



# Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

*Rotary Theme:*

*Magazine Month*

**Meeting – 8 April 2015**

**Guest Speaker – Keith Walker**

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A reminder to everyone: If you are unable to attend any meeting you should advise Les on [leecooma@bigpond.com](mailto: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.

#### APRIL ROSTER

Attendance	Tony, Anne
Property	Mark JN, John K
Fellowship/Meals	Danielle, Les, Tracey, Mark C, Elaine S
Markets	19/4 John K, John Chapman, Alyson, Wolfgang, Margaret E, Allan S, David B, Mark L
3 minuter	1/4 John B 8/4 Ken 15/4 Brad 22/4 Des 29/4 Tony
Introduction	1/4 Mark L 8/4 David B 15/4 Richard H 22/4 Elaine M 29/4 Neil B
Thanks	1/4 Mark JN 8/4 Richard L 15/4 Helen 22/4 Geoff 29/4 Neil B
Sgt/Thought	1/4 Joe 8/4 Tony 15/4 Katrin 22/4 Mark JN 29/4 John Clarke

#### April dates:

**Birthdays** – John Chapman 6<sup>th</sup>, Des Trute 15<sup>th</sup>,  
Geoff Bowland 17<sup>th</sup>

**Anniversary** – Dave and Trish Libauer 20<sup>th</sup>







It was great to see Linda Lammensalo, our exchange student from Finland in 2011-12. Linda helps when there are exchange students in her own country. She is now at Aberdeen University studying International Relations. Next uni year, she will be studying at the University of Albuquerque in New Mexico.



#### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK (Tony):

If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door.

#### NOTICES:

Kevin: Information from Verity Jackson, the Dementia Advisory person for the area: there will be a seminar on 28 April at the Ex-Services Club, 'Changes in Aged Care'. There will be speakers from HACC and Centrelink. The site, [www.myagedcare.gov.au](http://www.myagedcare.gov.au), is excellent. In this coming week, Kevin will be attending the International Dementia Conference in Perth, as a delegate.

Board training 18/19 April in Tumut. This is OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS. Google 'Rotary District 9710' and then click on 'District Training Assembly'. Everyone is encouraged to attend district gatherings, such as the District Training Assembly, to learn how Rotary works. Peter will have a spare seat in the plane.

David H: Some trees at the Rotary Oval need replacing while others such as the Manchurian pear trees are flourishing. David will ask for help with

#### THREE MINUTER

Ken spoke about the early days of the Cabramatta Rotary Club (1960) and the decision to have a fact finding trip to PNG which in those days was still administered by Australia. There were but two methods of travel in the country, by foot or by air. The Cabramatta Rotarians gathered textbooks from the nearby schools to distribute in the PNG schools. They also sent a load of torn sheets and were charged (pre-metric) a pound per pound. Often the indigenes who went to work on the rubber plantations to raise money for a bride price, were exploited and separated from their money, so gravitated towards Port Moresby. These natives were part of a different tribe from the people around Port Moresby and were not welcomed; however, they stayed and became known as the Rascals.

Elaine M: Pride of Workmanship Awards – there are three nominations and another in the pipeline. Perhaps a decision should be made about whether this should continue.

There will be a meeting on 2 May at 2pm at the Visitors Centre re the Australian Busking Championships to be held on the first weekend of November.

MEETING STATISTICS: Attendance 69.5%

Apologies: John Chapman, Ashley, Mark C, Peter, Anne, Andrew, Alyson, Neil M, Allan S  
Leave: Brenda, Brad, Richard H, Joe

NEXT MEETING: Geoff Bowland speaking about the fundraising efforts for the boys' orphanage in Bhutan.





**GUEST SPEAKER: Keith Walker, Director of Engineering Services, Cooma-Monaro Shire Council**

**The project: Lake Wallace, water supply for Nimmitabel. The water for the area has traditionally been supplied from the McLaughlin River, with wells and tanks being built in the village. From 1962, there was a pumping station and a pipe to carry the water and in 1995-96 a bore was built, but so many times drought caused residents to observe severe water restrictions.**

**In 2007 the council developed a plan to improve the water supply. In 2009 the Nimmitabel Advancement Group received a grant of \$50,000 to conduct a feasibility study. One of the main difficulties in planning a better water supply has been the introduction of so many rules and regulations, often applied retrospectively. These included observance of Aboriginal Heritage and requirements of several environmental bodies. The favoured site now is Lake Wallace on Pigling Creek, 7ha in size, the dam wall to be built from local clay, rock and earth fill. The name of the lake honours the Wallace family who carefully tended the land for three generations. An offset area to compensate for the work has been set aside and has to be maintained by the council in perpetuity, by soil and vegetation conservation.**

**The lake, with a capacity of 320 megalitres, will provide recreational and fishing opportunities. Construction will begin next week and is expected to be finalised by March 2016. Keith acknowledged the part played by members of the council staff and, in particular, David Byrne.**



**The Lambie Gorge project. David H and Peter installed a large seat on Saturday. David's neighbour, Gote Vikstrom, helped with painting. Thanks to Margaret E who provided a delicious morning tea.**