



Engage Rotary - Change Lives

Guest Speaker - Allan Spencer - National Busking Competition

Intro: Wolfgang

Thanks: Mark J-N

Allan and Leslie Spencer have lived in Cooma for the last 30 years, come next year. They have taught music as full time careers, opened a music shop and raised a family here. A goodly number of children they have taught have gone on to a variety of music careers. They also teach music to adults too.

Many people in Cooma have heard about the Australian National Busking Festival now but it started as quite a few years ago as an idea. Allan noticed many country towns had music festivals of varies types and the impact on the towns involved is quite phenomenal. He thought Cooma was missing out in so many ways by not having something like this.

Music festivals have a number of interesting facts and figures for example:

The Woodford Folk Festival is held in the hinterlands north of Brisbane, which has a very small permanent population which increases to 130,000 people over the 6 days of the event in January. It is estimated this festival raised \$21,000,000 for the economy of Queensland.

The Tamworth Country Music Festival is now considered to be the biggest country music festival in the world.

Other festivals include the Numeralla Folk Festivals, the Jindabyne Irish Festival, the Goulburn Blues Festival, the Cobargo Folk Festival along with many other all across the country.

When he first had the idea he realised he couldn't do it by himself. He thought he could get the ball rolling and engage or encourage others to provide experienced assistance, as he didn't feel qualified, but as it turns out he with others are learning as they go.

He looked at doing a festival which was different to all the others on offer out there. He wondered what could be done in Cooma that we as a town could afford, but would be significantly different which was when he came up with the idea of the Busking Festival.

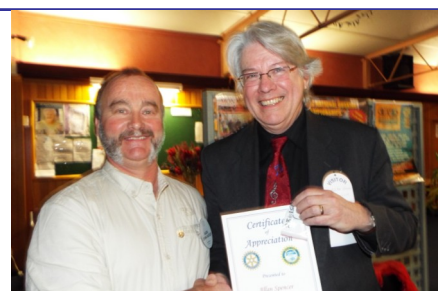
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Allan & Pres Hass



Allan



Mark J-N & Allan

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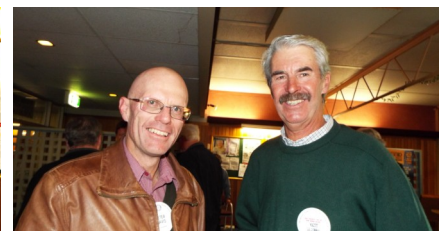
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Rotary Theme of the Month - Vocational Service Month

Allan cont.

The good thing about the Busking Festival is that you are not having to pay for "Star performers" and everything can be done on a shoestring budget. Also, it involves all types of music genres from classical to pop and everything in between. Looking at last year's festival approximately \$35,000 was generated for businesses in town in one day. They are hoping to at least double the impact this year by holding the event over 2 days and having the support from the attendees at the Feast of Festival weekend. With this they hope to have some 200 buskers performing, there are a larger number of performance categories and there is \$5,000 in prize money to be awarded which has been provided by sponsorship from local businesses. The future directions for the Festival is to trade mark the name to protect the association with Cooma, encourage trade back into town by exposure and to apply for grants which can make the event even bigger and better. This is an opportunity to show Australia and maybe even the world what a wonderful place Cooma is.

Photo Gallery



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Darrell

It doesn't work to jump a 20 foot chasm in two 10 foot jumps.

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**WE MEET WEDNESDAYS 6.00PM FOR 6.30PM
AT THE COOMA BOWLING CLUB, MAWSON LANE, COOMA**

This Week's News

This year the District Conference is being held in Merimbula/Pambula from Friday 11th to Sunday 13th October - all are welcome to attend Pres Hass has a variety of information if you are interested in attending or further information is at www.rotaryd9710.org.au - you will have a Whale of a Time.

Peter D reminds us of the working bee at the Monaro Early Intervention Service. They have outgrown their current premises and have purchased the house next door which needs some work like removing wall paper, pulling up carpet and general painting. The date arranged is Saturday 19th October, 8.30am meeting at 6 Hill St, Cooma.

Dinner invitation for the TANSEN HOSPITAL IN NEPAL and CANBERRA FRIENDS OF DILI for Timor-Leste projects for young people 6.30pm for 7pm Saturday 9 November 2013 Ainslie Football Club (52 Wakefield Ave). Three course meal \$50 per head (including \$20 as a tax deduction, or more if you wish to donate for the Tansen Hospital). Raffles & silent auctions for Canberra Friends of Dili for Timor-Leste projects.

Bookings are essential: Please contact Val Bland of the Rotary Club of Belconnen: vbland@grapevine.com.au or telephone 02 6288 9691 (ah); 02 6216 1854 (bh); or Mobile: 0419 46 1712.

There will be a bike ride coming through Cooma on Thursday 10 October, finishing at Merimbula in time for the conference - the ride is to publicise the End Polio Now campaign. About lunch time there will be a table set out outside the Visitors Centre with information regarding Rotary and the End Polio Now program.

If you are interested in the health of our frog population, on Tuesday 8 October there will be a Frog Watch information session being held at Scotsdale Reserve in Bredbo from 6pm.

It is time to order your Christmas Cakes - Pres Hass has details.

Disaster Aid Australia have acquired a Mercedes Benz van which they are raffling for \$50/ticket there are only 3000 and the winner can do what they like with the prize - Pres Hass has details.

This Weeks Attendance: 78.1%

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: Allan Spencer, Donna Smith, Rebecca (Club), Helen French (Graham F), Tracey (Geoff B)

Apologies: Kevin D, Katrin H, Alyson H-J, Elaine S, Joe V.

Leave: Peter A, John V.

We Also Missed: None **Make-ups:** None

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| ROSTERS | October | November |
|-------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Attendance | Elaine M Claire N | |
| Property | Marco Elaine S | |
| Fellowship | Rob S Tony S | |
| Markets | John K- Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Tom B Geoff B David B John C Ashley C | John K - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA |

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 Mark John-Natley before the event. Others nominated should be at the park by 8.30am.

| Upcoming Program | Three Minuter | Thought of the Week |
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| Guest Speaker: Rob Simms - Recollections from the Snowy Intro: Brian J Thanks: Richard L | 09 Oct - Peter D 16 - Kevin D 26 - Anniversary Dinner | 09 Oct - Pres H 16 - Katrin H 26 - Anniversary Dinner |

Upcoming Guest Speakers -

- 16 Oct - Club Assembly
- 26 - 60th Anniversary Dinner

MEMBER HAPPENINGS

| BIRTHDAYS | ANNIVERSARIES | JOINING DATE |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| Richard L - 10 Oct Bob K - 13 Oct Wolfgang L - 25 Oct Margaret H - 28 Oct Kathy B spouse of David - 22 Oct Joo Siew K spouse of Patrick - 29 Oct | Marco & Marjorie R - 18 Oct Wolfgang & Christina L - 20 Oct | David B - 17 Oct Claire N - 31 Oct |

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