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#### GUEST SPEAKERS

12/8: Rose Ricketson and Lex Marinos - BigArt's production of "Ghosts in the Scheme"

19/8: ANU Medical Students

26/8: Alexandra Johns - Our Exchange Student



# Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

*Rotary Theme:*

*A New Year*

**Meeting – 5 August 2015**

**Club Assembly**

#### AUGUST ROSTER

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

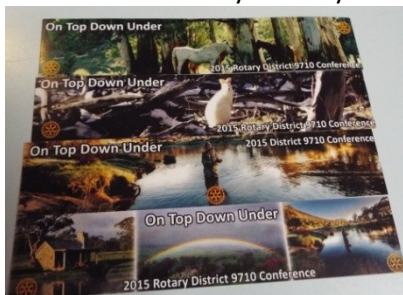


## Rotary District 9710 ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN JINDABYNE

**" ON TOP DOWN UNDER"**

**23 to 25 October**

Peter Kain and Peter Oldham from the Belconnen Rotary Club are helping DG Monica Garrett to organise the District Conference which will be at the Station Resort in Jindabyne this year.



The Peter's are very grateful to Snowy River Shire Council staff for all their help. Sponsorship is still being sought especially from businesses in our area. Sponsors will be acknowledged and promoted among the expected 400 delegates and this will hopefully bring people back again. The program will include a smoking ceremony, whip cracking, Mayoral reception. SRSC Mayor, John Cahill will officially open the conference.

**The very impressive Keynote Speakers are:-**

- **Ross Coulthart** - journalist, war historian, author
- **Holly Ransom** - dynamic social entrepreneur
- **Michael McQueen** - social researcher, author

**Reasons for attending the conference:-**

- **The exciting, quality keynote speakers** - it is worth checking them out to understand just how good they are.
- **Bringing people together** - This was the original purpose of Rotary. The venue will lend itself very well to fellowship, to meeting new people and catching up with old friends.
- **Getting to know Rotarians** in other clubs in our District and finding out what they are doing.
- **Learning more about Rotary** - the more you know the more passionate you'll be.

Our club has offered to help at the conference so all members, especially the newest ones, are encouraged to attend.



## AUGUST DATES

<u><b>Birthdays:</b></u>	<b>Richard Hopkins</b>	<b>10th</b>
	<b>Ash Constance</b>	<b>11th</b>
	<b>Rob Simms</b>	<b>14th</b>
	<b>David Byrne</b>	<b>15th</b>
	<b>Trish Libauer (Dave)</b>	<b>18th</b>
<u><b>Joined Rotary:</b></u>	<b>Ken Prendergast</b>	<b>8yrs</b>
	<b>David Holgate</b>	<b>48 yrs!!!</b>
	<b>Dugald Mitchell</b>	<b>46yrs!!!</b>
	<b>Mark Cooper</b>	<b>6yrs</b>
	<b>Margaret Hassall</b>	<b>6yrs</b>
<u><b>Anniversary:</b></u>	<b>John &amp; Yvonne Mercer</b>	<b>7th married 35yrs</b>



## **ALLY JOHNS**

The temporary bulleting editor apologises to our lovely exchange student. Katrin has no idea why she thought Ally comes from Kentucky because she doesn't. Home for Ally is Connecticut! At least the USA bit is correct.

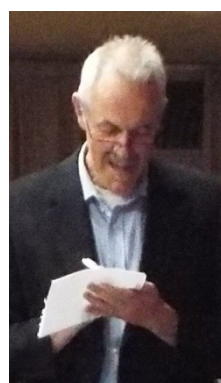


## MEETING STATISTICS

Not all available this week either...

**ATTENDANCE: 79%**

**GUESTS: Ally Johns, Peter Kain and Peter Oldham from Belconnen Rotary Club**



## **THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

In wine there is  
wisdom  
In beer there is  
freedom  
In water there are  
bacteria





### **THREE MINUTER - Peter Davis** **A Day in the Life of an Aerotech Supervisor**

An Aerotech Supervisor is a trained volunteer or employee of the Rural Fire Service whose job is to direct operations - fire bombing, protecting houses, moving people and equipment to where they are needed, etc. On Peter's first day as a qualified Aerotech Supervisor he was in Tumut. The fire was out and the fire fighters were sitting around swapping war stories. He received an SMS to say that his farm was on fire so he jumped into his plane and, after a very quick of 23 minute flight, arrived at Yalcowinna. Supervisors usually handle no more than five craft. Peter found himself in a \$2.1million B2Squirrel controlling six helicopters, 4 fixed wing bombers in relays from Cooma and another at Lake Eucumbene. He was also operating 4 radios and liaising with three divisional commanders on the ground. It was a very surreal experience with three directional winds, spot fires and smoke all around. During his training Peter was less than impressed that supervisors were only allowed to work for three consecutive days. However, after Peter's three days on the job he realised why. He was totally mentally exhausted and could hardly drive himself home. The Murrumbucca fires were Peter's first experience as an Aerotech Supervisor.



## **NOTICES**

**Meeting next week** - Lex Marinos and Rose Ricketson will be guest speakers. They are both working on the BigArt production of "**Ghosts in the Scheme**" which explores complex friendships during the Snowy Scheme and will be performed at the Canberra Theatre on 2, 3 and 5th September.

***This is a good night to invite potential new members or people who have shown an interest in joining our Rotary Club.***



### **Toys for Vietnam**

Danielle is shortly travelling to Vietnam to help teach English and help out at an orphanage there. One of the many needs that the children at this orphanage have is for toys. So if you have used toys to spare please let her have them. They do not need to be new.

### **TONIGHT'S PROGRAM - Club Assembly**



### **Brian Jeffries - Vocational Services Director -**

We have about five members who are graduate educators and about the same number of engineers. Brian plans to use these professionals for a themed night during the year to explore the '**then and now**' of these professions. He is exploring the possibility of rejuvenating the **Vocational Forum** that Rotary organised some time ago. The **Pride of Work Awards** and **Vocational visits** to businesses in town will continue. The first of these visits will be to the microbrewery.



#### **Geoff Bowland - International Director -**

Geoff is not planning to organise another fundraiser for the Bhutan Project that was so successful last year. This year he would prefer that we support Neil with a **project for Nepal**. Geoff is still involved in investigating the possibilities of renovating **Fairy Tale Park** at Mt Gladstone. It will be an expensive project that will need grant funds or loans and management rules will need to be carefully set up. **Geoff would like to hear what members think** of the idea of a project for Nepal and the possibility of taking on Fairy Tale Park as a Rotary project..



#### **Peter Davis - Foundation Director -**

The Rotary Foundation is Rotary's charity and Peter encourages us all to donate generously to the Foundation either by an annual, tax deductible donation or by putting a weekly donation into the wooden pot that does the rounds at each meeting. The main initiative of Rotary International is to **eradicate polio** from the world. Nigeria has now been polio free for twelve months and if that continues for another two years, South Africa will be declared polio free. The only countries left are Pakistan and Afghanistan. The political situation in these countries is a major difficulty but education programs about polio and inoculation will continue whenever possible.



#### **Ash Constance - New Generations Director -**

Ally will be staying with Brenda and Ash till Sunday and will then move to the John-Natley household, after which she will move to the non-Rotarian family of Michelle McGufficke. Everyone who is involved with young people will need to have a Working with Children police check. This is ongoing at present. We have two candidates to attend **RYPEN in September**. Ash suggests that we ask Danielle to do some fact finding in Vietnam in case there is a potential project there for us.



#### **John Chapman - Community Services Director -**

In October we will be catering for the **Leukaemia Bike Ride** and the **Weeds Conference**. In November there is the **Busking / Motorfest** and the **Dog Show**. John would like ideas for the **wishing well** proceeds. **Rotary Spring Ball - Saturday, 19 September** at 7.30pm. Organise your table of 10. Tickets are \$40 and will be available at next week's meeting.

#### **Mark Cooper - Club Services Director -**

The roster has been adjusted.

#### **Dugald Mitchell - Treasurer - (Report by Darrell)**

Membership fees are due and invoices will be sent out shortly. Receipts for tax deductible donations to Rotary Foundation last year will be followed up by Dugald shortly.

#### **Neil Brown - President -**

We are looking for a new program organiser.



'It was *THAT* big!'