



# Rotary Club of Cooma

## Meeting - 14 August 2013

### GUEST SPEAKERS – ANU Students - Rural Week

**ROXANNA** - Roxanna has had a long involvement with Rotary. Her father was a Rotarian and her family hosted about 8 Youth Exchange students. A year in France as an exchange student herself has had a lasting impact on her. Roxanna studied genetics and as a Micro-biologist she researched Dengue Fever. After becoming tired of 'speaking just to mosquitoes' Roxanna moved to Population Health, which included some administration of Rotary's Bowel Screening projects. Finally she decided to study medicine and is now in her second year. As a country girl born in Grafton, Roxanna appreciates Cooma's strong sense of community.



**LIVER** - Oliver was born in Taiwan and as a young boy he and his family moved to New Zealand to a small town of about 800 people. As a Science Undergraduate, he was offered a teaching position to pre-med students. Finally Oliver decided to study medicine himself and is now in his second year at ANU

**KIERAN** - Kieran's background had no hint that he would eventually become involved in medicine. He started as a horse trainer and wanted to be a jockey but grew too much. So Kieran studied Finance and became an Investment Adviser which proved very uninteresting and not at all satisfying. He wanted to help people and so studied Medical Science and biology which eventually led to his study of medicine. Kieran enjoys rural areas and the bush and appreciates the opportunity of seeing what services are available in Cooma.



**CAREN** - Caren is in her third year of medicine and is spending her Rural Stream year in Cooma. She and her fellow students are very appreciative of the \$ 500 donated by our Rotary club towards their heating costs. Caren was born in South Africa and moved to New Zealand. She originally studied Geophysics. This career didn't feel right so Caren returned to study doing an Arts Degree majoring in French and German with an aim of working for the UN. A career in medicine was not on Caren's mind as she didn't like hospitals or sick people but, after seeing the conditions in a Third World hospital room, Caren was convinced she had to do something to help. After the surprise of finding herself in a rural environment when she enrolled at ANU, Caren chose the Rural Stream to discover what a rural communities had to offer.

**LAUREN** - Lauren grew up in USA and came to Sydney to study an Arts Degree in Communications, which led to a job in health promotions including asthma awareness program. During this time she found love and now lives permanently in Canberra. Lauren has a great love of people and is enjoying the challenges of her studies. Lauren hopes to come back to work in the rural sector.



**BEN** - Ben travelled quite a bit when he was young. He was born in Brisbane, moved to Port Moresby, from there to England and then to Perth. He started a Science Commerce degree but only lasted three weeks after which he became a personal trainer. After deciding; 'Why not medicine', Ben discovered that the course is a year shorter at ANU and has enjoyed the Rural weeks for the last two years. Now that he has discovered snow he's hopeful that he may end up in Cooma.



All the students expressed gratitude to Cooma Rotary Club for hosting them. David Byrne asked how they adjusted to the 'real world' after so many years of study and the students agreed that it was worth putting in the time now, that with passion you don't notice it so much - except for the lack of money! Dugald Mitchell expressed appreciation of the enormous and continuing contribution made by Dr Wiles which was endorsed by all. Kevin Dunne was very disappointed to find that maths did not feature highly in a Medicine Degree curriculum.



*Happy 90th  
Birthday*

*Rob Simms*

*Your Rotary friends wish  
you many more years of  
Good Health and  
Happiness*

#### **THOUGHT OF THE WEEK – Elaine M**

A politician is someone who stands for what he thinks a voter will fall for.

#### **THREE MINUTER – David B**

As requested, David spoke about his vocation which now is retirement. He compared his organised life when he was working with the council, using his computer, his iPad and iPhone, with what he hoped would be a life of things not entirely regimented. Oh how wrong he was! Kathy's list of things to do (build a new garage, renovate the laundry and bathroom, finish painting the house, remodel the garden, etc) made up a sheet of paper nearly a metre long while his list (skiing, golf, cycling, walking along the beach, fishing, travel and a few beers) was on a palm card. End result? He is back to relying on technology to schedule his tasks and priorities.

## **ROSTERS FOR AUGUST**

<b>Markets</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Property</b>
Mark J-N	Ken D	Patrick K
Alyson H-J - PA	Claire N	Geoff B
Brian J - Res		
Wolfgang L - Van		
Claire N		
John C		
Patrick K		



**NEXT MEETING** - 21 August 2013

**Club assembly**

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK** – 21 August 2013

**Marco**

**PROGRAM** - 28 August 2013 Simon Allen - Snowy Monaro Arts Council



## **NOTICES**

- Our thoughts are with Mark and Jan John-Natley and family who are still dealing with their sad loss. Hass and Katrin have once again produced the bulletin in this unusual format.
- There are still some members who have to complete the NSW Working with Children Check.
- A reminder to those who haven't yet paid - Annual Membership Fees are now due - \$165 for the year or you can pay for half a year at a time. Marco would love to see your \$\$\$.

