



Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Rotary Theme for the Month:

Literacy

Meeting – 30 July 2014

Guest Speaker – Dean Lynch



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK (Richard):

Good plans only fail if they have bad luck. Bad plans need good luck to succeed.

Meeting attendance: 79%

Visiting Rotarian: Hermann Jungmayr of Nkumba, Uganda

Other visitors: Dean Lynch (Club), Tomas Jungmayr (Hermann)

Apologies: Helen, John C, John K, Joe, Brenda

Leave: Tracey, Tom, Brian

NEXT WEEK: Betty Braden speaking about cochlear implants



GET WELL WISHES:

Jim Hatfield had surgery on Wednesday and he came through the operation successfully.





THREE MINUTER:

Tony spoke about fluoride in the water and the effect it has had on people's teeth. In his work as a dentist, it was very noticeable when patients had been using fluoridated water as they had little dental decay. However, if patients had had too much fluoride, they developed dental fluorosis. In this condition, teeth became stained and mottled with imperfect enamel formation, despite having no dental decay. Yass was the first town in NSW to put fluoride into the town water 1956, Cooma following suit just seven years later.

VISITOR:

Hermann Jungmayr comes from Uganda, from a club that was chartered last December. There are 39 members, 36 of whom were new or lapsed Rotarians. The average age is about 35 and the club has already been active in projects.

From Ashley: Our new exchange student, Anna, is excited about her arrival and looking forward to meeting everyone. Ash is seeking applicants for RYPEN.

From Neil: Thanks to Les for checking on the microphone. Neil and David H will get together to name a date for the progressive dinner.

From Elaine S: Information about the doorknock campaign for the Heart Foundation in September is available. Prizes for the duck race in October would be appreciated.



GUEST SPEAKER:

Dean Lynch, Mayor of Cooma-Monaro Shire, spoke about economic development plans for the area. At a full house meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday 29 July, Dean outlined some steps that the council hopes to initiate to develop the shire further.

To start the process, two committees were formed, one for tourism and the other for economic development. A task force was set up to work on a vision to give direction to planning and then \$500,000 was earmarked to fund any development. Cooma has become a service town serving both farming and tourism. One of its problems is attracting and keeping working age population. Suitable housing and education opportunities have been seen to be barriers. To some extent the Cooma Universities Centre has eased the concern for tertiary education. When it was first opened, it was hoped that it would have ten students in the first six months. Now it has 88 students, 1,400 visits in a year and is working with 19 universities. Our universities centre, like that of Geraldton, is now a model for other towns in Australia.

Marketing is a major focus for the council and at present there is a beautification plan being put into practice and an LED sign has been installed on the outskirts of the town on Monaro Highway welcoming people to the area. Other signs will be erected on the road in from the south coast and on the road from the mountains. Events that draw people to Cooma are regarded as a means of generating income as well as a long term measure to attract residents. Over a 12 week period in the winter, 30,000 vehicles pass through the town. The new toilet block in Centennial Park has been very favourably reviewed by visitors.

Cutting the time of processing Development Applications has been an aim of the Council and is now down to an average of about 25 days. This process will be done online in the future.

Council now hopes to involve bodies such as the service clubs, the Chamber of Commerce and the progress association as partners in the development plans. Opinions on delivery of innovation, particularly in the attracting of new businesses, will be sought and strategies funded.

Rosters: August

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

FOUNDATION AT WORK: You are invited you to watch the [video](#) (1 min 20 secs)

<http://vimeopro.com/rotary/trf/video/98483622>

It illustrates the impressive work that Rotary Foundation grants make possible.



Birthdays in July:

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 years; Jim – 24 July, 17 years

Birthdays in August:

Ash – 11 August; Rob - 14 August; Dave B – 15 August

Trish (Dave Libauer) – 18 August

Anniversary – John and Yvonne Mercer – 7 August

Date Joined Rotary:

Ken P – 8 August - 7 years

David H – 12 August – 47 years

Dugald – 12 August – 45 years

Mark C – 19 August – 5 years

Hass – 19 August – 5 years

