

Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

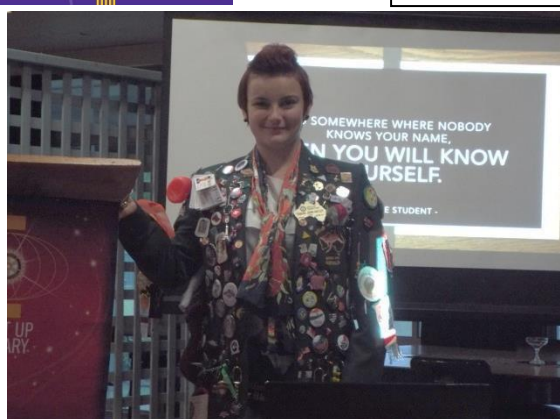
Rotary Theme for the Month:

Membership and Extensions

Meeting – 25 February 2015

Guest Speaker – Tamara John-Natley

Her Exchange Year



In 2014 Tamara spent a year living in the town of Sarzana, which is located in the north of Italy.

She arrived in winter and it proved to be the wettest winter the town had experience for many years.

School was a scientific school which she found different particularly as she is quite arty. But she was accepted by her classmates and made to feel very welcome.

There were 5 host families in her year 4 of which were amazing, loving and very inclusive.

EuroTour provided an opportunity to see part of Europe, she said that she would like to go back as you really didn't get to experience the

places fully. But a great time was had by all.



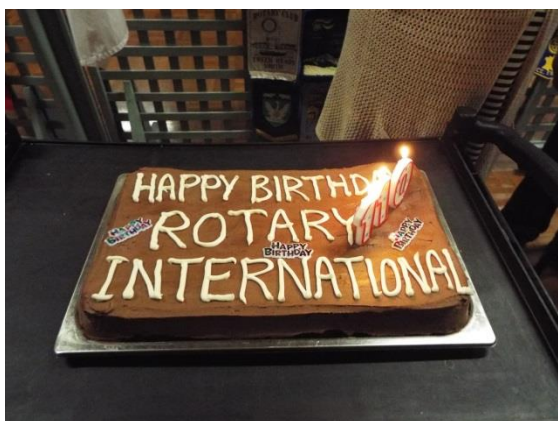
A major highlight of the year was having the opportunity to meet Rotary International President Gary Huang.



She finished her presentation by presenting President Peter with a banner from her host Rotary Club.



Monday, 23 February saw the 110th birthday of Rotary International. To mark this event we would like to welcome our newest club members.



Helen Bowland, John Bujalski, John Chapman, Brad Constance, Anne Ducray, Andrew Egan, Richard Hopkins, Tom Keevers,

Mark Luff, Neil Murdoch, Tom Shirvington, Allan Spencer, Danielle Trigg and Megan Trotter.



Dates for March

Birthdays

Brad 11, Margaret E 13, Megan 15, David H 18

Jacqui (Neil M) 17

Anniversaries

Tom & Cath B 24, Richard & Lainie 30

Date Joined Rotary

Ken 10 (55yrs), Brenda 25 (6 years)

Upcoming Meetings

4th – John Barilaro MP

11th – Rodney Clancy Pres Cooma Railway

18th – St Patrick's Day Dinner

With Tuggeranong at Michelago

25th – ANU Medical Students

Thought of the Week – Allyson H-J

If you are still looking of that one person to change your life – look in the mirror.

Remember:

Rosters are available on Club Runner.

If you are not able to attend or have guests please contact Les by Monday afternoon at the latest.



Meeting Stats

Attendance – 84.8%

Visiting Rotarians - Michael & Julia Pedler,

Guests - Steve & Irene Shirvington, Jan Sutcliff, Carole Slater, Janine Jenkins, Jackie Murdoch, Janine & Tamara John-Natley, Anna Pfaff.

Apologies – Andrew, Margaret H, Elaine M.

Leave – David B, Brenda

Also Missed – Joe V



Announcements

The final tally of funds raised for the Bhutan Project is \$16,711.00. Well done all involved.

7th March @ 8am a Men's Breakfast will be held at the Uniting Church. The guest speaking is Fred Mitchell, representative for Cooma, Bombala & the Monaro from Ability Links NSW. This is a new program that aims to assist people with disabilities to be valued & equal members of the community.

The 3 Minuter this week was provided by Mark L. He was born & raised in North London. This was where he met his future wife Annie. He made such an impression that it took him 2 years to get a date. One evening they were discussing the differences between England and Australia with his opinions having been formed through watching Skippy, Chopper Squad, Dame Edna and Neighbours. He could tell Annie really was impressed as she was laughing so hard. So she suggested that visit Australia so he could really see the differences. This was his first major flight which took about 38 hours.



Before they left England a mate had told him about Darcy papers, which are toilet shaped pieces of paper which are impregnated with spider pheromones that are used to keep spiders away from toilet seats. He was a bit sceptical but... In Brisbane he met his future sister-in-law who confirmed the existence of such papers, but he should have been more suspicious as this happened after Annie and her sister had been to the bathroom. He encountered his first Huntsman spider just before a power outage and is still teased about how the screen door is still banging.

Following a return to England he realised how much he missed the beautiful Australian country side and they have been living here for the past 20 years and where we have Kangaroos on nearly every corner and Huntsman spiders for pets.

