



# Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

*Rotary Theme:*

*Economic and Community Development*

Meeting – 14 October 2015

Guest Speaker – Lil Frezza, RSPCA

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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Richard L

For when the One Great Scorer comes to mark against your name  
He writes – not that you won or lost – but how you played the game. (Grantland Rice – American sportswriter (1880 – 1954) published in *Alumnus Football* 1941)



## MEETING STATISTICS:

ATTENDANCE: 68.9 %

VISITING ROTARIAN: Peter Enersen (Inverell)

GUESTS: Lil Frezza, Ally (club)

APOLOGIES: John B, David B, Mark C, Mark JN, Mark L, Marco, Les, Joe, John K

LEAVE: Tracey, Brad, Tom S, John Cl

## ROSTERS - OCTOBER

<u>Attendance</u>	Peter, Meg
<u>Property</u>	Hass, Tom S
<u>Fellowship</u>	
Danielle, Meg	Elaine M, Mark L
<u>Three Minuter</u>	
21 <sup>st</sup> Wolfgang	28 <sup>th</sup> Richard L
<u>Intro</u>	
21 <sup>st</sup> Brian	28 <sup>th</sup> Tom K
<u>Thanks</u>	
21 <sup>st</sup> Dugald	28 <sup>th</sup> Elaine M
<u>Sgt/Thought</u>	
21 <sup>st</sup> Richard H	28 <sup>th</sup> Elaine M

Please register for the District Annual Conference 23-25<sup>th</sup> October at Jindabyne.

Claire is organising a Melbourne Cup luncheon at the Club on Tuesday 3 November at 12.30pm, \$30 per head. Invite people as soon as possible.

## OCTOBER DATES

BIRTHDAYS: Richard L 10<sup>th</sup>, Bob K 13<sup>th</sup>, Leslie (Allan S) 16<sup>th</sup>, Marilyn (Darrell) 17<sup>th</sup>, Tom S 21<sup>st</sup>, Kathy (Dave B) 22<sup>nd</sup>, Wolfgang 25<sup>th</sup>, Hass 28<sup>th</sup>

ANNIVERSARIES: Marco and Marjorie 18<sup>th</sup>, Wolfgang and Christina 20<sup>th</sup>

DATE JOINED ROTARY: John Ch 15<sup>th</sup>, Dave B 17<sup>th</sup>, Claire 31<sup>st</sup>

All members are asked to help with the morning tea at the District Conference. It is expected that there will be about 400 people attending.

Danielle spoke briefly about her visit to Vietnam and Cambodia, two vastly different countries with beautiful people.

Neil thanked everyone who helped with the catering at the Weeds Convergence.



Rotary Learning Initiative – a series of fast paced, interactive courses offered to refine Rotarians' leadership skills and increase their base knowledge of Rotary. Dates for the three days of the course are Feb 14, March 13 (Note change of date) and April 17 2016. Venues could be shared between Cooma, Nimmitabel and Bombala. Contact Jacqui Page, ph 0409 719516, email: [jacquipage@bigpond.com](mailto:jacquipage@bigpond.com)  
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Peter has just completed another trek in PNG, covering 4,800 km in all of his treks there.

Allan has been in Spain with his wife, Leslie, their first visit to Europe. They saw and heard a lot of guitar playing.

Last week Ally visited Sydney with another exchange student, toured the Opera House and saw the show, 'Anything Goes'. They also went whale watching.

Dugald reminded everyone that subs are now due. They can be paid in two instalments.





**Peter Enersen, brother-in-law of Darrell, spoke about his club, Inverell, membership of which is similar to that of Cooma.**



### **THREE MINUTER:**

**Tom K spoke about what an artist is and how an artist can be useful. Andy Warhol once said that artists produce things that people do not need to have. A successful artist is often judged by how that artist sells; however, the most financially successful artists such as Andy Warhol and Pro Hart are not necessarily judged as successful by their peers because of their approach to making and selling their product. Other artists take the mundane and shape it into something better. A well-known graffiti artist, Banksy, said, 'Art should disturb the comfortable and comfort the disturbed.'**



### **GUEST SPEAKER:**

**Lil Frezza – Cooma RSPCA**



**Lil, a long time resident of Cooma, has been president of the RSPCA for 24 years. The group was formed in 1981 and now has 20 members, all bound together by their love of animals.**

**The group is very proud of the fact that the local pound does not have to put down any animal as homes are found for all of them. The group is always happy to hear from people who are prepared to be foster pet owners while animals are waiting to be rehoused.**

**At one time she was an honorary inspector and had to investigate some difficult situations, the humans involved often being belligerent. These days, the inspector is based on the south coast, is in a paid position and visits here every month or so. She is an authoritative person wearing the uniform of a special constable. She is empowered to enter premises, interview people, carry a firearm and take specific cases to court if her instructions are not obeyed.**

**Often, neglect of animals is a result of lack of knowledge, so part of the RSPCA's work is education.**

**Members have to be informed as to correct policies and procedures. There is a high level of accountability and the keeping of records is essential.**

The majority of the group's funds is spent on veterinary fees such as vaccinations and micro-chipping, incurred while animals are being prepared for rehousing. Low income pet owners are often helped financially.

The major challenge of the group is membership, attracting younger and more energetic members.



Thank you to the market / duck race workers: Alyson, Elaine M, Katrin, Narelle, Richard H, Wolfgang, Neil, Les, Tony, Peter, Sue, Elaine E, John K.



#### RESULTS OF DUCK RACE:

1. Suzie Lang
2. John Taylor
3. Nick Moon
4. Trish Murphy
5. Elaine Mooney
6. Robyn Battye
7. Anita Ingram

Last: Kylie Clifford

