



Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Rotary Theme for the Month:

Membership and Extensions

Meeting – 5 August 2014

Guest Speaker – Betty Braden

Thought of the week (Rob): Wisdom is the difference between pulling your weight and throwing it around.



August Dates:

Birthdays:

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



From Darrell: John Jacoby is very unwell. The club members all send their good wishes.

Jim Hatfield is continuing to do well.

From Ash: Anna, our Hungarian exchange student, arrives next week.

From Elaine S: After a trial with a soft drink bottle on the duck race course, it was decided that the course needed some cleaning up. Tony and Les are going to help. The duck race will be on 19 October.

From Patrick: A function is being planned to raise funds for the Phajoding Monastery in Bhutan, a refuge for underprivileged boys. The function will be held at the Multi-Cultural Centre which is next to the Canberra Theatre Complex. Patrick needs help for setting a date and also will need help at the function from members.

From Kevin: Frances Robertson, Principal of St Pat's, who spoke to the club in June, organised a sleep over for the students – no heating, no mattresses. The students raised over \$2,000 for Vinnies' Winter Appeal.

From Alyson: She is the producer of 'Oliver!' that is being staged by St Pat's. 72 students are involved and the production is being staged on the third and fourth weekends of August.

From Katrin: If you have any makeups please let the attendance officers know so that it can be recorded.



THREE MINUTER: Graham spoke about Kiandra pre Snowy Hydro times. Early on, Graham had walked and skied the whole of the goldfields and continues to do so. The gold find comprised alluvial gold and ran north of Goandra and south to the Tulong Range, Mt Jagungal, a very large area. Two strikes went down the Tumut River and Tantangara Creek and joined together. Surface mining began in the 1860s. The longest race that Graham found was 3.5 miles long, starting high to get needed pressure to take down the overburden after sluicing – the first of the dams for the Snowy. The water wheel, installed in 1858, was the first in Australia.



BETTY BRADEN: DEAFNESS AND COCHLEAR EAR IMPLANTS

Speaking from personal experience, Betty mentioned her family background, deafness being a family trait. She explained the manner in which we should speak to anyone with hearing difficulties – always say the person's name, face the person and speak relatively mid-pace. Lipreading is an important strategy for deaf people. It is so important for hearing-impaired people to be part of activities and where there is no provision for them, they feel excluded. She spoke about the noise that cicadas make and tinnitus, both noises that are heard constantly by those with hearing problems.

Professor Graeme Clark developed the cochlear ear implant, and is currently investigating cures for epilepsy and paraplegia. Betty herself has nerve deafness and didn't realise at first that she was losing her hearing. The audiometrist at Australian Hearing kept track of the deterioration of her hearing and then gave her a referral to SCIC (Sydney Cochlear Implant Centre). Again Betty's progress downwards in her hearing was constantly monitored and tests before any operation could take place took 18 months. The implant was inserted in a three hour operation and it imitates the action of the ear. Getting used to the implant took some time as the brain had to learn to recognise the new gadget. Life for Betty has changed dramatically as she hadn't heard high notes on a piano or birds singing for 35 years.



MEETING STATISTICS:

Attendance: 87.5%

Guests: Betty Braden (Club), John Chapman (Marco), Christina Laub (Wolfgang), Georgie Constance (Ash)

Apologies: Tom, John K

We also missed: Tracey, Les

Makeups: John C (Broadbeach)

Next week: Ray Kinch – Improvements in Pathology over the years; Med students





For your state of mind:

The pessimist may be right in the long run, but the optimist has a better time during the trip.

Rosters: August/September

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	
13 August	Med students
20 August	Ashley
27 August	Marco
3 September	Dugald
Sergeant/Thought	
13 August	Mark JN
20 August	Tony
27 August	Joe
3 September	
Introduction	
13 August	Geoff
20 August	Brenda
27 August	Darrell
3 September	Neil
Thank you	
13 August	Rob
20 August	Elaine S
27 August	Kevin
3 September	Katrin

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