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Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Rotary Theme:

Basic Education and Literacy

Meeting – 2 September 2015

Guest speaker – Farhad Khan and students of SMCS

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MEETING STATISTICS:

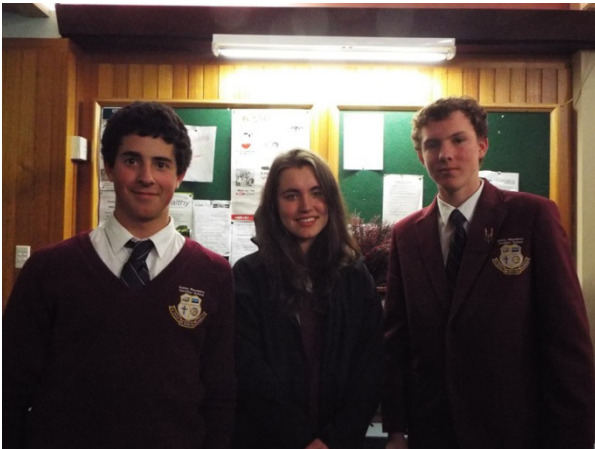
ATTENDANCE: 71.4%

GUESTS: Jacob Bronkhorst (Neil), Ryan Constance (Ash), Wendy Wallace, Sandra Wassink, Blair Wallace, Kurt Wassink, Miruna Moruz, Farhad, Ally Johns (club)

APOLOGIES: Peter, Andrew, Elaine M, Mark L,

LEAVE: Tracey, Brenda, Brad, Tom S

NEXT MEETING: Chris Green and technology in education



ROSTERS

September	October
<u>Attendance</u>	
John Cl, Brian	Peter, Hass
<u>Property</u>	
Ash, Katrin	Megan, Tom S
<u>Fellowship</u>	
Danielle, Meg,	Danielle, Meg
Geoff, Kevin	Mark L, Elaine M
<u>Markets</u>	
John K, Elaine S	John K, Elaine S
John Ch, Alyson	John Ch, Alyson
Mark C, Mark L	Tracey, John Cl
Darrell, Brian	Richard H, Katrin
<u>Three Minuter</u>	
2 nd Richard H	7 th Mark JN
9 th Alyson	14 th Tom K
16 th Brian	21 st Wolfgang
23 rd Meg	28 th Richard L
30 th John K	
<u>Intro</u>	
2 nd Geoff	7 th Katrin
9 th John B	14 th Hass
16 th Dave B	21 st Brian
23 rd John Cl	28 th Tom K
30 th Ash	
<u>Thanks</u>	
2 nd Peter	7 th Wolfgang
9 th Kevin	14 th Richard L
16 th Margaret E	21 st Dugald
23 rd Graham	28 th Elaine M
30 th Darrell	
<u>Sgt/Thought</u>	
2 nd Meg	7 th Marco
9 th Mark L	14 th Richard L
16 th Sue	21 st Richard H
23 rd Danielle	28 th Elaine M
30 th Mark C	

SEPTEMBER DATES

BIRTHDAYS: Alan D 5th, Neil M 9th, Allan S 15th, Claire 19th, Darrell 25th, Tom K 26th, Helen French 2nd, Kim Adams 8th, Leanne Bujalski 9th

ANNIVERSARIES: John and Leanne B 6th, Mark and Annie L 6th, John and Rosie 12th

DATE JOINED ROTARY: Katrin 13th

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK (Meg)

House guests bring happiness: some when they come, some when they go.

Dugald: Members' subs will remain the same at \$280. If you wish to direct deposit, the BSB is 062523 and the account number is 00905107. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU PUT YOUR NAME ON THE TRANSACTION SO THAT DUGALD CAN CHECK YOUR NAME OFF. Dugald expressed his thanks to those who have already paid.

On behalf of the membership committee, Dugald handed out forms asking for members to give names of people who would be good club people and reminded everyone that we need another 30 to 40 names.

The District Conference committee has asked our club to provide morning tea on the Saturday. A major prize for the raffle at the conference will be an introductory lesson with Alpine Aviation.

Ken has tickets for the Gala Ball on 19 September. Volunteers will be required on the night to help out.

Neil and Hass visited the Monaro Early Intervention Service and looked at the wonderful facilities that have been installed, partly through donations from our club. Their next project is to install solar panels to reduce their running costs so that income can be directed more towards client services. Speech pathology has very recently been added to the specialist services such as occupational therapy and psychology. Rhonda Howie, who heads the service, spoke about the number of new referrals that the service is receiving, not only from the Cooma area but also from Bombala and Delegate.

Allan S: A major donor for the Australian National Busking Championships has been secured – the Cooma Hotel.

THREE MINUTER - Richard Hopkins

Richard has just returned from serene and peaceful Samoa, a Pacific country of 200,000 people. It is made up of two islands, the larger one being among of the largest Polynesian islands. Most people live in villages, population about 2000, there being no middle sized towns. The capital city has 50,000 people. Richard visited as part of a project Climate Resilience for Road Change. Like all island states, Samoa is subject to rising sea levels. The roads are easy to travel.





GUEST SPEAKER – FARHAD KHAN

Farhad, pastor of the Cooma Baptist Church, brought with him the three students, Miruna, Blair and Kurt, who visited the Lorega District in the Philippines recently. Cooma Rotary was involved in fundraising for the rebuilding work there through helping with the catering at the dog show late last year.

There is immense poverty as well as social problems in the area. As people acquire more money, they build more of their houses, damaged by floods and typhoons.

The students were impressed by the people in Lorega – they have nothing and are subject to extreme weather conditions, but yet they are happy. The students were moved by the sight of absolute poverty and they realised how well off we are in Australia. Farhad showed slides of the damaged houses that are being slowly rebuilt. He spoke about the people who owned the houses and their stories that often contained anti-social activities. So many had turned their lives around.

