



Peace Through Service

Guest Speaker: Chris Adams - Scotland Trip

Intro: John C

Thanks: Brenda C-B

Our guest speaker this week was Chris Adams who shared with us his recent experience at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo. He attended his first Military Tattoo in 1975 when his family were travelling in the UK. In 1976 when the family returned to Australia he was playing a variety of instruments in the Kiama Silver Band when Adrian Shepherd, who was the side drummer in the brass band, said he was thinking of starting up a pipe band in Kiama and was Chris interested. That was when he started learning the pipes, when Chris left Kiama to move to Nimmitabel he was the Pipe Major.

Chris shared with us the first 8 minutes of the event (on DVD) in which the combined Pipes and Drum Corps opened the event. The Edinburgh Military Tattoo celebrated its 63rd anniversary this year, which was also the Queen's diamond jubilee year so the theme of the Tattoo was diamonds. One of the formations they did was a "sort of" diamond consisting of 200 pipers and 150 drummers. They had 2 sets, the march on and the static. There were 14 bands representing the Commonwealth, each one attends by invitation only. This was the second visit for the Canberra Pipes & Drums and they have been invited back for the 2014 event and they are going to Canada next year. Whilst there the visiting non-military bands were accommodated at Edinburgh University, which is a really old building.

Before arriving for the event they had about 21 pieces of music to learn, 8 for the march on, 6 for the static set and another 6 or 7 for their final set. They get the music about 10 weeks before the event and there were several bands that had pipers and drummers rejected. During rehearsals the Brigadier and the Pipe Major come around and if you are not up to scratch you are out. Only the best of the best get to perform. They went over about the 25th July and met in Edinburgh on 28th followed by 4 days of rehearsals during which they had to work through the Tattoo 4 times each day. So by the performance time they weren't too bad, over a two week period there were 26 performances with only 3 damp evenings. It was a totally amazing experience. There was plenty of time during the day for sight-seeing as the show was on at night. On one day they were bussed to Glasgow for a special performance of a mini Tattoo.

Chris noted the Edinburgh has a lot of old buildings and some really great sea-food but accommodation was really expensive.



Chris A



Brenda B-C, Chris & Cameron



Chris A and Lea



David B, Dave H & Les S

Rotary Cooma has always been a great supporter of our local schools and we have recently been in conversation with the Snowy Mountains Christian School to work towards initiating a leadership award. With the support of Principal Allan Fjording it was decided to launch the Dave Holgate Perpetual Leadership Award which recognises the leadership qualities of a student at the school. Les S and David B took great pleasure in presenting Dave with a plaque that will be inscribed with the recipients name.

In typical Dave fashion he was quite pleased but very modest about the honour. He describes himself as a follower not a leader but he is a leader who "guides from the side" as he works along side others.

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3 MINUTER

The 3 Minuter this week was presented by Margaret E. She decided that she should start at the end instead of the beginning which was when she and her late husband came to live in Cooma. It was her husband's choice, he was Spanish and they had been living in Spain for 4 years, from 1985 to 1989 when they decided to return to Australia because their children were living here. They were living in a unit at Warrick Farm and he said that they wouldn't be there forever so where would you like to go and she said I don't know where would you like to go and he said what about Cooma and she said Cooma - where is Cooma? He knew more about it than she did. So they came to Cooma and arrived under Police escort because the lights on their truck weren't working. When they arrived in Cooma they knew no-one and she heard about a walking club so she decided to join it. Of the original 20 members there are only 3 left the rest are either dead or in nursing homes but she is still going strong. She also started working at Vinnie's and then at the nursing home doing voluntary work.

Now we will return to the start - she was born in Sydney but spent her first 6 years in Caloundra. During the Depression her parents lost their farm so they had to move to Sydney and they ran a boarding house. During the school holidays her father was connected to the Far West Children's Home so when she was 13, 14, 15 she went to visit with children who had been brought down from the country with Polio and they were taken down to Manly beach and she would read them stories, she had a lovely time during that time of her life.

She took up ballet and ice-skating, she skated at the Glaciarium in Sydney - which has the cold stores underneath. When she was 16 she turned professional because the male teachers had to join the Army so they were very short of teachers, so she was asked to become a teacher and she said yes. At the age of 18 she was able to go to England and skate in ice-shows there. The first show she skated in was in Brighton, near by was a little village called Hove which housed service men who had been badly injured and had suffered burns in the War. These men would come to the ice-shows to listen to the skating and the music (many of them couldn't see due to their injuries) but they enjoyed themselves none-the-less. They also moved around the UK and she saw her first snow in Edinburgh in Scotland. It was funny that even though she skated she had never seen snow. The next show was in London, there was a lot of bombing going on but Margaret had very little interest in the War because when she was back in Australia it was a case of we are here and the War is over there. They did go and see some of the areas that had been bombed and it was heart breaking to see the amount of damage. After the final show in London she went to Spain. Her parents nearly had a fit because Franco was in power, it was a Catholic country and they thought all sorts of horrible things would happen to her, but they didn't. After returning to London she went to Germany, which was really interesting as the country was totally bombed, you wondered where people could live but they came out from underground, well dressed the shops were opening, life continued & they skated there. One adventure was when she boarded the wrong train, at that time Berlin was divided into zones, the American zone, the Russian zone, the French zone and the British zone. She & a friend boarded a train that they thought would take them to the outdoor skating rink but instead of going where they it was going, it was headed to the Russian zone instead. They were quite scared and thought they might not make it back. They got off at the next station and approached the station master, not knowing whose side he was on, he assisted them to get on the next train which brought them back to the American zone. At the end of the show she returned to London, where during non-skating time, as they could only get contracts for as long as the shows ran, she worked in restaurants and wherever she could get work until the next show started. Finally she returned to Spain, fell in love, got married eventually returned to Australia and ended up in Cooma, which brings us back to where we started. She has raised 4 children, now has 6 grand children and 7 great grand children. She enjoyed the voluntary roles that she has done & joined Rotary not for what Rotary could do for her but for what she could do for Rotary.

Photo Gallery



Margaret E



Tony S & Lea



Peter D, Les S & Robb S

Ashley C, Georgie,
Brenda C-B & Jim H

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Robb S

The evil that me do lives after them, the good is often interred with their bones.

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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:
Family**

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

For those who ordered Christmas Cakes - they will be available for payment & collection on the 12th & 19th December.

Dugald shared with us some information on membership. Firstly it is declining world wide, we currently have 42 members with 3 applicant in the pipeline and the committee is discussing items relating to being in Rotary.

He also wanted to congratulate those who were instrumental in the planting of trees at the Rotary Oval - well done they look awesome.

David B asked if anyone knew of someone who might be interested in attending the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) to be held at Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation Centre, Tamworth, NSW from the 27th April to the 4th May 2013, unfortunately the person who was going to attend has had to drop out so we have a vacancy.

Kevin D offered best wishes and congratulations to Tony S for his upcoming retirement after successfully practicing dentistry in Cooma for the past 36 years.

Darrell G reminded us that the Christmas Party is to be held at the Alpine Hotel on 19 December and he needs to know who is attending by 12th December. The cost is \$25/head and it will feature a presentation on the Papua New Guinea trip.

Steve S is seeking information, stories and pictures with names, from the past 60 years of Rotary in Cooma which will be compiled into a publication to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Club in December 2013.

Please note that the Rotary Bar is only open between 6.00pm and 6.30pm - we can make no exceptions.

This Weeks Attendance: 33 out of 40 - 83%

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: Lea (Club), Maree (Kevin D), Irene S (Steve S), Patricia Cheetham (Dave H), Fiona C (Mark C)
Jan & Tamara J-N (Mark J-N), Elizabeth Mendes (Tony S), Georgie C (Ashley C), Kym, Cameron & Megan A and Yvonne Barnes (Chris A),

Apologies: Margaret H, Lou M, Graham F, Katrin H, Richard L, Matt T.

Leave: Joe V.

We Also Missed: None

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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
Robert Shearer - Local Opera Intro - Neil B Thanks - Mark J-N	John C	Steve S

MEMBER HAPPENINGS

ANNIVERSARIES	BIRTHDAYS	YEARS OF SERVICE
Mark & Janine John-Natley - 15 years on 14 December Tony & Carol Slater - 43 years on 20 December Chris & Kim Adams - 12 years on 24 December Brian & Alyson Hulley-Jeffries - 38 years on 28 December Darrell & Marilyn Gaukroger - 12 years on 30 December Lou & Elaine Moore - 5 years on 31 December	Les S - 4 December Mark J-N - 9 December John C - 10 December Judy Trute wife of Des - 5 December Jeannette Clarke wife of John - 8 December Elaine Moore wife of Lou - 18 December Carol Slater wife of Tony - 21 December Lainie Lawson wife of Richard - 30 December	Matt T - 2 years on 1 December Richard L - 14 years on 7 December Elaine M - 8 years on 16 December

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