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# Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

*Rotary Theme:*

*Basic Education and Literacy*

Meeting – 9 September 2015

Guest speaker – Chris Green

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) Phone - 6452 1159 Mobile - 0407 411 422



MEETING STATISTICS:

**ATTENDANCE: 68.2%**

**GUESTS:** Danielle Mitchie, Erika Statham and Suzanne Stacey (Danielle), Frances Green, Frances Robertson (Kevin), Charlotte Mitchie, Jasmine Statham-Smith, Chris Green and Ally Johns (club)

**APOLOGIES:** Geoff, Helen, Andrew, John Ch, Mark C, Joe, John B

**LEAVE:** Tracey, Brenda, Brad, Tom S

**NEXT MEETING:** Richard Swain – Canoeing the Snowy River

#### ROSTERS

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** Alan D 5<sup>th</sup>, Neil M 9<sup>th</sup>, Allan S 15<sup>th</sup>, Claire 19<sup>th</sup>, Darrell 25<sup>th</sup>, Tom K 26<sup>th</sup>, Helen French 2<sup>nd</sup>, Kim Adams 8<sup>th</sup>, Leanne Bujalski 9<sup>th</sup>  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** John and Leanne B 6<sup>th</sup>, Mark and Annie L 6<sup>th</sup>, John and Rosie 12<sup>th</sup>  
**DATE JOINED ROTARY:** Katrin 13<sup>th</sup>

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK (Mark JN)** Ability is what you are capable of doing; motivation determines what you do and attitude determines how well you do it.

**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.



Well done to the Gala Ball committee on the sale of 110 tickets.

**Kamoto Fund:** Neil and Jim attended a meeting re the fund and they are hoping the guidelines can be broadened somewhat to include educational experiences here. It will not be spent on the Yamaga visit that the Lions Club undertakes each year.

Last weekend, Ally, Danielle and Tamara attended a gathering in Canberra for people aspiring to positions in Rotary. About 400 people attended from all over Australia and the Pacific along with three representatives from RI in USA. (Youth in Rotary is regarded as ages up to 40) Those attending were asked for their ideas in attracting and keeping young people in Rotary, and also encouraging alumni such as exchangees to join clubs.

#### SEPTEMBER DATES





Neil contacted the club in Ally's town of New Hamden and received the following response:

*Thank you for the newsletter. It is great to see Ally and the Club members - looks like you have a large club and your attendance is impressive. We are a small club of about 20 active members (of 25 listed) and we are embarking on our project to purchase winter coats for children in need in our town. We also will hold an Amber Alert session later this month.*

*We alternate between dinner and breakfast. The first & third Tuesdays of the month are dinner meetings and the second & fourth Tuesdays are breakfast meetings. We have a speaker at each meeting; we present the Student of the Month October through May at our first dinner meetings; and we hold a club/assembly on the third dinner meeting.*



Charlotte Mitchie and Jasmine Statham-Smith are local entrants in the Four Way Test speaking competition. They chose quite different themes and related the topics to the Four Way Test. Charlotte spoke about gay marriage and the possible plebiscite and Jasmine spoke about the importance of listening to the people around us. The finals in the speaking competition will be at the annual conference at Jindabyne. Good luck, girls!



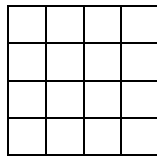
**THREE MINUTER: Alyson**

Through facebook, Alyson has been asked to nominate her top ten books. She has about 270 books in her kindle and finds it difficult to choose her favourites. Her top three are The Grapes of Wrath, Cry the Beloved Country, and The Power and the Glory. The whole exercise has made her want to reread her favourites.





**GUEST SPEAKER: Chris Green**



This is the square that Chris used to make us think. The question was: How many squares are in the whole diagram? The answer, using the lines on the diagram:  $16 \times (1 \times 1)$ ,  $9 \times 2 \times 2$ ,  $4 \times (3 \times 3)$ ,  $1 \times (4 \times 4) = 30$ . Chris uses this exercise to set people thinking.

He regards any lesson where students get everything correct as a failure as he hasn't challenged them and pushed them to the edge of their comfort zone. Likewise, any lesson where no students succeed is also a failure as he hasn't geared the lesson to those students.

Chris showed us an example of one of his digital games, based on prime numbers. Meg volunteered to be the demonstrator.



One of the advantages of digital games is that students will continue playing them until they master them whereas when students are defeated by a text book exercise, they often give up. Chris's product is Mangahigh, consisting of many maths games and questions and he was here in Cooma to demonstrate their use at St Pat's. However, while he promoted the idea of games as a learning activity, he emphasised the point that students need much variety in their learning experiences.

