



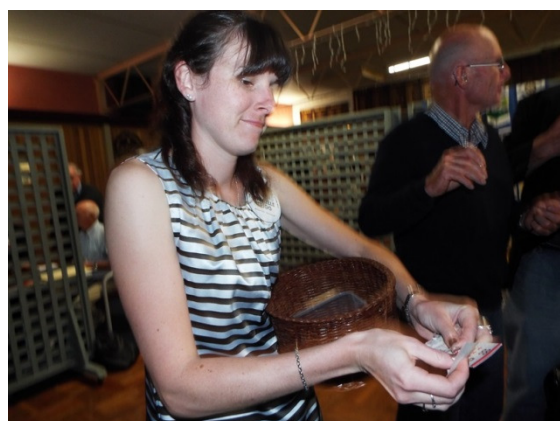
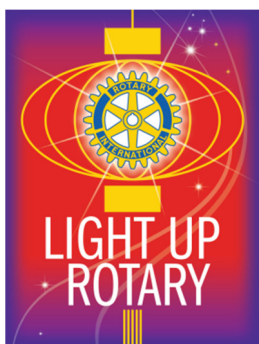
Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Rotary Theme for the Month:

World Understanding

Meeting – 4 February 2015

Guest Speaker – Tony Nassar





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Claire has organised a movie night on Thursday 26 February to raise funds for End Polio Now, 'The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel'. 20TH Century Fox has a special deal with Rotary so that the premiere of the film can be used as a fundraiser for Rotary projects.

In March the markets will include the Multicultural Festival/Harmony Day activities. Yvi Henderson has called a meeting regarding this day, the meeting to be held in the Council committee room on 12 February, 5-6pm. Anyone with ideas for the Harmony Day is invited to attend.

Markets on Sunday week (15 February). The beneficiary of the Wishing Well will be End Polio Now. Anna will be holding a fundraising stall at these markets, featuring Hungarian food. When you are packing up after the markets, please don't fold the banner. It needs to be rolled to prevent the laminate from cracking.

Best wishes to Brenda for her return to good health.

There was a good article about Rotary Student Exchange in the last Monaro Post, featuring Tamara.

Tom S has started a Facebook page for the Rotary Club. Contributions are welcome.

VOCATIONAL VISIT and NEXT MEETING

Elaine M has organised a visit to the control room of Snowy Hydro. Please be at the entrance of Snowy Hydro by 4.55pm SHARP on 11 February. Keiran Cusack will speak to us there and then afterwards at the dinner.

The 5c collection – latest amount to be banked - \$61.80. The nursing home would like funds donated to buy foam leg rests that prevent the formation of ulcers on the heels.

If anyone has a spare set of computer speakers, Dave B would like to borrow them. Thanks to Les for organising the new projector screen.



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.

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 11th 18th 25th	Tom Neil Murdoch Richard H Mark L
Intro	4th 11th 18th 25th	Andrew Claire Danielle Mark C
Thanks	4th 11th 18th 25th	Jim Ken Alyson David H
Sergeant/ Thought	4th 11th 18th 25th	Brian John K Les Alyson

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

LAMBIE GORGE: Six members worked very hard to tidy up the paths and signs at the gorge.

BRIAN'S THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK

He greatly admires Albert Einstein, Sir Isaac Newton and Stephen Hawking. Einstein always had a quote for any situation:

Try not to become a man of success but try to become a man of value. (Or in today's PC – person) On his Theory of Relativity:

If you're a young man courting a beautiful young lady, an hour will seem to take a second, but if you're a young man sitting on a hot burning coal, a second will seem like an hour. That's relativity.

MEETING STATISTICS

ATTENDANCE: 90%

APOLOGIES: John Clarke, Brad, Joe

LEAVE: Brenda

We also missed: Neil M

VISITORS: Megan Trotter, Tom Keevers, (John Clarke) Tony and Jozeph Nassar, Anna Pfeff (club)

COMING MEETINGS

18 Feb – Mike Mesley – Snowy Vets

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

4 March – John Barilaro MP

THREE MINUTER

Tom S spoke about his work with Heliosystems in China. A short video showed the work involved in building a demonstration solar power station, a six tower project. 600 mirrors took 4 weeks to assemble. One of the blocks got up to 900°, proving that the product actually works. New projects with 1200 towers could occur in Cyprus or Greece.



GUEST SPEAKER

Tony Nassar spoke about his Amphicar and his attendance at a special event to honour Ron Radford who brought the first Amphicar into Australia. Ron, at the age of 94, is a member of the Umina Rotary Club and has been a Rotarian for 64 years. He was a pharmacist at Woy Woy and used his Amphicar to travel to work through the water rather than going by road, a much longer trip. The event was so well patronised that many members of the crowd had to remain outside the venue, 160 inside and up to 400 outside.

Tony's car is a 1964 model, taken delivery by Ron Radford in 1965. It has doors which are not found in other examples of amphibious vehicles. Tony showed footage of the car in Sydney Harbour with the Opera House under construction in the background.

The great enemy of these cars that were built of mild steel is salt water. The use of plastics and aluminium was just not feasible at the time. 3,800 cars were made, 3,000 going to USA. There are about 600 left in existence at present, those lost succumbing to the damage of salt water.

The Amphicar is the only amphibious vehicle to have reverse gear.



Anne has transferred from Tuggeranong



From Peter Anna receives an Australian flag sent by John Barilaro MP



