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Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

*Rotary Theme: Peace and Conflict
Resolution/Prevention*

Meeting – 3 February 2016

Guest Speaker – Lucy Bouwman & Ken Silich



Rotary Learning Initiative – First session in Cooma 14 February: Insights into Leadership, The structure of Rotary, How to Engage Members, What Rotary Foundation is all about, Ethics and Vocational Service and how to go about planning and executing a Service Project. Contact Sharon Thomas, 0411065044, email: sharonrotary@outlook.com Julia Pedler, ph 0416170012, email: julia.pedler@pedler.id.

Recruitment Night - The Membership Committee would like names of potential members to invite to this event. Contact Dugald or Membership committee.

Finance Committee - The Board has established a Finance Committee. Members are Darrell, Brian, John Cl, Dugald.

Back to Cooma Celebrations - Hass would like bits to include in our A4 brochure. John Ch would like ideas for our float.



ROSTER – FEBRUARY

Attendance	John Ch, Ken
Property	Dugald, Elaine
Fellowship	Helen, Dave B
3 minuter	10/2 Meg 17/2 Des 24/2 Joe
Intro	10/2 Jacob 17/2 Dave B 24/2 Brenda
Thanks	10/2 Richard H 17/2 Alyson 24/2 Brian
Sgt/Thought	10/2 Meg 17/2 Marco 24/2 Tony

Markets John K, Alyson, John Ch, Ken,
Elaine M, Brenda,
Coffee – Mark JN +1



PROGRAM (Thanks to Dave B)

10/2 Cooma U3A (Max Perry)
17/2 Dementia and Delirium Care with
Volunteers Project (Kirsty Herbert)
24/2 Sailing on the Endeavour (Brad)

MARCH ROSTER

Attendance	Brad, Kevin
Property	Claire, John B
Fellowship	Jacob, Ash
3 minuter	2/3 Geoff 9/3 16/3 Jacob 23/3 Neil 30/3 Richard H
Intro	2/3 John Cl 9/3 Brad 16/3 Mark C 23/3 Ken 30/3 Elaine M
Thanks	2/3 Mark JN 9/3 Tom K 16/3 John K 23/3 Claire 30/3 John Ch
Sgt/Thought	2/3 Mark C 9/3 Graham 16/3 Richard L 23/3 Tom K 30/3 Jacob



MEETING STATISTICS:

Attendance: 76.7%
Guests: Ally (Club), Lucy Bouwman, Ken Silich,
Jan Payne
Apologies: Jason Bronkhurst, Mark Cooper, Joe
Vescio , Margaret Hassell, Tom Shirvington, Alan
Spencer, Les Sutcliffe
Leave: David Byrne, John Clark, Mark Luff
We also missed:

FEBRUARY DATES:

Birthday: Elaine M 25/2

Anniversaries: Mary and Jim 5/2, Judy and Des 5/2, Claire and Hans 7/2

Date joined: Meg and Tom 21/2



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK - Kevin - "The secret of getting ahead is getting started."
Mark Twain



THREE MINUTER - Danielle

While on holidays, Danielle attended a number of Rotary events meetings. At the first many bright yellow ducks floated down the river. Unfortunately the river was flowing one way and the tide the other. So the ducks didn't move. Eventually organisers tossed the ducks towards the finish. They raised \$ 28,000 at this event. The next meeting was at the Bombaderry Club - a barbecue on the banks of the river, watching children playing and the sun setting. Another was at the home of a Nowra Rotarian who owns the Nowra and Adelong cinemas. He has a beautiful home cinema where club members watched a pre-release film.

GUEST SPEAKERS -

Lucy Bouwman and Ken Silich

COOMA LITTER PICKERS AND TIDY TOWN

LUCY - Lucy read an article about the 'Adopt a Road' scheme while on a ski holiday in Thredbo. She thought it a great idea and decided to adopt Yareen Road, collecting rubbish on her walk to work each day. Her friend, Lorraine van der Plaat adopted Dry Plains Road and Cooma Litter Pickers were born. During their first week 12 people turned up to get 'down and dirty'. This was 21 years ago. Now 30 people are picking up rubbish throughout town each working in their chosen area. A number of other quiet achievers who are not part of the group also contribute to keeping Cooma clean.



Cooma Litter Pickers are all volunteers who are not interested in rules, agendas, financial reports. Legally they are not allowed to do what they do - 'Common sense gone mad' according to Lucy.





Volunteers are often asked why they do this. Lucy gains satisfaction, exercise and meets many friendly people. The group does not do requests. If large areas of rubbish are reported, a call to Council will see it cleaned up promptly.

Four times each year the group organises a two hour clean up to cover areas like Cooma Creek, Nanny Goat Hill, showground, etc.

The next is on Saturday, 13 February at 1.30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Afterwards Council shouts participants a cuppa and a snack.

MacDonalds and Kentucky Fried Chicken offered volunteers sticks that assist with picking up rubbish but, as owner of a health food shop, Lucy did not think it a good look to promote such companies. Now Council gets the sticks, valued at \$ 65 each, from these companies and then issues them to the volunteers along with gloves and vests.



KEN - Ken talked rubbish for 42 years as an employee of Cooma Monaro Shire Council. He commended the Cooma Litter Pickers. With Risk Assessments and Health & Safety rules no Council employee is allowed within three metres of the road edge so no cleaning would be done there. The Clean up Australia program initiated by Ian Kiernan raised community awareness and continuing education has decreased littering. Ken thanked Rotary for their involvement in the Clean Up Australia days.

Ken recently travelled to Vietnam and Brazil and is concerned about the large volumes of rubbish in these countries. In Vietnam garbage is collected but is taken elsewhere and burnt which adds to pollution. The amount of plastics in our oceans is horrific and Ken support any initiative that will reduce these major problems.

