



Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Rotary Theme:

Economic and Community Development

Meeting – 28 October 2015

Guest Speaker – Danielle Trigg

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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 Phone - 6452 1159 Mobile - 0407 411 422



ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

There Is a dinner on Thursday night, 5 November, to commemorate the Snowy River March. Cost is \$19.50. RSVP was this Sunday, 1 November, 6.30 for 7pm, but you can notify the club as soon as possible if you are attending the dinner.



This week Ally had a great time at the district conference meeting up with the other exchange students and having a ride in a hot air balloon.

MEETING STATISTICS:

ATTENDANCE: 59.4 %

GUESTS: Jacob Bronkhorst (Neil), Ally (club)

APOLOGIES: John B, David B, Helen, Geoff, Allan S, Brenda, Alyson, Joe, Richard H, Alyson, John Ch, Peter D, Marco

LEAVE: Brad, Tom S, John Cl, Mark L

ROSTERS - NOVEMBER

Attendance Tom K, Tony

Property

Geoff, Helen

Fellowship

Danielle, Meg Claire, Elaine S

Three Minuter

4/11 Combined Services 11/11 Elaine M

18/11 Claire 25/11 Marco

Intro

4/11 Combined Services 11/11 Claire

18/11 Tom S 25/11 Rob

Thanks

4/11 Combined Services 11/11 Helen

18/11 Jacob 25/11 John B

Sgt/Thought

4/11 Combined Services 11/11 John K

18/11 Meg 25/11 Joe

Markets

John K, Elaine S, Alyson, Jim, Tom K, Wolfgang, Meg, Joe

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.

NOVEMBER DATES

BIRTHDAYS: Katrin and Danielle 3/11, John M and Graham 16/11

ANNIVERSARIES: Kevin and Maree 5/11

DATE JOINED ROTARY: Joe 18/11, Allan S 27/11

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 Julia Pedler, ph 0416170012, email: julia.pedler@pedler.id.au

A reminder that subs are now due. They can be paid in two instalments.

Volunteers will be needed for the busking as well as the Motor Fest on 7 November, for selling busking dollars in the town and staffing the barbecue at the showground, 9am – 4pm.

RYLA is coming up in January – open to people 18-25 y.o. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please let them know about the course and inform Ash. Brenda, Les and Ash worked through the process of obtaining the Working With Children certification. Anyone can do it by going through the website. Make sure that you tick the box for either club service or volunteer.





THREE MINUTER:

Richard spoke about the time in the 1970s when he was in charge of a market garden that grew broccoli, sweet corn, cauliflower, and celery. The processing company set the price for the vegetables, negotiating with a grower who was prepared to accept a fairly low price. The rest of the growers then had to accept that price. As a result, Richard gathered the growers together and through further negotiation they were able to improve the price by 35%. They were able to make changes in the way the vegetables were transported, cauli being packed in a box and broccoli being packed and sold per kilo. They also improved methods of gathering the vegetables. Their attempts at growing brussel sprouts were a different story!



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: (Meg)

You'll never be brave if you never get hurt; you'll never learn if you don't make mistakes; you'll never be successful if you don't encounter failure.



The district conference at the weekend was a great success. Thank you to all who contributed to the morning tea. Charlotte Mitchie was a worthy representative of the club in the public speaking.

The canine carnival will be held on the last weekend of November.





GUEST SPEAKER: Danielle Trigg

Danielle recently spent some time in Vietnam and Cambodia, her idea being to help at an orphanage for street orphans in Ho Chi Minh City.



The Vietnamese people have been devastated by the war but are very grateful for everything they receive; however as a proud people they pay for everything they receive, even if it is a token amount. She spoke about one man who is a Heritage listed human; mostly that list contains buildings or landscapes. There were some interesting sandals, Saigon sandals, the straps of which can be changed around so that the wearer can leave back to front footprints, a ploy used during the war.

The country is technologically advanced, enabling most people to have the use of wi-fi. Electricity is cheap. School uniforms are supplied by the government.

The damage by Agent Orange has been long-lasting. It is a genetic mutator: half a million children have been born with some damage, both intellectual and physical, and the mutated genes have gone through three

generations. Three-fifths of the population are affected. The rate of conjoined twins is 1/1000, an extremely high rate. It caused damage to the allied troops as well as the Viet Cong and the Vietnamese people. There aren't many older men in Vietnam as a result of the war.



Danielle worked at a food shelter, one of many that are sponsored by local businesses or NGOs. Many children live on the street, don't go to school, but are fed at the shelters. They prefer not to go to an orphanage as it means they are always inside. At the orphanage, Danielle helped set up a library for the children who have English lessons. She visited a disabled children's home, the cost of which is quite expensive. Speech therapy and occupational therapy are available in the home.

Cambodia was a different story. There is absolute poverty and crime accompanies it. Many schools are sponsored and fees are charged. For many children there is a choice of food or school. AS a result of war the population went from 5 million to 2 million.

