Davis

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3 MINUTER

The 3 minuter this week was by Mark J-N and he shared with us 5 things about himself. He went to Geelong Grammar as a boarder from Year 7 to 10, he was a boy soprano in their choir. During that time he also had the opportunity to attend Timbertop which is the school's outdoor education year. He learnt survival skills such as orienteering, bush craft and even how to make an igloo. Throughout this year they spent all weekends in Summer and Autumn hiking in the Victorian high country and through the Bogong high plains, across Mt Feathertop along with a variety of other places. Another experience their was to spend 5 days with 3 other boys all aged around 15 hiking and camping on their own in the Victorian Alps. At the end of the year he completed a marathon. Timbertop was where Prince Charles spent some time when he was sent out to Australia as a young man.

His first job at age 14 was at McDonalds in Burwood, which was the 1st McDonalds in Australia. He won Cadet of the Month - this was the start of his love of cooking and the food industry which he ended up involved in for about 25 years.

His grandmother, Joan Roberts, was a Dame of the British Empire. This was awarded to her for her work with disabled children and adults in the 1960's an 70's and the fundraising that she did. The monies that she help raise went into the creation of the Spastic Society (as it was known then) which become the Yooralla Society. It is a place where people can go to work and socialise and be given tools to enable them to function in society. It also gave their families a respite from the responsibilities of 24/7 caring. She was also one of Australia's first female biochemists. She taught him that it was more important to do for others than yourself, so when he was asked to join Rotary it just seemed right.

At the age of 39 he decided it was time for a change of career. He became a milkman for a short time working through the night, it was a good experience but he decided it was not for him. He then went on to join a company that repaired baths, sinks and benches. The job involved colour matching and airbrushing the repairs. While on-site one day doing a job in a new estate in Melbourne he was involved in a work place accident which nearly killed him, obviously it didn't but it did nearly break his back. He was crushed between his work vehicle and a moving vehicle. This lead to lots of rehab, post traumatic stress disorder and almost the end of his marriage. He now manages the condition everyday being careful how he moves and being hyperaware when he lifts.

Following this trauma, at the age of 40 he did what he wanted to do as a boy, and got a mechanics apprenticeship with someone he knew who had a small mechanical workshop in Mornington. He worked 3 weeks in the shop and went to TAFE for a week and completed his schooling component in 18 months instead of the usual 3 years. He completed his apprenticeship in 2 1/2 years instead of the usual 4. He was signed out as qualified just before his 43rd birthday. It was around this time that his wife, Jan, completed her university degree and was offered a graduate placement with a federal government department in Canberra. So they decided to relocate 700 odd KMs to Cooma to start a new phase in their lives.

3 Minuter Photo Gallery



Mark J-N



Marco R



Mark C



Tom B



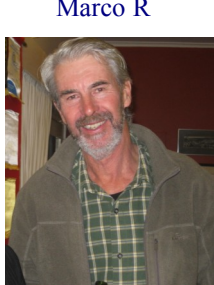
Geoff B



Brenda C-B



Katrin



Tony S



David B



Darrell G



Penny & Tamara on RYPEN



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Des T

Life is like a box of chocolates - about half way through it you realise you are putting on weight.

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**WE MEET WEDNESDAYS 6.00PM FOR 6.30PM
AT DODDS HOTEL, COMMISSIONER ST. COOMA**

**Theme of the Month for Cooma Rotary:
Rotary Foundation**

THIS WEEK'S NEWS**ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE 2013**

Here is an opportunity for Rotarians to travel to Indiana USA with Rotary Friendship Exchange:

As you know, D9710 Rotary Friendship Exchange group will be hosting a group of 10 to 12 Rotarians from D6540 Indiana USA after the International Conference in Sydney in June 2014. They would like our district to visit them in 2013. I am urgently seeking the names of any Rotarians who are interested in travelling to US next year, preferably late August to early September.

The exchange involves travelling to Indiana at own cost where the Rotarians will then host our group for 2 weeks in home hosting arrangements with lots of sightseeing etc as well as attending some Rotary meetings. Most people would make the trip as part of a longer trip, perhaps to the US.

Contact Steve Shirvington or Ross Power on rossp@iken.com.au to give names or seek further details.

Margaret reminded us to save up our 5 cents to contribute to the 5 cent challenge.

Elaine S advised that there is a Country Music Muster to be held on Easter Sunday 2013. She will need volunteers to person the BBQ.

We would like to express our thanks to Kevin and Sharon McLachland and Paula Burns at the Sovereign for hosting the meetings while we were seeking another permanent venue.

NOTE: THE MEETINGS ARE BACK AT DODDS HOTEL, COMMISSIONER STREET, COOMA - 6PM FOR 6.30PM START

This Weeks Attendance: 33 + 6 make-ups 39 out of 40 - 97.5% (Port please Pres Richard)

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: Maree (Kevin D)

Apologies: Chris A, Peter A, David B, Lou, Darrel G, Wolfgang

Leave: Joe V.

We Also Missed: Claire N

Make-ups: Graham F, Peter A, David B, Darrel G, Katrin H (31/10 GSE), Des T (14/11 BBQ).

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ROSTERS	December	January
Attendance	Lou Chris	Tom Elaine M
Property	John V Mark C	Lou Patrick
Fellowship	Margaret E Clair N	Margaret E Clair N
Markets	David H - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Peter D - MR Dave L- V Les Tony Elaine M Brian J	David H - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA

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
Verity Jackson - Alzheimer's Australia Intro - Dave H Thanks - Elaine M	Donna Saddler - GSE Representative Margaret E - 5 December	Jim 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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