



Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Rotary Theme:

Magazine Month

Meeting – 29 April 2015

Guest Speaker – Caroline Fox

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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.



FUTURE MEETINGS:

6 May: SURPRISE! SURPRISE!

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

20 May: Kevin Dunne – Dementia issues

MAY ROSTER

Attendance	Ash, Tom K
Property	Margaret E, Ken
Fellowship/Meals	Danielle, Meg, Jim, John K
Markets	17 May John K, John Chapman, Alyson, Mark C, Katrin, Darrell, Richard L, John B
3 minuter	6/5 Claire 13/5 Neil M 20/5 Tom K 27/5 Meg
Introduction	6/5 Helen 13/5 Elaine S 20/5 Brad 27/5 Dugald
Thanks	6/5 John B 13/5 Graham 20/5 Elaine M 27/5 Marco
Sgt/Thought	6/5 Geoff 13/5 David B 20/5 Wolfgang 27/5 Richard L

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There will be a Mothers Day lunch at the Bowling Club on 10 May, 12-2pm. There will be a free glass of champagne plus a half-priced dessert for the mothers. Music by Dave Wilkins, prizes to be won, proceeds to MCCR. Please book on either 64521229 (club) or 0401 461329 (Lisa).

The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to take part in the Red Shield Appeal.

Dugald: Raffle proceeds last week \$122. We have received \$6,000 from District Foundation, this amount being requested to supplement our own \$6,000 donation to MEIS.

Dugald has been asked to chair a committee to investigate plans and costings to upgrade the Band Shell.

Neil: ShelterBox and the needs of Kathmandu. The board has decided to donate two shelterboxes to replenish their supplies as boxes are sent to disaster areas as soon as possible. Thank you to members who have pledged donations. If you want to claim tax deductibility, donate directly to ShelterBox. Neil's friend, Manbahadur Budha (MB), is safe and and Ongchuu Sherpa's family is also safe. LATE POST: From Angel – all safe but living in a tent, relying on aid, as the house is unsafe. He is working as a tourist guide to support the children. His family village, Maidi in Central Nepal, is very close to the epicentre and has sustained a lot of damage.

Membership: rather than have a membership night, the committee has decided to invite people to attend regular meetings.

Hass: The 5c collection is flourishing, almost \$50 being added at the last two meetings. The total for this phase is \$137.30.

THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK (John Clarke):

From Richie Benaud, sage advice for commentators, but equally applicable to life: Never say anything unless you can add to the picture.

Never ask a statement.

The Titanic was a tragedy, the Ethiopian drought was a disaster: neither bears any relation to a dropped catch.

Put your brain into gear before opening your mouth.

MEETING STATISTICS: Attendance 76.7%

Visitors: Sue Schramm (Alyson), Tony Edwards (John Clarke), Anna (club)

Apologies: Helen and Geoff, Ashley, Elaine M, Tom S

Leave: Brenda, Brad, Joe

May Dates:

Birthdays: Jim 2nd, John K 7th, Alyson 19th, Andrew 27th, Hans Neumeyer 1st

Joined Rotary: Peter A 12th, Bob King 13th (61 years), Margaret E 24th, Les 26th



THREE MINUTER:

Alyson spoke about her ancestors, the Hulley family. There was a profusion of John Hulleys through the years, originating in England. Born in 1832, the son of John Hulley, a doctor, and his wife Elizabeth Speed, the next generation John Hulley had a keen interest in physical activities, education and fitness, and encouraged public participation in athletics, his motto being a healthy mind and a healthy body. An instigator of the Olympic movement in Britain, he established the National Olympic Association, organised the first national Olympic Games and introduced the velocipede into Liverpool. In the mid 19th century, he was a prime mover in establishing a gymnasium which encouraged participation by people of the working classes.





GUEST SPEAKER: Caroline Fox

Caroline spoke about Cooma Challenge Ltd, from its inception in 1954 as the Cooma branch of the Subnormal Children's Welfare Association to a large organisation that covers Monaro Respite Care, a Disability Support Service for Children and Young Adults, and Monaro Family Day Care. Employing about 100 people the organisation offers services such as aged care and working carers respite, a group home facility offering 24 hour support for the housemates and a 'drop in' support for people with a disability. The TTW program is designed to help young people with a disability to overcome any barriers to employment they may face so that they can secure sustainable employment.

Properties that house Challenge activities are the centre at Walgarra St, two cottages in Vagg St, one for administration and the other for aged care respite, and Monaro Family Day Care in the building that was formerly called Pine Lodge and catered for children with special needs. These children are now in a special unit at Cooma Public School.

It seems that there will always be a need for Cooma Challenge. At present one in five people has a disability and the ageing population will result in more age-related disability. There is a growing demand for wheelchair accessible vehicles, for accommodation that is user-friendly for people with a disability, for autism-specific services, and aged care facility where couples

can reside together with all the necessary support.

The organisation is currently managed by a voluntary Board of Directors: John Price, Lois Jones, Russell Fox, Bede Nichols, Lorna Rogers-Irvine and Jenny Wilson.



QUOTES FROM PAUL HARRIS, founder of ROTARY INTERNATIONAL which now has 1.2million members in 34,282 clubs:

Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.

The more sand that has escaped from the hourglass of our life, the clearer we should see through it.

Ideas have unhinged the gates of empires.