



Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Meeting – 26 March 2014

ANU Medical Students



We once again had the privilege of welcoming the medical students from ANU to Cooma. Renita, Lucy, Nicholas and Francesca are only here for a short time but Emily is here for the year. Each of them are now studying medicine at the Australian National University.

Renita started life in Melbourne. She started at University doing an undergraduate degree in basic science. She then spent some time doing cancer research followed by a PHD in obesity research.

Emily is a 3rd year student who is spending the year in Cooma working general practice and at the hospital. She was born and bred in Canberra as she was happy to stay near her parents. She did her undergraduate degree in medical science.

Francesca is 24 and comes from Sydney. She likes horses and spent a lot of her teen years competing in competitions around the Goulburn area. Her undergraduate degree was in medical science and she would like to specialize in intensive care or emergency medicine.

Nicholas was born in Fiji and he and his family emigrated to Australia when he was 2 years old. He has lived in Sydney and Canberra. His first degree was in aeronautical engineering & finance. After finishing his studies he joined the Army. He is still a current serving member with the rank of Captain and has decided to transition to becoming a doctor. He will continue to serve but the support of the ADF is helping him to get his medical qualification. He is passionate about serving and duty and believes that our service personnel deserve the best medical treatment available.

Lucy is from Warrnambool which is on the south west coast of Victoria. Her family was one of the first white farming families in the area. She did her undergraduate degree in Melbourne studying bio-medicine before coming to Canberra to study medicine.



Rotary Theme of the Month: Literacy Month

For the 3 Minuter this week Tracey A shared a story which you may or may not believe. It happened when she was about 17 and she was Jillarooing in the Northern Territory. There was a horse on the property called Eaglehawk. He was 17 hands high, an ex-racehorse and a buck jumper too boot. The stockmen tried to discourage her but she was determined to show them that she could manage. So one of the stockmen helped her get into the saddle and she was told to go ahead, open the gate where the stock were to come through and then keep them calm. She got to the gate and realised she couldn't open it while in the saddle so she got down. Before she could remount the stock started to come through and there was no-one in front to keep them together. She tried to get back on Eaglehawk but when she grabbed the stirrup leather to pull herself up, the horse started to buck and jump like crazy. The stockmen came past but had no time to help her as they needed to round the stock up. She thought she was going to lose her job because she couldn't do what was asked of her. Finally Eaglehawk came back to her and the first thing she did was typical of a 17 year old, she threw her arms around his neck and started sobbing. She told him she was going to lose her job because she couldn't get back on him and do her job. The next thing she knew she got a big sloppy horse kiss and she heard a dark gravelly voice say, just get on my back and I will take care of everything. So she loosed the stirrup so she could get her foot in, then pulled herself up into the saddle and the horse took off. They chased down the mob and after much bucking, ducking and weaving they got the mob back under control. The stockmen looked at her astounded and with a great deal of respect. The downside of this episode was she got a reputation for being able to ride wild horses which resulted in her developing new ways of landing without hurting herself. In the end she was allowed to go back to easier horses, Eaglehawk was the only buckjumper she actually ever rode.

Final Pride of Workmanship recipient - Jonathon Kugler from G.O Engineering



Request for Assistance – Rotary Peace Fellows

As previously advised, the Peace Fellows who are undertaking the Masters in International Studies in peace and Conflict Resolution at the Rotary Centre at UQ in Brisbane in the current year will be visiting Canberra **May 3- May 6 2014**. The Fellows will follow a programme of professional, academic and cultural visits that aims to introduce them to Canberra and some key actors in the peace and conflict resolution space here. Of course, many local Rotarians will also be involved in the programme, in particular **the formal dinner to be held on the evening of Monday May 5**, at which the Peace Fellows will describe their work and talk about their plans. This is being publicised separately and **ticket sales will open shortly on the District website**.

We are also seeking support from Canberra clubs to assist in the accommodation and transport of the Fellows.

We already have some offers of assistance for accommodation, but there will be at least 10 scholars, so we still need several more. Could you **ask if any of your members would be willing to act as Home Hosts** for one or two of the Fellows during this visit - providing accommodation for the nights of 3, 4 and 5 May. In addition, subject to finalisation, it would involve meeting their guests for dinner on the evening of Saturday 3 May (the District bears the cost of this dinner); transport to a central point on the mornings of 4, 5 and 6 May; transport from a central point on the evening of 4 May and to and from the formal dinner on 5 May; and providing a simple dinner at home with their guests on Sunday 4 May.

Could you also please ask if any of your members, although not able to provide accommodation, **might be interested in assisting with transport** or other arrangements on these dates. This need not be for the entire period: if people can just nominate when they might be available between the afternoon of 3 May and the evening of 6 May, we will populate the roster.

We understand that this visit coincides with the District Assembly, but there was no alternative date and this is a wonderful opportunity to meet some very interesting and inspiring young people who are participating in a key Rotary programme. We do hope some of your members will be able to benefit from it.

Rotarians who are interested in helping in either of these ways should email the Peace Fellows Committee chair, Garth Britton (garth.britton@netspeed.com.au).

Movie Night



Sir William Hudson Fete



| April Rosters | |
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| Attendance | Richard L |
| | Tracey A |
| Property | Wolfgang |
| | Patrick K |
| Fellowship | Margaret E |
| | Claire N |
| Market | John K - Co-ord |
| | Alyson - PA |
| | Marco (BBQ trailer) |
| | Elaine S |
| | Robb S |
| | Tony S |
| | Les S |
| | Darrell G |
| 3 Minute Talk | |
| 2 April | Peter D |
| 9 April | Robb S |
| 16 April | Tony S |
| Thought of the week | |
| 2 April | Joe V |
| 9 April | Tracey A |
| 16 April | Tom B |
| Introduction | |
| 2 April | Robb S |
| 9 April | Kevin D |
| 16 April | Margaret E |
| Thank you | |
| 2 April | Brenda CB |
| 9 April | John C |
| 16 April | Ashley C |

| Upcoming Speakers |
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| 2nd April - Rob & Cheryl Pirie Raising children with special needs |
| 9th April - Doug Alcock Graz Prophet Consulting |
| 16th April - Ian McGufficke Combined meeting with Tuggeranong at Bredbo |
| 23rd April - Gary Nairn Life after Politics |

MEMBER HAPPENINGS April

BIRTHDAYS

Des T - 15 April

Geoff B - 17 April

JOINING DATE

None recorded

ANNIVERSARIES

Dave & Trish Libauer - 20 April

This Weeks Attendance: 60%

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests: Jonathon Kugler, Rehita Pajtak, Emily Rushton, Francesca Sadhick, Nicholas Yeun, Lucy Jellie, Lola Radnoti, Linda Connelly

Apologies: Patrick K, Tony S

Leave:

Make-ups:

We Also Missed:

The contact for making apologies and for notifications of guests for dinner meetings is
Les Sutcliffe on 6452 7442 during business hours or e-mail leecooma@bigpond.com