



Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Rotary Theme for the Month:

Membership and Extensions

Meeting – 4 March 2015

Guest Speaker – Yvi Henderson



Our guest speaker this week was Ivy Henderson – Multicultural Project officer for MAGIC.

The Multicultural Activity Group in Cooma has recently had a name change to the Multicultural Activity Group in our Communities as the project has now been extended to include Jindabyne but they are still known as MAGIC.

What is MAGIC – they are a group who consist of young and old people from more than 50 different ethnic backgrounds. They are a variety of shades of black, white and brown. Some are new to the Monaro and others have been here since the time of the Snowy Scheme.

The Group supports a number of projects including the Monaro Refugee Support Group,

the Brown Box which is a small business that is a part of the Renew Cooma initiative. The name came about as anything can be put into a box. They also hold a variety of workshops which may look like people having a good time but provide a forum for serious discussions on topics such as healthy relationships or domestic violence.

They have gardening projects held at the Cooma Community gardens at which people new to Cooma can learn about what grows in such a cold climate. Along with playgroup project where older members of the community interact with young children. They have a grandpa from India teaching young children how to plant and tend to plants.

A recent fun project was with Italian ladies teaching Chinese ladies how to make pizza.



There are 2 major cultural festivals celebrated in Cooma. These are Diwali/Divali - the Indian Festival of Light at which dressing up in a sari is acceptable for everyone (women and men). And Koh Phangan – the Full Moon Festival.



A recent TAFE workshop saw 15 volunteers attend to learn how to teach English to people who do not speak English well.

The dance groups are working hard for their presentations at the upcoming Multicultural Festival which is supported strongly by the Cooma Rotary Club. This festival introduces people to people providing a forum for developing new friendships.

The main point of MAGIC is to enable people to learn from each other and celebrate different cultures.



Dates for March

Birthdays

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

Jacqui (Neil M) 17th

Anniversaries

Tom & Cath B 24th, Richard & Lainie 30th

Date Joined Rotary

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

Upcoming Meetings

11th – Rodney Clancy Pres Cooma Railway

18th – St Patrick's Day Dinner
With Tuggeranong at Michelago

25th – ANU Medical Students

Thought of the Week – Andrew Egan

The moment someone tells you you're not good enough is the moment you know you are better than them.



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



March Roster

Rosters are available on Club Runner.

Attendance -		Richard L Richard H
Property -		David H Ken
Fellowship/Meals -		Danielle Neil B Brian Wolfgang Ken
Markets 15 th -		John K - Co-ord John C – food Alyson – PA Marco – BBQ Elaine S Claire Andrew Tom S Richard H
3 Minuter -	11 th - 18 th - 25 th -	Danielle John C Dugald
Intro -	11 th - 18 th - 25 th -	David H Anne Neil M
Thanks -	11th - 18th - 25th -	Joe Jim Andres
Sgt/Thought -	11th - 18th - 25th -	Marco Darrell David H

Meeting Stats

Attendance – 75.5%

Visiting Rotarians – Neil Russel (Southport),
Guests – Kathryn Russell, Yvi Henderson,
Anna Pfaff

Apologies – John B, Brad C, Ashley C, Mark L,
Richard H, Tom S, Anne D.

Leave – David B, Brenda, Margaret H,
Elaine M

Also Missed – Joe V



Announcements

Brickfest 2015 is being held at the Snowy Mountains Christina School on 21 March. John K is organising catering and needs volunteers. Rotary has been asked if they would like to have a stall which promotes the work of Rotary in the Community – volunteers needed to man the stall.

John K said the Clean Up Australia Day catering raised a couple of hundred dollars.

A thank you card was received following the December markets where a lady by the name of Mary had a stall from which she was selling a house. This lead to a successful sale and by way of thanks she provided a donation to End Polio Now.

The recent film night raised \$1,440.50 and the catering supplied by Rotarians and/or partners was amazing.

Alyson is looking for volunteers to help collect donations for the wine auction which is to be held at the Sir William Hudson Fete.

Special notice: the meeting on the 18th March is a St Patrick's Day Dinner with Tuggeranong at Michelago



The **3 Minuter** this week was provided by Dugald. He has recently arrived home from a 3 month trip to Scotland. He visited with his daughter Mary who lives in Edinburgh. Mary left 1 week after she completed Year 12, did a BA in Sydney and then proceeded to cycle around China with a friend and then on to Europe with a young man she met and married and they settled in Edinburgh. She has now been living in Scotland longer than she lived in Australia. Dugald found out the Mary now has 4 degrees and is undertaking a PhD on Working with Delinquent Teenage Girls.

The results of the Scottish referendum were 55 to 45 in favour of remaining part of the UK. Half the Scottish Cabinet is women – some other countries could take note. Scottish politics is changing as Labour will have a majority in the House of Commons.

He spent Christmas with his family in Scotland at a property owned by an ancestor of Robert Louis Stevenson – they all had a wonderful time.

