



Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Rotary Theme for the Month:

literacy

Meeting – 23 July 2014

Club Assembly



Darrell was set for a l-o-o-o-ng night



President Peter commended the members who have been serving the meals.





Three minuter: Geoff spoke about outstanding aborigines in our history. His first character was Yarri who in his canoe that could take only one passenger, saved 49 people from floods at Gundagai in 1852. He was helped by Jacky-Jacky who joined him eventually and saved another 20 people.

Another character was Uarnigh who was a guide for the explorer Major Mitchell. After his death, the government erected a headstone paying tribute to his native courage, honesty and fidelity. Mitchell, in his diary, acknowledged Uarnigh as his mentor, counsellor and friend.

Geoff also mentioned the find of some bones after a flood locally. There was also a kangaroo tooth necklace, which was carbon dated to 7000 years ago.

Birthdays this month:

Dave L – 7 July; Tony – 8 July; Patrick - 23 July
anniversaries: Les and Jan – 11 July; Wolfgang and Christine – 12 July.

Date of Joining:

Peter – 1 July, 10 yrs; Jim – 24 July, 17 yrs



Rosters: July/August

Attendance	
July	Kevin
	Darrell
Property	
July	Tony
	Joe
Fellowship	
July	Margaret E
	Neil
Markets	
17 August	John K Co-ord
	Alyson – PA
	Mark C
	Darrell
	Wolfgang
	Elaine M
	Rob
3 Minute talk	
30 July	Tony
6 August	Graham
13 August	Richard
20 August	Ashley
27 August	Marco
Sergeant/Thought	
30 July	Graham
6 August	Rob
13 August	Mark JN
20 August	Tony
27 August	Joe
Introduction	
30 July	David H
6 August	Helen
13 August	Geoff
20 August	Brenda
27 August	Darrell
Thank you	
30 July	Dugald
6 August	Neil
13 August	Rob
20 August	Elaine S
27 August	Kevin

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DO YOUR TURN ON THE ROSTER, PLEASE ARRANGE FOR A SUBSTITUTE.

Joe suggested getting an outsize cheque proforma to use when making donations, the object being to get as much publicity for the donations as possible.

Thought of the week (Des): Never look down on anyone unless you are helping them up.



A letter has been received from Gilbert Wallace, wishing us well, and expressing his regret that he is unable to join Rotary because of a clash of events each week.

David H volunteered his services in arranging a progressive dinner. A show of hands indicated a high level of interest in this activity. Tony suggested making Rotary the topic of conversation with a series of questions at the different courses so that it becomes a Rotary night. David to liaise with Neil as Club Service director.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

News from the July Markets: there were 37 stalls; the net profit was \$2,141 and the wishing well raised over \$28. The stallholder selling the organic meats gave \$1 for each pie that he sold as well as a further \$15. Elaine S suggested that the wishing well should be in the centre of the park and we should give some kids coins to put in the slots so that other kids might follow suit.

The Heart Foundation is looking for people who would be willing to take part in a door knock campaign any time in September. Elaine S has the phone number for anyone who is interested.

Katrin is revising the brochure that she designed two years ago and she is updating the database of membership.

President Peter has received a thank you letter from Emily Rushton, one of the Med students who is based in Cooma for the year. This was to express the students' gratitude for the donation of \$500 towards their heating costs.

Another letter of thanks was received from MEIS thanking the club for the donation of \$12,000. As a result of the support from the people of Cooma, the service was able to start using the rooms in the refurbished cottage as from 21 July. The importance of these rooms was the growing need for individual treatment for some clients.



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MEMBERSHIP

Some of the tactics of other clubs were discussed. One club has an invitation on its website for people to join. Kununurra club was down to 6 members so those people went through the local phone book and found the names of every business and government department, then found out the names of the managers, owners or second in charge of the organisation and invited them to an 'interest meeting'. This topic is to be revisited at a future meeting.

The question of the table arrangement for our meetings was raised. After some discussion, the new arrangement was endorsed. The only proviso is that the tables have to be put back into their correct places for diners on other nights, so everyone is needed to help with the rearranging.

The rotation of the position of Sergeant was discussed and it was decided that any members who are uncomfortable with being rostered on as Sergeant should let Neil know so that he can keep that in mind when doing the rosters.



Hass demonstrated using ClubRunner to find out the program for coming meetings, send emails, and access club documents such as Board meeting minutes. IF ANYONE IS HAVING DIFFICULTY LOGGING ON, PLEASE LET HASS KNOW.



The Trent Nathan scarf

Meeting statistics:

Attendance: 68%

Apologies: David B, Brenda, Ash, Mark C, John K, Mark JN, Helen

Leave: Brian, Tracey, Jim, Tom

Make-ups: John K

NEXT WEEK

Dean Lynch, Mayor of Cooma-Monaro Shire, speaking on future development for Cooma and the shire



