



Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Rotary Theme for the Month:

Literacy

Meeting – 9 July 2014



Rebecca's last meeting with us before she returned to Switzerland, flying out on Friday. President Peter gave Rebecca a souvenir of her stay in Cooma.



Guest speaker, Rose Ricketson, spoke about the Big hART project in developing a stage show that tells the story of this local area. Exploring its multicultural past, cosmopolitan future and all in between, the investigation taps into different elements of the varied Cooma community: the rich history of the Snowy Hydro-Electric Scheme and more recent migration; old farming families; ski enthusiasts; the broad arts community and the tourism industry.

The project explores Cooma's multicultural legacy, the unique stories of the area and engages different groups through workshops held over the next 15 months, including music and song, movement and dance, poetry, photo and story collection and recipe sharing.

When the project comes to fruition, there will be live musical performances with professional actors such as Lex Marinos as well as amateur actors. Cooma is the only town in Australia where such a project is being conducted to inquire into the makeup of the community.

In her talk, Elaine Mooney gave a potted history of the law firms in Cooma. The first Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Robert Dawson was also the Police Magistrate. The first solicitors arrived in the town around 1870 and others followed. The two firms, Walker Gibbs & King and Blaxland, Mawson & Rose, have been in existence for over 100 years, although the name of each firm has varied over the years. Rotarians Elaine Mooney and John Clarke have worked here as solicitors for many years. There are now three firms in the town.



Thought of the week: (considering that the theme this month is Literacy) - David B
Do you ever wonder if illiterate people get the full effect of alphabet soup?

This week's attendance: 82.9%

Guests: Rose Ricketson and Rebecca Wuersch (Club)

Apologies: Tom, Kevin, Katrin, Alyson, Tracey

Leave: Les, Brian

The contact for meeting apologies and for notification of guests is Leading Edge on 64537442 or email leecooma@bigpond.com by 10am Tuesday.

Announcements:

A postcard has been received from Tamara describing her Euro tour as the best .

John C brought a copy of an article showing how Interplast had helped a young boy from the Pacific area.

John Vucic has tendered his resignation which has been accepted with regret.

The Bowling Club is hosting a Christmas in July evening on 25 July.

The board will meet next Wednesday at the bowling club at 5pm.

Future Programs:

16 July – Antje Badger – Strategic planning for Cooma Hospital

23 July – Club Assembly

30 July – Dean Lynch, Mayor of Cooma-Monaro Shire – Economic development plans for Cooma and the Shire



Rosters: July

Attendance	Kevin
	Hass
Property	Tony
	Joe
Fellowship	Margaret E
	Neil
Markets	John K Co-ord
	Alyson – PA
	Neil
	Brenda
	Ashley
	Margaret E
	Patrick
3 Minute Talk	John C
	Elaine M
	Alyson
	Geoff
	Tony
Sergeant/Thought	Marco
	David B
	Mark C
	Des
	John K
Introduction	Ashley
	Richard
	Ken
	Darrell
	David H
Thank you	Hass
	Mark JN
	Brenda
	Wolfgang
	Dugald



Ken Dane, Cooma's Citizen of the Year



July Happenings

Joining date: Peter 1 July 2004
 Brenda - 6 July 2014
 Jim – 24 July 1997

Birthdays: Dave L – 7 July
 Tony – 8 July
 Patrick – 23 July



District Governor's Message –July 2014

Welcome to the new Rotary year. I congratulate PDG Maureen and Stephen for a wonderful year now past. Maureen's passion for youth programs and the Rotary Learning Initiative (RLI) have resulted in great programs servicing both our youth and our Rotary membership.



As I commence my visits to all the Clubs, I'd like you all to consider becoming involved in an RLI program this year. District Chair Jacqui Page has programmed sessions for Canberra, Merimbula, Goulburn and Shoalhaven, so there's an opportunity for everyone to be involved. RLI provides all participants the opportunity to grow in their Rotary experience. By sharing ideas and experiences, and enjoying the fellowship of Rotarians from other Clubs, we all become better Rotarians. The first session for this year is in Canberra, commencing on the first weekend in August. You too can be an RLI graduate.

Let's all get involved as we work together to Light Up Rotary.

Rowley Tompsett, DG



