



Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Rotary Theme:

Magazine Month

Meeting – 15 April 2015

Guest Speaker – Geoff Bowland

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April dates:

**Birthdays – John Chapman 6th, Des Trute 15th,
Geoff Bowland 17th GEOFF IS
BEGINNING HIS 80th YEAR!!!!**

Anniversary – Dave and Trish Libauer 20th



A reminder to everyone: If you are unable to attend any meeting YOU SHOULD ADVISE ALLAN SPENCER on allan@coomamusic.com.au or 64526067 BY LUNCH TIME THE TUESDAY before the meeting. Failure to do this will mean that you will be asked to pay for the meal.



APRIL ROSTERv (May and June on ClubRunner)

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| 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 | 15/4 Brad 22/4 Des 29/4 Tony |
| Introduction | 15/4 Richard H 22/4 Elaine M 29/4 Neil B |
| Thanks | 15/4 Helen 22/4 Geoff 29/4 Neil B |
| Sgt/Thought | 15/4 Katrin 22/4 Mark JN 29/4 John Clarke |

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK (Katrin):

Ignorance doesn't kill you, but it makes you sweat a lot.

NOTICES:

Peter: Next week when the Pride of Workmanship Awards are presented we could have up to 40 extra people attending as there are six awardees. Members are asked to welcome the visitors and sit with them. We might require an extra person on the attendance desk.

Thank you to Les for doing the attendance book each week. From now on, members are asked to notify Allan Spencer if they are going to be absent or if they are bringing guests.

Discussion at the next board meeting will be about disbursements at the end of the Rotary year. Directors will be able to suggest recipients of Rotary donations.

Claire would like to organise a ball in August, this subject to the approval of the incoming board.

Neil B: Membership committee meeting next Wednesday at 5.30pm.

John K: He, David H and Gote Vikstrom planted some replacement trees at the Rotary Oval.



Hass: 12th April was the 60th anniversary of the launch of Jonas Salk's polio vaccine.

Geoff: He is part of a committee working on the possible upgrade of Fairytale Park. A similar park in a small town in South Australia generates \$50,000 p.a. It is possible that the images could be replaced for under budget.

MEETING STATISTICS: Attendance 65%

Visitors: Anna (club), Natalie and Emily Revelant

Apologies: John Clarke, Kevin, Anne, Alyson, Mark L, Allan S, Danielle, Tom S, Elaine S

Leave: Brenda, Brad, Richard H, Joe

NEXT MEETING: Pride of Workmanship Awards.

29 April: Caroline Fox – Challenge Foundation

6 May: Graham French – Immigration Place Australia

13 May: Dr Anne Lenhert – History of birds in human culture

20 May: Kevin Dunne – Dementia issues





GUEST SPEAKER – GEOFF BOWLAND

As International Services Director since the sad passing of Patrick Kwan, Geoff has done an admirable job of carrying on a project that was Patrick's brainchild. The idea was to help raise money for a project that would fund assisting boys in an orphanage in the Phajoding Monastery in Bhutan. The money is to be used for constructing, in the capital Thimphu, a block of units that would provide an income to support the work of the monks in providing for the disadvantaged boys.

Patrick's family wished to carry on the project and so they helped Geoff and Claire in planning the fundraising function, a dinner in Canberra at the Multi-Cultural Centre in January.



Patrick Kwan's family – photo taken on the night of the fundraising dinner which raised about \$17,500. The Chinese and the Buddhist communities in Canberra came together with Cooma Rotarians to enjoy a dinner with a combination of Chinese and Australian entertainment.

Bhutan is a very poor country although it is said that the currency is happiness. The

orphanage is housing 53 boys at present but the monks are hoping to take in up to 100 boys.

A Rotary Club in Queensland adopted the project and it caught Patrick's attention. The target is \$400,000 and to date about \$160,000 has been raised. Once \$200,000 has been achieved a private donor is expected to give the remainder. RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) channels donations and has made these tax deductible.

President Peter remarked on the extraordinary work that Geoff put in to make the venture a success.



News of one of our honorary members – Bob King. He has been in hospital in Canberra and hopes to be discharged soon. Best wishes for your recovery, Bob.