

# Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

## Meeting - 20 November 2013

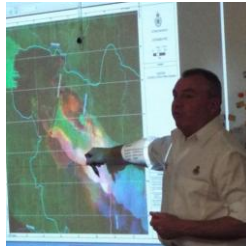
Vocational Visit to  
**Rural Fire Service**  
followed by dinner at the Cooma Bowling Club



### VOCATIONAL VISIT TO THE RURAL FIRE SERVICE



Members and guests enjoyed a very informative visit to the Rural Fire Service's Headquarters at Polo Flat. After a brief description of the RFS and the range of typical RFS units, Senior Deputy Captain of Cooma Brigade, Peter Davis, introduced Jim Durrant who is the Manager of the Monaro Team which covers Bombala, Snowy River and Cooma Monaro Shires.



Jim explained the functions of the Incident Management Team or IMT and the expanding role of the RFS which now includes warning of impending danger. The first part of the IMT demonstrated was the communications room with its attendant recording and data management technology, followed by the operations room where minute by minute decisions are made during major fires. A line scan map produced by high flying aircraft during the Yarrabin Fire demonstrated another tool available to fire managers. Peter described how aviation resources support the ground crews through the Divisional Commanders on the ground.

The planning section with its day and night planning functions was described as was the risk matrix which is used to calculate the various warning levels. Logistics were then outlined giving guests some idea of the daunting complexity of operational management of modern fire fighting resources.

Other aspects such as Emergency Operations Centre roles together with various liaison tasks were touched on. Jim went on to explain how all of these different sections of the IMT integrate to support the fire fighters on the ground. Jim finished by inviting volunteers to join the support brigade. Elaine M thanked Jim for his detailed presentation.



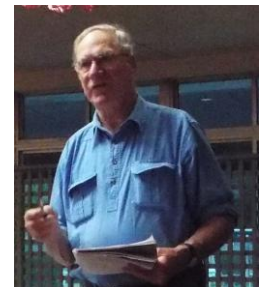


## CONGRATULATIONS

to our Vocational Director, Elaine Mooney who with the assistance of Peter Davis, organised such a different and interesting program for this week!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:-

- **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** will be held on **27 November** at the Bowling Club. It will start at 6 for 6.30 as per our usual meetings. The secretary has emailed the minutes from the last Rotary year and the agenda for the meeting. Please print them out if you need them on the night. She hopes to also have the Audited Accounts emailed before the day or will bring copies with her on the night. The Annual Report handed out at the Changeover Diner should be brought along too.
- We had over 90% attendance at a recent meeting so Hass will be providing **PORT** at our next meeting on 27 November.
- **Dr Bob Engelbrecht Memorial Service** will be held on 6 December at 2 pm at the Anglican Church. Rotarians are asked to wear their badges. The family has requested photos of Dr Bob to be used in a digital display. If you can help, please see Darrell.
- The amount raised by Margaret E at the Snowy Ride was \$ 205.70.  
**Well Done Margaret and her Biker Friends!**
- The profits at the **November markets** was \$ 2297. There were a good number of stalls and visitors. The Shelter Box was on display.



Thank you to Peter Davis and Kevin Dunne who have donated a Shelter Box between them.

## A REMINDER

Elaine Schofield will be taking orders for **Rotary Christmas cakes and puddings** this year.

Our **Christmas Dinner** will be at the Bowling Club on 18 December with a 6.30 for 7 start. The meal will cost \$25 that night. Partners are invited to join us. Some entertainment is being planned!



### **ROSTER for 27 November:-**

***Attendance*** - Elaine Schofield and Rob Simms

***Property*** - Tony Slater and Les Sutcliffe

***Thought of the Week*** - Patrick Kwan

### **DECEMBER ROSTER -**

- Peter Davis will inform the members on duty in December and this will be advised in the next bulletin. Please make sure you check if your name is on the list!
- In December we will need extra help at the markets so if you are available, please let John King know.



### **NEXT MEETINGS:-**

**4 December** - Michael Boyce - "*Ideas for Cooma*"

A good opportunity to invite interested members of our community as your guests.

**11 December** - Tamara John-Natley - "*Before Italy*"

This is a partners invited night.



### ***We have been very busy .....***

*Our Community Service Director, Elaine Schofield, recently put together a list of our activities this year. Here are some of them:-*

- Provide 2 seats at Rotary Oval
- Plant 6 trees at Rotary Oval
- Donate a number of stools and a television to SWH Nursing Home
- Provide funds for Cooma Public School's Sensory Playground
- Donation towards an Exercise Station at Rotary Oval
- Donate 10 seats for the CBD as the 60th birthday present to our community
- Catering at Yarrabin fire
- Catering for Blaze Aid in Nimmitabel
- Working bee at the MEIS facility.
- Barbecue catering at a number of venues other than the monthly markets
- Australia Day Breakfast and in the Park catering
- David Holgate's Clearance Sale catering
- National Busking Championship catering
- Clean Up Australia Day
- The Learning Centre opening catering
- Youth Expo catering
- Melbourne Cup Lunch
- Hat Day funds collection
- Country Music Muster barbecue

*Thank you to all Rotarians who helped in one way or another.*

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