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Thank you to Tom S.

Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

*Rotary Theme: Peace and Conflict
Resolution/Prevention*

Meeting – 2 March 2016

Guest Speaker – Anna Behr

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



Jan Mooney reported on the activities of her club, Glenhaven near Castle Hill. There are many social activities and a great deal of money raised through their golf day and a major raffle. The club joined forces with a club from England and visited the Philippines to help in one of the northern islands devastated by the typhoon.

Rotary Learning Initiative – The first session: in Nimmitabel on 12/13 March, second session on 16 April in Bombala, final session in Cooma in May. Contact Sharon Thomas, ph 0411065044, sharonrotary@outlook.com Julia Pedler, ph 0416170012, email: julia.pedler@pedler.id.



Neil Russell, a member of the Southport Rotary Club, told us about their main project – a merry-go-round at Broadbeach which operates daily from 9am until 9pm, available to the public for the past five years. The Gold Coast council does the maintenance free of charge, the project raising \$110,000.



Ally went to Sydney during the week on an English excursion to the University of Sydney. She gave us a brief description of the US presidential election process.



THREE MINUTER: Geoff – Sympathy and Empathy

The difference between sympathy and empathy, both terms relating to feelings, is sometimes hard to understand. Walking in another's shoes so that there is an understanding of the feelings

that the other has - that is empathy, a term that has come from psychology. Sympathy is a feeling with another or compassion for another person.



Welcome to our two new members, Jeannette Bailey and Jan Payne. Thank you to Julia (and Michael) for being here for their induction. Congratulations, Jeannette and Jan!



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: (Mark C)

Success isn't how far you got, but the distance from where you started.

ROSTER – MARCH

Attendance		Brad, Kevin
Property		Claire, John B
Fellowship		Jacob, Ash
3 minuter	9/3	
	16/3	Jacob
	23/3	Neil
	30/3	Richard H
Intro	9/3	Ken
	16/3	Mark C
	23/3	Brad
	30/3	Elaine M
Thanks	9/3	Tom K
	16/3	John K
	23/3	Claire
	30/3	John Ch
Sgt/Thought	9/3	Graham
	16/3	Richard L
	23/3	Tom K
	30/3	Jacob
Markets - John K, Alyson, David H, Claire, Marco, Neil Coffee – Mark JN +		

APRIL ROSTER

Attendance		Graham, Jim
Property		Sue, Tony
Fellowship		John Cl, Mark C
3 minuter	6/4	John B
	13/4	Brenda
	20/4	John Ch
	27/4	Mark C
Intro	6/4	Peter
	13/4	Kevin
	20/4	Margaret E
	27/4	Graham
Thanks	6/4	Marco
	13/4	Elaine S
	20/4	Sue
	27/4	Tom S
Sgt/Thought	6/4	Brad
	13/4	Ken
	20/4	Les
	27/4	Tom K
Markets	17/4	John K, Alyson, John B, Brad, Peter, Tony, Joe Coffee van – Mark JN, ?

PROGRAM (Thanks to Dave B)

9 Mar	Rob: Land acquisition at SMHEA
16 Mar	Joint meeting with Tuggeranong; guest speaker Chris Kimball of South Care Helicopter
23 Mar	Heritage walk with Pip Giovanelli at 5-6pm, guest speaker; ANU students
30 Mar	Visit to Burchalls' Recycling Centre 5-6pm; guest speaker Debi Schubert – Recycling in Cooma



Bookings for the Rotary table at the dinner on Good Friday evening (the Back to Cooma weekend) in the park has be done. It is important to make a booking.

A big thank you to Elaine S for her hard work in organising the pet parade at the last markets. Over 50 pets of many varieties were entered.

Help is needed for building the float for the parade on the Saturday of the Easter weekend. Contact Neil if you can help.

MEETING STATISTICS:

Attendance: 82%

Visiting Rotarians : Julia Pedler (AG), Michael Pedler (Canberra South), Jan Mooney (Glenhaven), Neil Russell (Southport)
Guests: Anna Behr, Chris Laird, Ally (Club), Kathryn Russell (Neil R), Jeannette (John Cl), Erica Murphy (Mark JN), Jan (David H)
Apologies: Jacob, John B, Brad, Danielle
Leave: Dave B, Mark L
We also missed: Sue



MARCH DATES:

Birthday: Brad 11/3, Margaret E 13/3, Meg 15/3, David H 18/3

Anniversaries: Richard and Lainie 30/3

Date joined: Ken 10/3 (56 years), Brenda 25/3



Allan reported on the very successful busking day at Stanthorpe last weekend, the first regional busking championships. There were 50 acts with 100 performers, the standard being outstanding. Graham added that Allan entertained the crowd on the Saturday night.



GUEST SPEAKER: Anna Behr

An exchange student under the Australia-New Zealand exchange program, Anna, a French citizen, is staying here for ten months with the Laird family, attending St Patrick's. She has always dreamt of visiting Australia and New Zealand and the opportunity came through a chance meeting and learning about the program.

There was a rigorous selection process including a lot of paperwork and convincing the selectors that she would be a worthy exchangee. One of her difficulties was packing for all seasons. She has found she has had to be stronger in herself, make her own decisions, be determined and never to give up.

Since she has been in Australia she has been to the Blue Mountains, Sydney, Melbourne, the south coast and Canberra and has been introduced to some of Australia's native animals.

Anna's high school caters for students from Year 10 to Year 12. She is repeating Year 10 but is happy to do so, the exchange experience being an amazing education in itself. She has been involved in different sports here – skiing, netball and water sports. She is very grateful to the members of the Laird family for their hospitality.

