



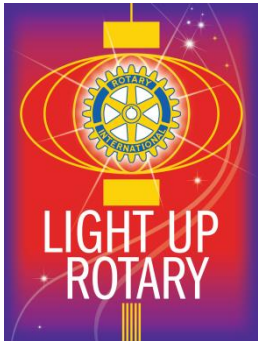
Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Rotary Theme for the Month:

Membership and Extensions

Meeting – 10 September 2014

Guest Speaker – Laura Dawes





THOUGHT OF THE WEEK (David H): Robbie Burns
Old nature swears the lovely dears
Her noblest work she classes
Her 'prentice hand she tried on man
And then she made the lasses.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEIL: The membership night will be 22 October.

ELAINE S: Called for volunteers to help at the Robinson reunion on the long weekend.

ELAINE M / DARRELL: A vocational visit on 8 October to Rhythm Sports.

DUGALD: There will be an ad in the Canberra Chronicle advertising our next markets. The annual subscription has been set by the board at \$280. Money can be paid by directly to the Commonwealth Bank, **BSB 062523 Account 00905107**. If you make a lump sum contribution to Rotary Foundation (usually \$100), this can also be deposited in the same account.

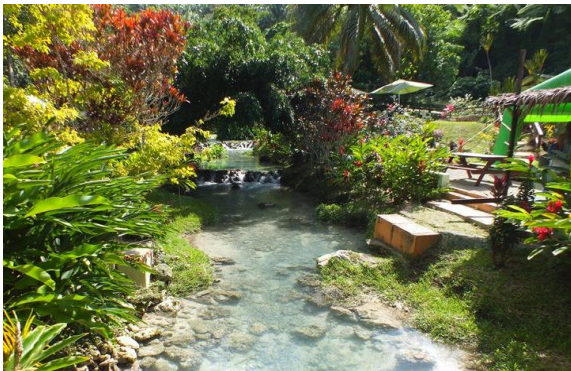
PATRICK: He is hoping that as many members can attend the fundraiser to be held in Canberra to support the orphanage run by the Phajoding monastery in Bhutan.

PETER: The Australian Busking Championships on the first weekend of November are being sponsored by our club.



REMINDER from MARGARET E: Don't forget to bring in your used stamps so that they can be collected and sold to help people in developing countries.

THREE MINUTER: Margaret spoke about her husband, Jordi, and how he managed to leave Spain illegally in 1951. Margaret and Jordi married and then wanted to get away to Australia. Being allowed to leave Spain was not easy, so Jordi joined a group of football supporters from Barcelona and with his father's help sewed some American dollars into the lining of his coat. The police who were checking everyone's documents failed to see that he should not have been travelling, so Jordi made it to France. Jordi had a long wait there while Margaret taught ice skating in Australia and tried to secure a visa for Jordi. When it finally came through, Jordi hitchhiked to Italy and used his American dollars to buy a plane ticket and so was able to join Margaret here.



As guest speaker, LAURA DAWES spoke about her 2.5 weeks in Vanuatu as part of the third year of her study for her double degree in nursing and paramedics. She thanked the club for its generous donation which made the study placement easier to achieve. Vanuatu is a beautiful country with contrasts: some equipment for health care is very



basic, and consumables are in short supply while the operating theatres in Vila are well equipped, but safety standards, such as the disposal of sharps, are poor when compared to what is found in Australia. Laura's opinion was that they delivered quality care considering some of the shortcomings. Common conditions presenting are malaria, dengue Fever, pneumonia, typhoid and tuberculosis although lifestyle conditions such as asthma, diabetes and cardiovascular disease are increasing.

There are 5 main hospitals, the largest in Vila where Laura was based, although each village has a health centre run by a nurse practitioner. Laura spent some time in a village, was billeted with a local family, experienced an earthquake, and worked in the local clinic.

The paramedical service, run by Australians, runs 24/7 and has grown so that it can perform medivacs overseas and locally. Laura was involved in the triage of a major boating accident when 4 people were drowned. For Laura the major lesson has been to appreciate what we have and make the best of what we have.





MEETING STATISTICS:

Attendance: 78.8%

Guests: Laura Dawes and Anna Pfeff (club), John Chapman (Marco), Cathy and Peter Dawes, Wally (Brenda)

Apologies: Tom, Katrin, Mark JN, Ash

Leave: Brian

We also missed: John C, Joe, Alyson

Next Week: Anna Pfeff, our exchange student

ROSTERS – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Attendance	
September	Helen
	Darrell
October	Mark C
	Wolfgang
Property	
September	Hass
	John K
October	Neil
	Alyson
Fellowship	
September	Margaret E
	Neil / Claire
Markets	
21 September	John K Co-ord
	Alyson – PA
	John C
	Tracey
	Mark JN
	David H
	Graham
3 Minute talk	
17 September	Marco
24 September	Wolfgang
1 October	Mark C
8 October	John K
Sergeant/Thought	
17 September	
24 September	Mark C
1 October	Tony
8 October	Mark JN
Introduction	
17 September	Tracey
24 September	Kevin
1 October	David H
8 October	Club Assembly
Thank you	
17 September	Alyson
24 September	David B
1 October	Katrin
8 October	Club Assembly

5c collection: \$70.05 was banked last week

SEPTEMBER DATES

Birthdays: Alan – 5th; Claire – 19th; Darrell – 25th;
Helen (Graham) – 2nd; Kim (Chris Adams) – 8th
Anniversary: John and Rosie King – 12th
Date Joined Rotary: Katrin 13th – 8 years

