



Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Rotary Theme:

Our Club

Meeting – 13 May 2015

Guest Speaker – Dr Anne Lehnert

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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:

20 May: Kevin Dunne – Dementia issues

3 June: Anna, our exchange student

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	20/5 Tom K 27/5 Meg
Introduction	20/5 Brad 27/5 Dugald
Thanks	20/5 Elaine M 27/5 Marco
Sgt/Thought	20/5 Wolfgang 27/5 Richard L

NOTICES:

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

It is now time for Bowel Care, the campaign running over May and June. Kits, \$15 each, can be collected from Hooks Pharmacy and pharmacies in Jindabyne and Berridale. After sending the sample away, results will be advised both to the resident and the doctor concerned within a fortnight.

Neil B is travelling to Nepal with his friend Ongchuu Sherpa on 18 May. A collection to support them resulted in an amount of \$840. Both Peter and Neil spoke about the people, their generosity of spirit, their resilience and their independence, amid poor living conditions which are the norm for so many Nepalese. The devastation of the earthquake has added to the difficulties. 1700 shelter boxes and 2700 shelter box kits have been sent to Kathmandu, but there is much work to do.

David H: The Lambie Gorge project is continuing and there will be a working bee on this coming Saturday (16th) at 9am.

John K: At the markets this weekend, the wishing well proceeds will go to the fund for Nepal. Other money will go to ShelterBox.

Kevin: He will be bringing guests next week to support his talk on issues in dementia – Verity Jackson, the dementia advisor for the Monaro and Snowy Mountains, Anne Douglass, coordinator of the nursing service, and Ruth Dakin, coordinator of the Cooma Challenge centre at Walgarra St.

Hans Neumeyer and Elaine Passfield's art exhibition at the Raglan Gallery will open on 23 May.



Neil and John Clarke were presented with awards from Rotary International for outstanding work in gathering new members for our club.



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK (Dave B): Man can now fly in the air like a bird, swim under the ocean like a fish, burrow into the ground like a mole. If he could walk on the earth like a man, this would be paradise.

MEETING STATISTICS: Attendance – 95%
Visitors – Sue Schramm (Alyson), Vivienne (Rob), Kathy (Dave B), Michael Daniel, Dr Anne Lehnert (club)
Apologies – Andrew, Darrell, Dugald, Claire, Des
Leave – Brad, Brenda, Joe



THREE MINUTER: Richard Hopkins spoke of his story – his work as a civil engineer, his marriage to Karina, his four children who have left home but have many of their possessions still in the family home, and the many places in which they have lived. These included Broken Hill, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and China. He recounted his experience in Mauritius when he was climbing up the sheer walls of a crevice when he was unable to proceed either upwards or downwards. Fortunately for him, the guide who he had earlier rejected realised his predicament and was able to lend a helping hand. Crisis averted!

May Dates:

Birthdays: Jim 2nd, John K 7th, Alyson 19th, Andrew 27th, Hans Neumeyer 1st
Joined Rotary: Peter A 12th, Bob King 13th (61 y ears), Margaret E 24th, Les 26th



GUEST SPEAKER: Dr Anne Lehnert

In her talk on birds in our culture, Anne spoke of the reasons that they hold such attraction for us: their diversity, colour, ability to fly and their song. She mentioned five areas where they have figured in our history, art, symbolism, mythology, sport and science, highlighting the first three of these areas.

Representations of birds have been found in caves, dating from thousands of years ago. Birds have been used to depict the soul and regarded as go-betweens, messengers, harbingers and wonders of nature. In various cultures, different birds symbolise wisdom, knowledge, hysteria and fear, fertility, love and sweetness, divine providence, temptations of the flesh, souls in paradise and they feature in the Tree of Life.



Roelant Savery's Landscape with birds, from Kunsthistorisches Museum



Jan Van Kessel's Concert of birds, from the National gallery of Art, Washington.

