



# Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

## Meeting - 11 December 2013

### Tamara John-Natley - Before Italy

at the Cooma Bowling Club



Tamara opened her speech with her Italian introduction to her host Rotary Club. Then she explained why she wanted to be an exchange student. She said she was always fascinated by different cultures and travelling. She heard about the exchange program when she was in Year 8 when Clare Learoyd was becoming an exchange student. Tamara decided to look into it and expressed interest to her family. She went to RYPEN for the first time where her interest, positivity and perseverance to be an exchange student was enhanced. The following year she returned to RYPEN as a mentor, had filled her application filled in for exchange and became even more sure of being an exchange student. She brought Akram (the 2013 Young Australian of the Year) to Cooma and was encouraged by him to follow her passion and not give up on becoming an exchange student.

She was accepted following the interview process and is going to Sarzana a town in the North West of Italy. It has a population of 21,978. The temperature in Summer averages 28 with a recorded high of 40, in Winter the average is 3.4 with a recorded low of -5. Her first host family are Giovanni, Maria, Illara (20) & Guglielmo (18) Hinrichsens and she will be going to school at T.Parentuccelli.

Some of the things she is looking forward to learning about, seeing and doing are the 2 castles, the history of Pope Nicholas V who was Pope in 1397. The military importance of the town since it has changed hands a number of times due to its position; belonging first to Pisa, then to Florence, then to the Banco di S. Giorgio of Genoa and from 1572 to part of the principality of Genoa. She is also excited about the world renowned annual guitar festival, the food, shopping, skiing in the Alps, having a different cultural experience, making new friends and learning a beautiful language, gaining new strengths and independence and having an amazing time. She closed by thanking Cooma Rotary Club for helping to make this trip possible.

At the end of the evening President Hass presented Tamara with her official green Rotary travel blazer.

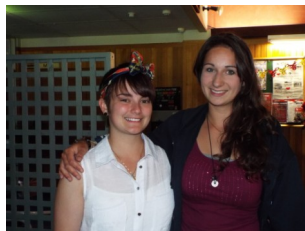
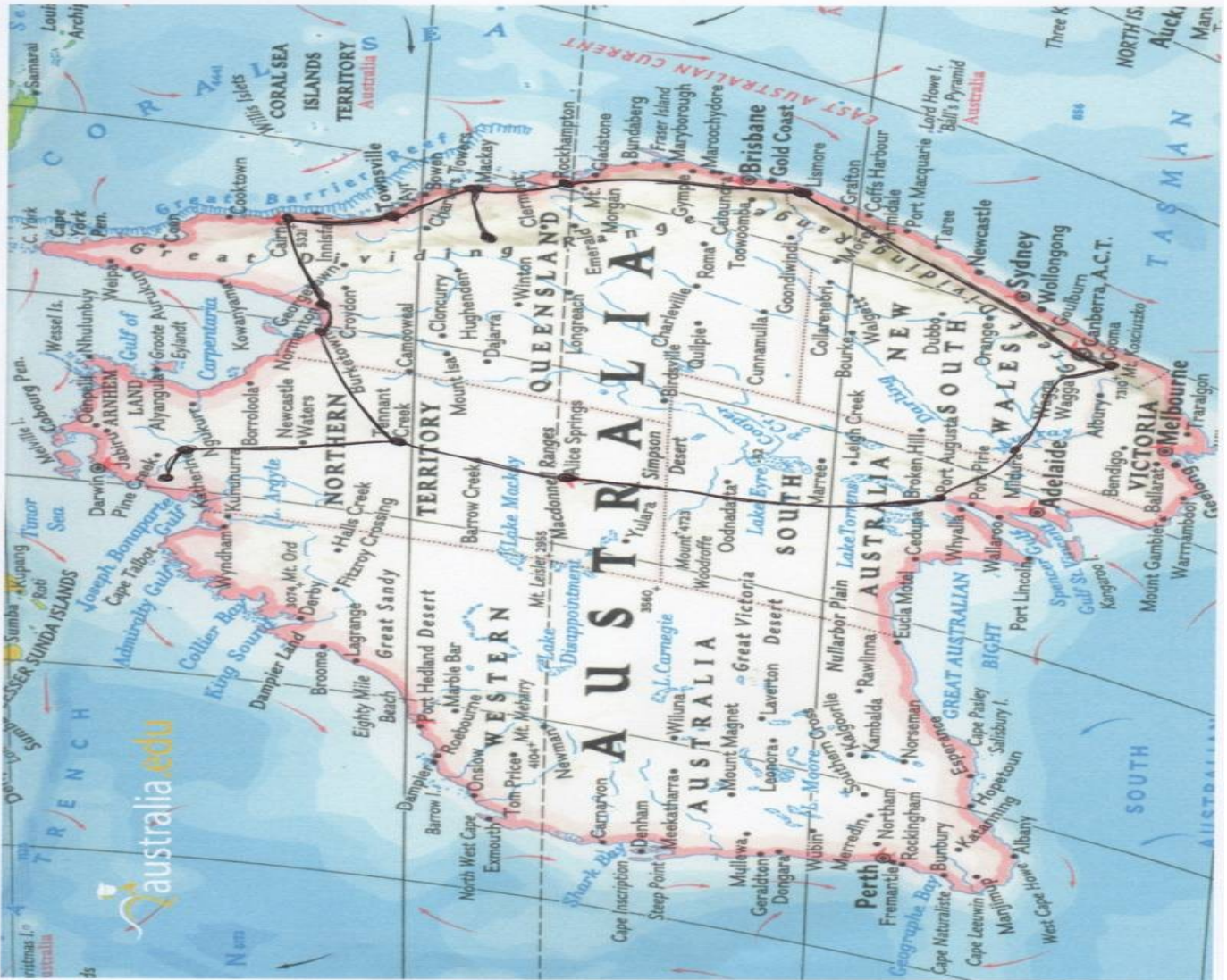


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## THREE MINUTER

This week Wolfgang share with us a trip he took with his wife. They went from Cooma to Wagga, Mildura, Renmark, Pt Augusta, Woomera, Coober Pedy, Uluru, the Olgas, Kings Canyon, Western McDonald Ranges, Alice Springs, the Devils Marbles, Tennant Creek, Daly Waters, Katherine back to Daly Waters. Then via the Carpentaria Highway Boraloola, Hell's Gate, across the Leichhardt River then to Burketown, Normanton, Cobbold George, to the Undara lava tubes, on to Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Youngala Dam back to Mackay on to Rockhampton, Nambour, Lismore and back to Cooma. Over 9000 km's in 3 weeks.



## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Elaine M

An intelligence test shows how smart one would have been not to take it.



**Rotary Theme of the Month:**  
**Family Month**

**Announcements**

The Annual Rotary Club Christmas Party is being held on 18 December at the Bowling Club. 6.30pm for a 7pm start. The cost is \$25/head and partners are very welcome to attend.

**Members and guests are to bring a \$5 gift for the Kris Kringle.**

If it is a gender specific gift please indicate this.

Claire N and the Cooma Visitors Centre are organising a competition to **“Light Up Cooma For Christmas”**. It is open to homes and businesses in Cooma and you must register with the Visitors Centre to be eligible for any of the prizes on offer. A map will be produced to show where all the participating homes and businesses are. Registrations close on 20th December and judging by Graham and Helen French will be held on 21st and 22nd December.

Elaine M announced that the Pride of Work dinner will be held on 19th March 2014 instead of the 26 March. She also said there will be a visit arranged to Birdsnest in February 2014.



**This Weeks Attendance:** 82.9%

**Visiting Rotarians:** Colin McQueen - Collingwood

**Guests:** Tamara John-Natley, Ruth Salzke, Nick Wassick, Rebecca (Club), Janine (Mark J-N)  
Liz Dee & Jeanette (John C)

**Apologies:** Geoff B, Neil B, **Leave:** None

**Make-ups:** None

**We Also Missed:** None

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December Rosters	
<b>Attendance</b>	Des T
	Joe V
<b>Property</b>	Tom B
	Graham F
<b>Fellowship</b>	Margaret E
	Claire N
<b>Market</b>	John King - Co-ord
	Alyson - PA
	Darrell G
	Brian J
	Mark JN
	Dave H
	Patrick K
	Wolfgang L
<b>3 Minute Talk</b>	
<b>18 Dec</b>	n/a
<b>Thought of the Week</b>	
<b>18 Dec</b>	Claire N
<b>Thank you</b>	
<b>18 Dec</b>	n/a
<b>Introduction</b>	
<b>18 Dec</b>	n/a

Upcoming Speakers
18 Dec - Christmas Party
25 Dec - No Meeting
01 Jan - No Meeting
08 Jan - Mike Carrol - Alaska to Patagonia
15 Jan - Adrian Oakey - The trials and Tribulations of wind farming

## MEMBER HAPPENINGS

### BIRTHDAYS

**4th - Les S**

**9th - Mark J-N**

**10th - John C**

5th - Judy Trute spouse of Des

8th - Jeannette Clarke spouse of John

21st - Carol Slate spouse of Tony

30th - Lainie Lawson spouse of Richard

### JOINING DATE

7th - Richard L

16th - Elaine M

### ANNIVERSARIES

14th - Mark & Janine J-N

20th - Tony & Carol S

28th - Brian J & Alyson H-J

30th - Darrell & Marilyn G

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