



Peace Through Service

Guest Speaker: Combined Meeting with the Cooma Chamber of Commerce

This week we had a combined meeting with the Cooma Chamber of Commerce. President Richard opened the meeting by stating the Rotary and the Chamber of Commerce need to support each other for the good of Cooma's broader community.

David Shelley the spokesperson for the Chamber of Commerce shared with us some of their areas of focus. These include:

- That they are a business focus organisation;
- Their role is to create a strong, vibrant business community to contribute to the overall health of the greater community;
- How can they change the priorities of Cooma in terms of looking to increase external trade and support the sustainability of existing businesses;
- The issue of there only being room in town for a limited number of similar businesses;
- The fact that visitors comment on how vibrant Cooma is in comparison to other places of a similar size; and
- We have businesses that support ongoing local employment.

Katrin H shared Rotary's focus. Which covered the 3 levels of Rotary:

- Rotary International is the highest level which provides the foundation for all Rotary Clubs, it provides us with the 6 main areas of focus which defines the guidelines for project works. The areas are:
 - Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
 - Disease prevention and treatment
 - Water and sanitation
 - Maternal and Child Health
 - Basic education and literacy
 - Economic and community development

At ground level the Cooma club is involved in water projects in Papua New Guinea and at the higher level the Polio eradication program. The Polio eradication program has been incredibly successful and we now only have 3 countries in the world where polio is still a major problem.

- The next level is the District level - every country is broken down into districts for the purpose of support and networking.
- The final level is the club level. All clubs are autonomous within the guidelines of Rotary International. The Cooma club is celebrating its 60th Anniversary in December 2013. We have been involved in a number of project over that time both internationally and locally. Some of these projects have been:
 - Polio Plus
 - Shelter Box
 - Rotarians against Malaria
 - National Youth Science Forum
 - ROMAC
 - Australian Rotary Health
 - Orphanages in Nepal
 - The School of St Jude
 - Youth Exchange Program
 - RYLA and RYPEN
 - Youth Driver Education
 - Snowy Hydro
 - Cooma Library
 - Rotary Oval tree planting
 - Norris Park
 - Paving in Centennial Park
 - Sir William Hudson and Yallambie Aged Care Homes.

John K raised the possibility of an Anniversary Project. The suggestion was the placing of prominent signage around the town. The main sign would be placed over/near the Cooma Visitors Centre facing Sharp Street so it is visible from both directions. It could be used for a source of information for locals and visitors to promote upcoming events, to advertise local businesses or community groups or to inform of road safety conditions or issues. It would be operated out of the Visitors Centre. Also there is the idea of having up to 3 other large screen TV's providing the same information. The current idea is to have one at McDonalds, another in the Haynes Centre and the third in the Visitors Centre or in the Coles arcade. It is technologically possible and at the present time costing are being undertaken to ascertain the viability. The project would be funded by Rotary with support from the Council, the RTA and possible grants. There would also be a charge to make use of the facility.

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Photo Gallery



Ian Ware & Peter Hendy



Brian Coyte, Mark C & Ros M



Pres Richard & David Shelley



Pres Richard & Alice Shouten



John K & Ian Ware



Geoff B & Herbert Field



Herbert F, Sid Downie & Geoff B



Mark C, Margaret H & Brian C



Elaine M, John K & Dean Lynch



Elaine M, David Shelly & Patrick K



Students in the Shelter box at the Cooma Youth Expo



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

**If you can't get rid of the skeletons in your closet
you had better teach them how to dance.**

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

ROTARY'S THEME OF THE MONTH
Magazine Month

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

The topic for this weeks meeting will be "Curators in action: collecting from a war zone", which will cover the Australian War Memorial's contemporary collecting activities in Afghanistan with a focus on Rebecca's trip there in October last year.

Dave H said Rotary oval saw six ornamental fruit trees added to the forty five which were planted four years ago. This was done on Thurs 11 April. The Council supplied the plant, irrigation materials & fertiliser. John King supplied copious amounts of straw mulch. The trees have been given the best possible start & should thrive.

The Rotary club of Tuggeranong invite you to a special presentation on Tuesday 23 April at the Vikings Town Centre, Greenway at 6 for a 6.30pm start featuring Allan Hannaford. He is a farmer, drover and professional speaker who blends content, practical application, dynamic humour and an engaging presentation style. Cost is \$25/head for a 2 course meal. For bookings or further information contact Paul LeMesurier (Pres Elect) on 049 116 509 or email paul@canberrafireprotection.com.au

WANTED: 2 - 4 people to travel to North Indiana in the USA for a two week Rotary Friendship Exchange. Enjoy the friendship and hospitality of Rotarians in their own homes while seeing the best of what D6540 has to offer. Dates: 22 August - 6 September. For further details contact District Friendship Chairman Ross Power 0408 628 935 or rossp@iken.com.au

What are you doing 1 - 4 June 2014? How about going to the 2014 Rotary International Conference being held in Sydney. Plans for 11 - 13 October 2013? Merimbula is calling you to attend the District Conference.

Steve S says thanks to our resident bower bird Lou Moore, our past history of bulletins has been expanded by nearly 300 (see website to download). If you have any copies of bulletins dated pre 2005 could you please pass these on to him for scanning and uploading. He is also looking for: annual reports for any year (those members who have provided these before don't need to worry again), pictures, newspaper clippings and any other items pertaining to the club.

We have receive confirmation of the selection of AG Monica Garrett as District Governor for 2015-16 for District 9710. Monica is a Member of the Rotary Club of Ginninderra and has served that Club in a variety of roles and she has also served the District in a variety of roles including District Secretary and Assistant Governor. I am sure that you will all join me in congratulating Monica on her selection as District Governor for 2015-16 and I know that she can count on your support as she prepares for and then assumes that role. Congratulations again to Monica who will now assume the title of District Governor Nominee Designate.

Mark also announced the RYPEN camp is on again, dates are 17 - 19 May at Mogo. He has already received an application and has also dropped some at Monaro High. If you know anyone between the age of 14 - 17 who might be interested let them or Mark know.

This Weeks Attendance: 18 out of 35 = 51.43%

Visiting Rotarians: None **Guests:** Sid Downie, Herbert Field, Ian Ware (Geoff B)

Apologies: None **Leave:** David B, Graham F, Elaine S, Chris A, Peter A, Robb S, Des T

We Also Missed: Jim H, Steve S, Dugald M **Make-ups:** None

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ROSTERS	April	May
Attendance	Neil B Dave L	Geoff B Joe V
Property	Claire N Les	Ken D Dugald
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	David H - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Dave L - V Brian J Ashley Brenda Hass

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: Rebecca Britt - Australian War Memorial Intro: Katrin H Thanks: Peter D	24 April - Claire N	24 April - Wolfgang

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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