

# Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Meeting – 12 February 2014

Darrell G - Rotary Friendship Exchange  
at the Cooma Bowling Club



Rotary Friendship exchanges have been going on for quite some time and we have a few clubs visit us. It is really a social time where a group of Rotarians go somewhere and are hosted by fellow Rotarians. On this trip were Darrell & Marilyn, 2 other couples & a single. They went to Northern Indiana near Lake Michigan & Chicago. They arrived in Chesterton & were asked to help out at the annual garden show which is held at a disused water storage facility. On the day they were there over 5000 people attended and they raised over \$20,000 for Rotary. They were taken to Notre Dame university & in the chapel with a portrait of “touch-down” Jesus, thus called as he can be seen from the home end cheering when the team scores a touch-down. They attended a Pot Luck dinner at the home of a Rotarian where many others came to meet and greet them. Interestingly all clubs they attended had buffet lunches due to the limited meeting time. They saw Lake Michigan which is so big it looks like the ocean complete with sand and waves. There was a visit to the Jayco factory which makes caravans of all sizes and types. Other visits included the Menno-hof museum which showed the history of the Amish and Mennonites of the area, Auburn Cord automotive museum, at the end of a rally, a glass museum which had amazing exhibits. They also went to Purdue University who have a chapel with a 5000 pipe organ, The Tall Trees miniature railway exhibit. He said it was a very successful visit and hopes we can show the same hospitality to the group who will be visiting us in June this year. Keep an eye out for details of a get together so they can meet as many Cooma Rotarians as possible.



**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Alyson HJ**

Big trees are nuts that stood their ground.

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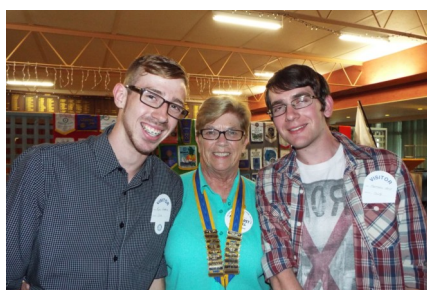
## THREE MINUTER

Something different for our 3 Minuter this week, Matthew Kent and Ryan Constance were with us to share their experiences at RYLA.

Matthew started in the usual way by introducing himself and letting us know what he did for a living. He found out at RYLA that this was an example of an 'elevator speech' which is a short description you give in the time it takes an elevator to get from one floor to the next. He said he was a bit apprehensive because he had not done anything like RYLA before and didn't know what to expect. The greeting he got when he arrived set him up for the week. The first lesson he learnt was not to be late to a session as this has consequences, like having to do an impromptu speech without using 'ums or ahs'. He enjoyed the session with Virginia Haussegger who spoke about communication and presentation techniques and also the session with Rotarian Vic Gibbons in which they had to read a story and assess the characters and then discuss your conclusions with a group, who possibly had differing ideas to you. He had set himself a challenge for the week, which was to become more outgoing, confident and to be able to stand up in front of a group and speak. He feels that he is well on the way to achieving this.

Ryan said he went with mainly an open mind but expected it would be a bit like RYPEN. He got a lot out of both experiences they can't be compared. RYLA is a lot about self-growth and development. He was a bit skeptical about the Herrmann Brain Dominance Instrument which helps identify personality strengths and weaknesses but can see the value now. One speaker Ken Kroeger encouraged them to strive to help others as well as yourself to reach their potential, always consider all people as equal and to prove that you are capable especially when you are in doubt. One major thing he has learnt is how important networking is both in your own community as well as further afield.

Both young men thanked the Club for the opportunity to attend as it is a life changing experience.



**Rotary Theme of the Month:**

**World Understanding Month**

## Announcements

**Next meeting is the visit to Birdsnest please arrive promptly at 5.50pm so the tour can start at 6pm. Dinner at the club following the tour.**

Allyson HJ called for donations for the Wine Auction to be held at the Sir William Hudson fete. The fete is on 30 March, she also needs a volunteer to co-ordinate the wine auction.

**This Weeks Attendance:** 76%

**Visiting Rotarians:** None

**Guests:** Ryan Constance, Matthew Kent, Rebecca (Club), Marilyn Gaukroger, Steve Shirvington (Darrell G)

**Apologies:** Geoff B, Neil B, John C, Joe V,      **Leave:** David B, John V

**Make-ups:**

**We Also Missed:**



February Rosters		
<b>Attendance</b>		Tom B
		Kevin D
<b>Property</b>		Les S
		Peter D
<b>Fellowship</b>		Margaret E
		Claire N
<b>Market</b>	<b>16 Feb</b>	John K - Co-ord
		Alyson - PA
		Joe V
		Des T
		Mark C
		Ken D
		Peter D
		Graham F
<b>3 Minute Talk</b>		
	<b>19-Feb</b>	Darrell G
	<b>26-Feb</b>	Brian J
<b>Thought of the week</b>		
	<b>19-Feb</b>	Brian J
	<b>26-Feb</b>	Mark JN
<b>Introduction</b>		
	<b>19-Feb</b>	Marco R
	<b>26-Feb</b>	Elaine S
<b>Thank you</b>		
	<b>19-Feb</b>	Richard L
	<b>26-Feb</b>	Dugald M

Upcoming Speakers
<b>19 Feb</b> - Jane Cay @ Birdsnest
<b>26 Feb</b> - Dr Kylie Fardell - Army Medicine
<b>5 March</b> - Sandra Mahlbery & Yvonne Robson ROMAC
<b>12 March</b> - Club Assembly

## MEMBER HAPPENINGS February

### BIRTHDAYS

Elaine M - 25 Feb

### JOINING DATE

None reported

### ANNIVERSARIES

Des & Judy Trute - 5 Feb

Claire & Hans Neumeyer - 7 Feb

David & Kathy Byrne - 27 Feb

### The Rotary Club of Cooma

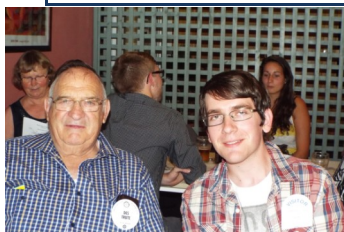
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