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### **IMPORTANT REMINDER!!!**

**Darrell is now doing attendance SO.....**

If you are unable to attend any meeting YOU SHOULD CONTACT **DARRELL GAUKROGER** by LUNCH TIME THE TUESDAY before the meeting. Failure to do this will mean that you will be asked to pay for the meal. **Darrell's contact details are:-** Email - [dgcooma@bigpond.net.au](mailto:dgcooma@bigpond.net.au)  
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### **JULY ROSTER**

ATTENDANCE	Dave B, Sue
PROPERTY	Jim, Richard H
FELLOWSHIP	Danielle, Meg, Dave H, John B
THREE MINUTER	29/7 Brad
INTRO	29/7 Dugald
THANKS	29/7 Tracey
SGT/THOUGHT	29/7 Marco

# Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

*Rotary Theme:*

*A New Year*

Meeting – 22 July 2015

Howard Charles



### **NOTICES**

**John K** - We made a profit of \$ 492 catering at the 'End of Financial Year' Barbecue for Council. Thanks to Sue and Darrell for their help. The **markets** only had 18 stalls because of the cold weather. We still managed to make a profit of \$ 1,840. Thanks to the workers. Raspberries to those who didn't stay for the clean-up.

**Richard L** - 316 **Bowel Care Kits** were sold this year by our local pharmacies. That meant a profit of \$ 4740 for our club which is the best result in six years.

**John Ch** - **Rotary Spring Ball - Saturday, 19 September**. Organise your table of 10. Tickets are \$40 - Light Supper, Formal Dress, Sydney Band - Donations of wattle, Patterson's curse, African Love Grass for decorations have been offered!

**Ally Johns**, our new exchange student from the USA, will arrive in Canberra on Sunday, 27 July at 1.25. Ash and Brenda will pick her up and we will meet her next Wednesday.

**Peter D** - **Foundation Report** - Over the last six months there have been only 33 cases of polio in only two countries in the world, which is the best result ever recorded!

**Dugald M - Treasurer's Report** - Approximate balances:- General Account \$ 20,500, Project account \$ 30,500, Market Promotions \$ 11,000, Term Deposit \$43,000

**The Band Shell** - Stage 1; replace cement floor with level one. Stage 2; close in the back and add lift for disabled access. Stage 3; construct dance floor in front of existing stage. Stage 4; redesign facilities and add change rooms. Stage 5; covers for stage and audiences. Stage 6; landscaping.

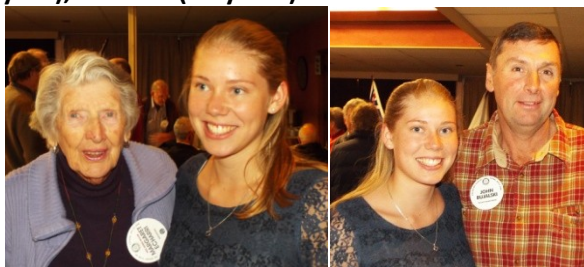
**Annual Reports and District Directories** - If you missed getting yours, talk to Les. He has a few spare copies.



#### JULY DATES

**Birthdays:** Dave L 7<sup>th</sup>, Tony 8<sup>th</sup>, Helen 17<sup>th</sup>, Jan (Les) 11<sup>th</sup>, Christina (Wolfgang) 12<sup>th</sup>

**Joined Rotary:** Peter 1<sup>st</sup> (11 years), Helen 6<sup>th</sup> (1 year), Jim 24<sup>th</sup> (18 years)



#### MEETING STATISTICS

mostly not available this week

**ATTENDANCE:** 69.5%

**GUESTS:** Lea, Helen, Howard

#### GUEST SPEAKERS

29/7: Nicola Tamis - Why go into a bookshop?

5/8: Club assembly

19/8: ANU Medical Students

26/8: Alexandra Johns - Our Exchange Student



#### **THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

You may not know what is going to happen if you try, but if you do not try nothing will happen.



#### AUGUST ROSTER

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	John B, Mark C	
<b>PROPERTY</b>	Brad C, Tom K	
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	Danielle T, Meg T Andrew E, Katrin H	
<b>MARKETS 16/7</b>	John K, Elaine S, John Ch, Alyson HJ, Sue S, Margaret E, Tom S, Hass	
<b>THREE MINUTER</b>	5/8	Peter D
	12/8	Darrel G
	19/8	Katrin H
	26/8	Jim H
<b>INTRO</b>	5/8	Elaine M
	12/8	Marco R
	19/8	Elaine S
	26/8	Sue S
<b>THANKS</b>	5/8	John Ch
	12/8	John Cl
	19/8	Ash C
	26/8	Brad C
<b>SGT/THOUGHTS</b>	5/8	Andrew E
	12/8	David H
	19/8	Richard H
	26/8	Tom K



### **THREE MINUTERS - Ash Constance**



Ash described the journey through breast cancer treatment that Brenda and he have taken in the last nine months. Both Brenda and Ash were overwhelmed by the amount of support available in the community. Rotarians, friends, neighbours have all offered help. McGrath Breast Care Nurse, Fiona, was invaluable with her advice and care. The Cooma Craft Group donated cushions, including a special heart shaped one. The MCCR offered support. Bega Hospital medical stuff, the Oncology Unit at Cooma Hospital, the Cooma Emergency Department were all amazing. The Isolated Patient Assistance Scheme is part of Canberra's medical facilities and offers free accommodation during treatment there. Brenda's mother and sister, both of whom have medical expertise, researched our health system when they heard about Brenda's diagnosis. They are very impressed with what is available in Australia when compared with the British systems. Ash thanked everyone for all the support and offers of help that Brenda and he have received.



### **TONIGHT'S PROGRAM**

**HOWARD CHARLES - OAM**

#### **Nutfield Scholarship Reunion's Visit to China**

Howard was introduced by friend and school mate, Richard L. The Nutfield Farming Scholarship Trust was founded by Lord Nutfield (William Morris of Morris car fame) in 1947. Howard received his scholarship in 1974. Other 'feathers' in Howard's cap include Lake William, Lake Wallace, the bell for Nimmitabel, Catchment Management Authority. He received his OAM for services to the State Council of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW.

Howard thanked David Byrne for inviting him to Rotary and for assistance with technical aspects of his presentation. His scholarship trip in 1974

was very stimulating and Howard is very proud of his green Nutfield cap.

Howard commented Australia has a great connection with China but we do not understand its culture well enough. There is little recorded about the Chinese activities on the Monaro which is disappointing. Everything in China is changing very quickly. Roads and apartment blocks are being constructed everywhere. 'In China anything is possible'. China's landmass is 25% bigger than Australia. It has 1.35 Billion people including some very wealthy ones. China is the world's second largest food producer and the largest food importer. They are passionate about food safety and security. The single child policy is relaxing but a second child is very expensive. Pollution is a major problem. They are making every effort to clean up their country which is all owned by the government. Renewable energy is huge. Australia has a very clean and green image in China. The Reunion Group first arrived in Singapore which Howard thought a little sterile. It is the doorway to Asia and is a huge training hub. All people speak English and human capital is its only resource. Hong Kong is very crowded and is losing its lustre since returning to Chinese rule. In northern China there are 50 different ethnic minorities. Small peasant farms are disappearing to make way for broad acre farms, collectives and cooperatives, some agricultural power houses of 10,000 hectare. People are being rehoused in apartment blocks, some 50 stories high. Every inch of land is used. Nestles has a \$200 million dairy complex, also an education centre. The Chinese are not used to milk but its use is increasing. For Howard the highlight was the Grand Farm, a conglomerate presided over by a very impressive young lady. It has storage for the 150 tons of beef imported each year, 450000 lambs, 3000 employees and is also a research station. One of the biggest markets covers 100 acres. Bananas are the world's most traded fruit. At one port there was a seven story high grain storage. Movement of trains, machinery, etc was done by computer banks in the control tower. Tourism is developing.. The Chinese are a very friendly, welcoming people. It is a beautiful country. Many old wooden structures are very ornate. There is huge potential for agriculture.





## THE RAISING OF THE CHINESE FLAG IN THE AVENUE OF FLAG



The inclusion of the Chinese flag was initiated by Patrick Kwan and followed through by Patrick's family.

The flag was raised in Centennial Park on Sunday, 19 July in conjunction with our Rotary Markets.

