

# Guest Speaker - David Byrne - His trip to South America Intro: Elaine M Thanks: Richard L

David & Kathy recently returned from a trip to South America, to go there had been an ambition for quite some time. David said they travel for fun and if you can get someone to wash & cook for you, the transport is comfortable and on time and you can get a room with a view then you are doing well. It is also an opportunity to make new friends. They went to Peru where they did some sightseeing tours, saw the Nazca lines from the air with the highlight being Machu Picchu. In Argentina they found where to pick up some drugs, saw mountains and advancing glaciers, they went bushwalking and discovered how small the world is as they met a couple from Canberra, one of which works for a lawyer who does work for the Cooma Council. In Chile they discovered a large number of dogs, they hired a car to drive around, they saw the Towers of Paine and crashed into a toll gate. Patagonia offered bushwalking, mountains, fields and encounters with local wildlife like condors, llamas and skunks. They got rooms with a view, someone to cook for them and variety of transport types but no one to wash for them. They had an amazing time but were happy to be greeted at the airport on their return by their family.

David showed a wonderful slideshow and they have plenty more photos to share, Kathy took about 3000.

Thank you for giving us a glimpse into another part of the world.



Drugs caravan El Calafate Argentina



Towers of Paine Torres del Paine NP Chile



David & Kathy



Room with a view



Richard & David



Mt Fitzroy Argentina



Lake Pehoe Patagonia Chile



Machu Picchu Peru

Guinea Pig Cusco Peru

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#### **Rotary Theme of the Month - Literacy**

#### This Week's News

What are you doing 1 - 4 June 2014? The 2014 Rotary International Conference being held in Sydney. Plans for 11 - 13 October 2013? Merimbula is calling you to attend the District Conference details are available on Clubrunner.

The current 5 cent collection is up to \$149.20, let's keep up the good work.

Correctional Services Cooma is happy to have visitors, up to groups of 8 between 2.30 - 3.30, Monday to Thursday please call to book

Peter reported on his most recent visit to PNG. The 1st project was to fix the water pipe in Segeri which had been cut to supply a homeowner with water, while cutting it off from the health centre and police station. The 2nd project was to trek Kokoda, day 1 a porter died of a heart attack, day 2 saw a trekker evacuated, day 3 the cook's father died so the cook had to leave, day 4 he had to speak to the family of the dead porter, day 5 got to project site, there was no water pipe. Got back to Segeri, that night the compound was broken into and the lodge manager got beaten up. He went to leave the plane was cancelled and the next one was late. He is more than happy to be back home safe and sound.

# **Photo Gallery**



Peter D & Katrin H



Dave H



Bombala's New Pres Fiona Crawford, Katrin & Pres Hass



Ashley & Brenda



Chef Steven



Elaine M & Graham F



Mark C & Tom B



John C & Pres Hass



Fiona Cooper & Richard L

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Pres Margaret H
There are two theories when arguing with women - neither one works.

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

## 3 Minuter

The 3 Minuter this week was presented by Dave H. He decided to talk about where he came from and where he has ended up. He grew up in a family who where Fundamental Christians, this group believes the Bible is literally true eg that the world was created in 7 days. He doesn't regret being brought up this way. He found school interesting, apparently you go to school to learn things, he learnt rather quickly he was quite hopeless at everything academic related. One teacher in High School suggested if he trained hard enough he could be a good long distance runner. This was at the time when John Landy and Roger Bannister were running 4 minute miles, Dave's best was a 5 minute mile which was pretty good especially since the term PB (personal best) had yet to come into common usage.

He shared the thought of when people reached maturity they had usually gone through puberty. With his sort of upbringing sex was something you only did after marriage, if you did it any other way it was a sin. Also self-satisfaction was considered a major sin. One evening after a Church social he came home some what aroused after encountering a number of the fairer gender. In his family to resolve this you went for a run around the block, on occasions it was necessary to go twice, sometimes it worked ........

Dave continued the hobby of running until meeting Harry Worthington, at this club. Harry was a great character but was greatly respected, he owned a sports shop in town. At this point Dave's 3 boys were reaching their teen years. In this shop Harry had a push bike which had been there for a number of years. It was quite expensive, it cost Dave \$600, he also purchased his boys some less expensive bikes and they all started cycling. Harry arranged for Dave to join "The Old Boy's" cycling club, which was a club for veteran cyclers and he had a good time going out with Harry and Fred Tucker. Dave really got into cycling after his knees started to give out. He was riding 3 or 4 times a week and about 10 years ago he thought to himself this doesn't seem to be doing any harm so how about if I give 7 days a week a try. He started this but it didn't turn out so good so he is now riding 5 or 6 days a week and he still thinks it hasn't done him any harm. To finish up he mentioned a letter he received from his GP about 11 months ago. It was an invitation to take part in a clinical trial for investigating the use of low dose Aspirin for the prevention of heart attack, dementia and cancer in people over the age of 70. He applied and was accepted into the trial which will take 5 years. He feels he has at least enough time left in him to finish the trial - so it is all good.

This Weeks Attendance: 28 out of 36 = 78%

Visiting Rotarians: Neil Russell (South Port)

Guests: Kathy Byrne (David B), Fiona Cooper (Mark C), Kathryn Russell (Neil R), Ovi Boaru (David B)

Apologies: Kevin D, Claire N, Les S, Joe V, John V, Alyson H-J, Brian J.

Leave: Chris A, Peter A, Matt T, Steve S, Dave L, Tony S,

We Also Missed: None Make-ups: Ken D, Darrell G, Peter D.

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ROSTERS	July	August
Attendance	Rob Des	John V Ken D
Property	Brian Elaine S	Patrick Geoff
Fellowship	Margaret E Claire N	Margaret E Claire N
Markets	John K- Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Ken D - Res John K - Van Elaine M Marco Peter D Hass	John K - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Brian - Res Wolfgang - Van Claire N Darrell John C Patrick K

#### 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 John King 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 John King before the event. Others nominated should be at the park by 8.30am.

Upcoming Programs	Three Minuter	Thought of the Week
Guest Speaker: John Bowe - Modern Landscape Gardening	10 July - Ken D	10 July - Elaine S
Intro: Katrin	17 July - Geoff B	
Thanks: Margaret E	24 July - Dugald M	

Upcoming Guest Speakers - 17 July - Kathy Guion from the HUB - A snapshot of Cooma's Young People - 24 July - Akram Azum—Young Australian of the Year

#### **MEMBER HAPPENINGS**

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	JOINING DATE
John V - 3 July Dave L - 7 July	None recorded	Peter D - 1 July
Tony S - 8 July Patrick K - 23 July		Jim H - 24 July
Jan S spouse of Les - 11 July		
Christina L spouse of Wolfgang - 12 July		
Lisa spouse of Matt T - 16 July		

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