



Peace Through Service

Guest Speaker: Medical Students from ANU

Intro: Lola Radnoti from ANU

Thanks: Ashley C

Our guests this week were the 5 visiting medical students from the Australian National University. ANU provides 2 opportunities a year for 1st year medical students to work in a rural environment and also to get a taste of what it is like to live in a rural area.

Benjamin Loel thanked the club for welcoming them all. He is 20 and was born in Brisbane, he arrived in Canberra 6 weeks ago and now finds himself in Cooma. His first degree is in science specialising in physiology. He said the week so far has been insightful. He is passionate about science and medicine offers a unique opportunity to pursue his interest and also to mix with unique individuals. The active participation of a rural practitioner appeals and Dr Wiles presented an amazing perspective of the rural practitioner, showing a unique work/life balance and being involved in the community. He would like to come back in 3rd year for his full year rotation.

Danielle Dries who is 25 and is already in the health field having completed an undergraduate degree in physiotherapy. She has come to us from Perth via 6 years in the USA and some time in Canberra. She has also experienced a rural environment having completed her degree in Albury. She loves the country and how involved in the community you can become, she spent a number of years as the sports trainer for the Holbrook Football Club in rural Victoria. She spent the last year at Sydney's Royal North Shore hospital and has changed to medicine so she can become more involved in rural and remote community medicine. She said yes she could do this as a physio but medicine offers greater scope, particularly considering her interests in Indigenous health.

Danielle McGufficke grew up in Canberra but spent a lot of time in Braidwood on her Pop's property. She has an Arts undergraduate degree studying languages, history with a bit of science on the side as she knew she was always going to study medicine. She loves science and likes the idea of being able to make a visible contribution to a community. She is going to be a rural GP, her mum is a nurse who has worked at Cooma Hospital and her sister is about to graduate as a paramedic. Her family boasts a variety of medical professionals and she is looking forward to adding to that number.

Madelaine Howard was born and bred in suburban Melbourne. She is the oldest of 3 and the 1st to go into a medical career. She has always wanted to be a doctor and is looking forward to the journey this desire will take her on. Her interests include diving, cooking, singing and working with children - helping them become the best they can be.

Nicolas Grandjean-Thomsen was born in Brazil to an Indonesian mother and Danish father. His parents had immigrated to Brazil and then decided to move to Australia. He is already a qualified mechanical engineer and has worked for a couple of years. His decision to study medicine is based on his love of science and its applications. He said doctors have a really special role and can become an integral part of the community. He has seen this week that in a rural community everyone gets involved and wears different hats. He said ANU wants their students to understand rural communities are special and how special the role of medicine is and this is not something that is really seen in cities. He also thanked us for our hospitality.



Danielle D & Geoff B



Elaine M & Danielle M



Benjamin & Darrell G



The Students



Danielle & Wesley



Madelaine & John K



Brian & Nicolas

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3 Minuter

Our sergeant Peter D presented the 3 Minuter this week, he chose to enlighten us regarding the evolution of bush fire fighting.

Up to the mid 1970's the standard uniform of the bush fire fighter was jeans, a bush hat, a short sleeve shirt and a gum tree branch. There were no mobile phones and even radios were few and far between. Our vehicles were petrol driven and pretty dangerous in a fire. The turnout was rather ad hoc - you would see smoke, show up if you could find the fire and fight it with your gum tree branch. If you couldn't find it you would stand around having a yarn until you felt like going home.

In the late 1970's things evolved dramatically. Cooma Shire Council hired a paid fire control officer supported by a volunteer 2IC (Peter was the first). They invested in beautiful trucks costing about \$2,000,000 with all the safety gadgets you could imagine. This then meant that volunteers needed to be trained and it led to the development of specialists in fields such as communications, truck driving, plant operating and aviation.

As an aviation air observer Peter gets to spend up to 7 hours a day in a \$2M squirrel helicopter carrying out tasks such as fire mapping, spotting fires, organising other aircraft to come in and do particular jobs and surveying fallback lines. The positives to come from being able to use aircraft to fight fires include saving property by dropping fire retardant, knowing where people are needed and being able to put people into inaccessible areas which would have taken a number of hours to hike to.

By using money and technology we now do what we used to do with a gum tree branch.

He is very proud to be a volunteer member of the NSW Rural Fire Authority.

Photo Gallery



Peter D fire fighting uniform 1



Darrell G fire fighting uniform 2



Ashley C



Mark C & Steve S



Pres Richard & Lola Radnoti



Room with a view

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Elaine M

A good deed no matter how small is worth more than the grandest good intention.

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

ROTARY'S THEME OF THE MONTH
Literacy

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Combined meeting with the Chamber of Commerce on 17 April any items you want on the discussion list need to be to Steve S by 3 April so the agenda can be organised.

Rotary 5 Peaks Challenge is on 21 April 2013 for all those bicycle riders in Rotary and also the invitation is extended to their friends, colleagues and acquaintances. For more information, and to register, go to www.rotaryrides.org.au

Margaret H has called for a meeting of the 60th Anniversary committee on 3rd April at 5.00pm.

David & Kathy Byrne thought we might like to see their room with a view.
They were recently staying at hotel Lago Grey on a lake in the Torres del Paine national park Chile.
They have a room with a view straight down the lake and can see a glacier in the distance. Ice bergs on the beach and 2500m high mountains on the side.

This Weeks Attendance: 31 out of 42 = 73.81%

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: Danielle McGufficke, Wesley Jones, Danielle Dries, Madelaine Howard, Benjamin Loel, Nicolas Grandjean-Thomsen, Lola Radnoti (Club), Maree (Kevin D), Georgie C (Ashley C)

Apologies: Neil B, John C, Jim H, Lou M, Claire N, Dave L, Brenda C-B

Leave: Chris A, Peter A, David B, Des T

We Also Missed:

Make-ups: Margaret E, Elaine S, Ashley C, Brenda C-B

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ROSTERS	April	May
Attendance	Neil B Dave L	
Property	Claire N Les	
Fellowship	Margaret E Claire N	Margaret E Claire N
Markets	David H - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA John K - MR Wolfgang - V Patrick Darrell Elaine M Ken D	

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: Steve S - Using the Rotary Web Site Intro: Mark J-N Thanks: Kevin D	3 April - Brian J 10 April - Margaret H	3 April - Mark C 10 April - Mark J-N

MEMBER HAPPENINGS

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	YEARS OF SERVICE
Des T - 15 April Geoff B - 17 April	Dave & Trish L - 20 April	Steve S - 3 April 1998 - 15 years

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