



Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Rotary Theme:

Rotary Fellowships

Meeting – 17 June 2015

Guest Speaker – Stuart Burge

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JUNE ROSTER

ATTENDANCE	Darrell, Tom S
PROPERTY	David H, Dugald
FELLOWSHIP	Danielle, Meg, Tony, John Clarke
MARKETS 21/6	John K, John Chapman, Robbyn, Neil B, Katrin, Neil M, Brian, Meg
THREE MINUTER	24/6 Brian
INTRO	24/6 Graham
THANKS	24/6 Allan
SGT/THOUGHT	24/6 Joe

MEETING STATISTICS: Attendance: 64%
Visitors: Stuart Burge (club), Sean Curle (Tom K)
Apologies: Tracey, Geoff, Helen, John Ch,
Andrew, Tom S, Kevin
We also missed: Les
Make-ups: John Cl
Leave: Brenda, Joe, Peter



THREE MINUTER – Neil

His visit to Nepal was both challenging and fascinating. The damage was haphazard in nature as some buildings were destroyed while others nearby were spared. He and Ongchuu visited Angel's orphanage, where the damage was somewhat lighter than expected although foundations were cracked. Neil gave Angel \$3,500 to help in Angel's village as well as to help look after the children. There was a shake while they were there, an ever-present danger because of the cracks in the buildings and aftershocks. They walked in to Ongchuu's village, a trek taking four hours, to find that damage again was not as extensive as might have been thought but was mainly limited to cracks in the buildings which meant that some were not safe.

JUNE DATES:

Birthdays: Joe 3rd, Kevin 6th, Brian 8th, Chris 12th, Marco 14th

Anniversaries : Graham and Helen 2nd, Meg and Tom 14th, Les and Jan 27th

Joined Rotary: John K and Elaine S (4 yrs) 1st, Graham (15 yrs) 16th

NOTICES: We have received an invitation to the changeover dinner for Lions on 24 June at the Ex-Services Club.

There will be an open day at the Raglan Gallery on 4 July.

Dugald: There will be a public meeting re the upgrade of the band shell/park in the functions room of the Ex-Services Club on Thurs 16 July.
Treasurer's report: General account - \$24,330, Project account - \$31,225, Markets account - \$11,294. Foundation giving - \$2,422.25 which will be supplemented by the club's donation of \$1,000. Work on the coffee van is proceeding. At a meeting of the membership committee it was decided that the strategies used this year will be repeated in the next year.

Katrin: District changeover dinner at Gold Creek on 28 June. Please contact Katrin for details.

Ash: Our new exchange student, Ally Jones, will be arriving from USA on 26/27 July.

Des has been handing out the bulletins since 1993 – picking them up from the printers, posting some and delivering some. As he is unable to drive now, Des asked for someone to take over this job. Alyson volunteered to do this. Thanks, Alyson. A very special thanks to Des for his faithfulness in carrying out his job over the almost 23 years.



**Thought of the week: (Marco) The difference between a leader and a manager:
A leader shows you where to go; a manager can only figure out how to get there.**



Allan S: Coming music events in Cooma:

**21 June 10th Annual Cooma Music Comp
24 June Conquest XIV (SMAC)
26 June New Zealand Guitar Quartet
2 July The Dirty Red Digger (Griffyn Ensemble)
5 August Young At Art
7 November Australian National Busking Championships (4th Annual)**

Neil: Dave Byrne has done the program of speakers for the past year and is looking to retire from the job. Is anyone interested in taking on this duty?

Any ideas on the system for Sergeant are welcome.



Future meetings

24 June: Lucas Cattell – Catcher & Co Distillery

1 July: Changeover dinner

8 July: Games night (State of Origin)

15 July: Nicola Tamis – Why go into a bookshop?

22 July: Howard Charles – Nutfield visit to China

GUEST SPEAKER: Stuart Burge, Project Manager for the refurbishment of Cooma Little Theatre

Stuart described the inception of the CLT in 1955, when its members were generally connected with SMA plus schoolteachers and business people. At first, productions were staged at St Paul's Parish Hall. CLT has always been run by a group of dedicated amateurs who love theatre.

The organisation often struggled for patronage in the early days, this contributing to an uncertain financial state. Any surplus money has always been channelled into insurance, heating and power. The refurbishment of the theatre is probably the greatest development in its 60 years.

The building was originally a mess hall and was used to show films. Over the years it has been used by many groups that now include dance organisations and schools. Above all it is a community asset.

The announcement of available grants for infrastructure for clubs in country areas of NSW meant that work had to be done very quickly to develop an application. At first an expression of interest was required and then the theatre was advised that they could put in a submission within 17 days. Stuart was grateful for the help of John Britton, Jim Phillips and Ron Knight. The submission asked for details such as the project management, risk management, and the DA being submitted to the local council.

The building is being changed around: the main entrance will now be at the side of the building, the toilets and the kitchen are being replaced. In addition there will be new seating and carpets as well as covered access from the carpark. The total amount of the grant for the refurbishment was in excess of \$400,000.

