



Peace Through Service

Guest Speakers: Peter Hendy - Liberal Candidate Eden Monaro

Intro: Kevin D

Thanks: Tony S

Our guest speaker tonight was Peter Hendy, the Liberal Candidate for the Eden Monaro Shire. He understands that the position of Rotary is non-political so he has chosen to share with us some facets of his life.

He has lived in the region for about 30 years, he came down in the January of 1983 for work. He has been living happily with his wife Bronwyn and two children Caroline and Patrick in Queanbeyan for the past 12 years. Bronwyn is a music teacher and she teaches in Queanbeyan and is a former ABC TV journalist and executive producer for the 7.30 Report but decided that she didn't want to do that any more so she went to music teaching. His daughter Caroline is 16, beautiful, intelligent and a black belt in Karate, she is part of the national squad and will be going to the world championships this year. His son Patrick who is 15 and is into robotics participated with a mate in a schools robotic competition called "Dancing Robots" where you program robots to move to music. They were the ACT national champions and they came second overall in Australia. The boys were also invited to be representatives in the world championships this year.

As for himself, Peter grew up in a small business family, both his parents were Pharmacists. He found that growing up in a small business family instils certain values, such as perseverance, hard work and self reliance. He has based his life and his career on those values. He chose not to do pharmacy at university but studied economics instead. He got a first class honours degree and was picked-up as a cadet for the Federal Treasury in 1983. He not only worked for Treasury but also spent sometime in Sydney in the Cabinet office of the NSW government, also known as the Premiers Department. He has also done time in the private sector running his own business as an economic consultant and also been the CEO of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI). As the CEO part of his role was to oversee the processes for the four main tasks of the ACCI which are education and training, taxation, international trade and industrial relations. The other thing he has done in his career is that he has held various positions in politics as a Chief of Staff for various Cabinet Ministers. He realised the responsibility of this position when working for the Minister for Defence on the day it was decided to send Australian troops to Afghanistan following the 9/11 attack. As an economist and expert on taxation issues he was quite outspoken regarding the Howard governments ideas on taxation and to try to get him to "see the light", Peter Costello appointed him and Dick Warburton to undertake a review of taxation and hopefully come to the conclusion, with the assistance of Treasury, that Australia did not need tax reform. Peter and Dick produced a review on "International Comparison of Australian Taxation System." Overall we have a pretty good system compared to some others but there is still a number of things to do to make it better. He has also spent time working overseas in Bahrain. He was headhunted to go and work over there for the Crown Prince who ran the Economic Development Board. He was made Executive Director of Public Sector reform - or so he thought but once he came to understand how things worked he decided to keep his integrity intact, resigned and returned to Australia.

The final thing he shared with us of which he is quite proud is that he was Director of the Australian Made Australian Grown campaign, the kangaroo in the triangle label, which has been very successful in promoting Australian goods both here and overseas.



Peter Hendy



Tony S & Peter

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Three Minuter

The three minuter this week was presented by Patrick K and he shared with us a little about Chinese New Year. This year the Chinese New Year started on 10 February and is the Year of the Snake. As the Chinese use the Lunar calendar for their festivals the date of the New Year changes. The date corresponds to the new or black moon in either late January or early February. In 1914 China took on the western calendar (the new calendar) but still make reference to the Chinese calendar (the old calendar)

Chinese New Year is the main festival and biggest celebration of the year but it is not a religious festival. Chinese New Year is also known as the Spring Festival and the celebrations usually last for 15 days. One tradition is the giving of lucky money in red envelopes. Children get lucky money from their parents and from their elders and married adults. Single people do not give red envelopes. Employers also give red packets to their staff at the first day of work commencing in the New Year.

According to legends, the beginning of Chinese New Year started with a fight against a mythical beast called the Nian. The Nian would come on the first day of the new year and eat livestock, crops and even people. The villagers would put out food for the Nian in the hope that after eating the food it wouldn't eat the livestock, crops or people. One time it was observed that Nian was frightened away by a child wearing red and the people understood that Nian was afraid of the colour red. This is why red lanterns and red scrolls are hung from windows and doors. Fire crackers are also used to scare the Nian away. There is a New Year Eve celebration. This is the time to have family reunions and enjoy a good night. People will not go to sleep until after the beginning of the year and say that by staying awake means they will treasure every minute of the year. It also expresses a wish for a long life for their parents.

Photo Gallery



Geoff B, Margaret E & Robb S



Chris & Kim



Peter, Dave L & Darrell



Margaret E



Elaine M & Neil B



Lou M

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Steve S

A fellow that agrees with everything you say is either a fool or getting ready to skin you.

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

**ROTARY'S THEME OF THE MONTH
World Understanding**

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

This months market had 43 stalls providing a profit of \$1,942 plus the Coffee Van raised \$600.

John C attended the AGM of the Snowy Mountains Christian School Interact Club. Tamara John-Natley has been elected president for 2013. Congratulations Tamara, and happy 16th birthday from the Club.

Our turn catering for Blazeaid is coming up on 2nd to 8th March. Elaine S is still seeking volunteers so if you can find the time please contact her by email aineepv@hotmail.com or phone 6452 5925. Offers to prepare the food to be taken out would also be appreciate. Our time and effort is really appreciated by the Blazeaid volunteers.

The meeting on 6th March is a Club Assembly and there will be an Agenda for the night. Anyone wishing to put forward an Agenda item needs to have it to Margaret H by 28th February.

It was with great sadness that we said farewell to Past President Chris, his lovely wife Kim and the rest of the Adams family. This meeting was their last before they move to Wollongong. Their contribution to fundraising through the coffee van has amassed over \$20,000 and we acknowledge this great effort. We wish them all the best for the future and look forward to catching up whenever they are back in Cooma.

We currently have 2 Ambassadorial Scholars in the district. They are Jacob Baxter who is a USA army officer studying post grad maths at ANU and Atsuh Nishikata from Japan who is studying post grad accountancy at ANU. If there is positive feedback from the Club we can invite one or both gents to visit and speak to us, it is expected they will speak to at least 10 clubs in the district. Steve S has contact details and perhaps could make arrangements.

Rotary Inspirational Women's Awards Dinner will be held on 8 March - International Women's Day - in Sydney. District 9710 has 4 nominees who should be supported and there will be the opportunity to recognize many inspirational women at the dinner. Details are on the District website or go to the booking site: <http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=37442>

This Weeks Attendance: 26 + 4 make-ups out of 39 – 76.9%

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: Peter Hendy & Kenneth Ganya (Club), Andrea Coss (Steve S), Maree (Kevin D), Kim (Chris A)

Apologies: Brenda C-B, Ashley C, Mark c, Jim H, Claire N, Dave L, Dave H, Pres Richard, Matt T

Leave: Graham F, Peter A

We Also Missed: David B

Make-ups: None

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ROSTERS	March	April
Attendance	Katrin John K	Robb Des
Property	John C Geoff	Neil Les
Fellowship	Margaret E Clair N	Margaret E Clair N
Markets	David H - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Peter A - MR John K - V John C Les Elaine S Peter D	David H - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Mark J-N - MR Wolfgang - V Patrick Darrell Elaine M Ken

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 7am. 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: Paige Coapstick - Teaching Grad from Indiana Uni Intro - Steve S Thanks - Mark J-N	27 February - Lou M 6 March - Club Assembly	27 February - Geoff B 6 March - Club Assembly

MEMBER HAPPENINGS

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	YEARS OF SERVICE
Elaine M - 25 February Irene Shirvington wife of Steve - 23 February	Jim & Mary Hatfield - 5 February Des & Judy Trute - 5 February Claire & Hans Neumeyer - 7 February David & Kathy Byrne - 27 February	There are no listed Years of Service for this month.

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