



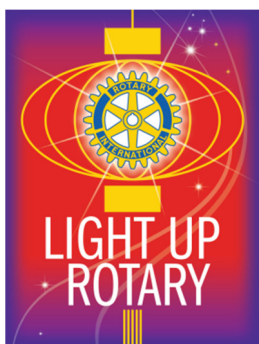
Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Rotary Theme for the Month:

World Understanding

Meeting – 28 January 2015

Guest Speaker – Darrell Gaukroger



BOARD NEWS

A decision has been made to purchase a coffee van.

Claire has organised a movie night to raise funds for Polio Plus, 'The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel'.

The markets in February will feature a pet parade. In March the markets will include the Multicultural Festival/Harmony Day activities.

The Australian Rotary Conference will be in Canberra in November this year.

The signs for the seats we donated for Sharp St will be attached soon.



A reminder to everyone: If you are unable to attend any meeting you should advise Les on leecooma@bigpond.com or 64527442 by 4pm the Monday before the meeting. Failure to do this will mean that you will be asked to pay for the meal.

This is the beginning of the new month and the roster hereunder is applicable.

FEBRUARY Attendance

Katrin
Allan S

Property

Neil B
Kevin

Fellowship

Margaret E
Claire

Markets

15th

John K Co-ord
Alyson PA
John Chapman
Tracey
Brad
Danielle
Tony
Elaine M

3 minuter

4th

Tom

11th

Neil Murdoch

18th

Richard H

25th

Mark L

Intro

4th

Andrew

11th

Claire

18th

Danielle

25th

Mark C

Thanks

4th

Jim

11th

Ken

18th

Alyson

25th

David H

Sergeant/ Thought

4th

Brian

11th

John K

18th

Les

25th

Alyson

NEXT MEETING— Tony Nasser and his amphibious car.

DATES FOR FEBRUARY:

Birthday – Elaine M 25th

Anniversaries – Jim and Mary 5th, Des and Judy 5th, Claire and Hans 7th, Dave and Kathy B. 27th

VOCATIONAL VISIT

Elaine M has organised a visit to the control room of Snowy Hydro by 5pm SHARP on 11 February.

BHUTAN DINNER

20 Rotarians attended a very good occasion. \$15,000 was raised to go towards a target of \$200,000 which will be matched by a benefactor.

LAMBIE GORGE

Geoff spoke about the need to be aware of the significance of the site for the original owners and the need for maintenance there. Signage needs updating and grass needs to be kept cut back.

THE TOWNING FAMILY

Mark C spoke about the ramp that Rotarians worked on to enable easy access for Matthew. The family is very grateful for the club's assistance.

MARKETS

The markets on Australia Day raised \$1784. John K expressed his thanks to all those who helped on the day.

FUNDRAISER

Darrell brought along some calendars featuring beautiful photos of Shoalhaven. Purchasers of a calendar (\$10) will go into a lucky draw each month.



MEETING STATISTICS

ATTENDANCE: 89%

APOLOGIES: Ash, Kevin

LEAVE: Brenda

VISITORS: Anne Ducray (Tuggeranong member), Megan Trotter, Tom Keevers, Jeannette Bailey (John Clarke), Maria Slater (Tracey), Anna Pfeff (club)

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK (Katrin)

It takes a storm to create a rainbow.



SPEAKER – Darrell – The changing motor car industry in Cooma

Darrell has been in car sales for most of his working life and spoke about the changes that have occurred since 1965 when he first came to Cooma.

There were at least seven car sales sites in the town then and now there are three. The

SMA was a big customer. Seat belts became compulsory Australia wide, following the example of SMA. 1968 saw the start of changes in new vehicle sales although radios became standard equipment from 1966/67. Dealers were able to order options such as duco colour, disc brakes, and power steering.

Vehicle sales have changed because instead of being dominated by sedans, now 50% of the market is taken up by SUVs and light commercial. There are now 180 different models available in Australia, compared to 137 in USA.

Prices have decreased, e.g. a Mazda 2 cost \$16,000 in 2004 and now in 2015 it costs \$15,000.

The first Corolla had a 1.2L engine, but engines are now more powerful as in four cylinder cars and they are all more fuel efficient.

Dealers are not interested in trading old cars so that people are turning to private sales. Some dealers are using internet sites to sell used cars.



COMING MEETINGS

11 Feb – SMA Control Room, dinner at the Bowling Club afterwards with Keiran Cusack as speaker

18 Feb – Mike Mesley – Snowy Vet

25 Feb – Tamara John-Natley – her exchange year in Italy

4 March – John Barilaro MP

