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Thank you to Tom S.

Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

*Rotary Theme: Peace and Conflict
Resolution/Prevention*

Meeting – 9 March 2016

Guest Speaker – Rob Simms

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

Rotary Learning Initiative – The second session is 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.





THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK: (Graham)

Those that think they know everything about all things annoy those who actually do.

The other thought was a story of the corporal aiming to become a sergeant who was before a committee that was looking at his psychological profile in regard to problem solving. He was given a glass half full of water and asked what the problem was and how could it be solved. He looked at the water, drank it and then said, 'I don't have a problem. It's your problem now.'

ROSTER – MARCH

Attendance	Brad, Kevin
Property	Claire, John B
Fellowship	Jacob, Ash
3 minuter	16/3 Jacob / Meeting at Michelago 23/3 Neil 30/3 Richard H
Intro	16/3 Mark C / Meeting at Michelago 23/3 Brad 30/3 Elaine M
Thanks	16/3 John K / Meeting at Michelago 23/3 Claire 30/3 John Ch
Sgt/Thought	16/3 Richard L/ Meeting at Michelago 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)

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



Those attending the combined meeting with Tuggeranong at Michelago are reminded to gather at Centennial Park at 5.30pm next Wednesday (16 March). Cost \$25pp, numbers attending to be to Darrell by Monday.

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

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

Meg spoke about an amputee camp and being inspired by the stories of those attending and their achievements.



Les told the meeting about the community bus in which our club has a share, along with Lions, the rugby league club and the rugby union club. The bus was purchased some years ago and has been used by these organisations as well as being hired for school groups. A replacement bus has now been purchased and is emblazoned with the logo of Red Energy, who gave a substantial donation with a contract that the company would use the bus.

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



MEETING STATISTICS:

Attendance: 73.3%

Visiting Rotarians : Karen Trigg (Bomaderry), Neil Russell (Southport)

Guests: Ally (Club), Kathryn (Neil R), Erica Murphy (Mark JN), Tristan, Natalie, Emily (Marco)

Apologies: John B, John Ch, Peter, Richard H, John K, Tom S, Joe

Leave: Dave B, Mark L, John Cl



200 ShelterBoxes have been sent to Fiji to help people after the cyclone.



GUEST SPEAKER: Rob Simms

In the period 1958-1973 Rob was a valuer for the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Authority. It was his job to acquire land for the Authority so that the dams and tunnels could be constructed. Land that was needed so that Adaminaby could be moved to the new site was already acquired before Rob took over the reins.

Rob had to negotiate with land owners to buy the land for Eucumbene, Tumut Pond and Jindabyne as well as other dam areas.

Many of the farmers were reluctant to sell thinking that Lake Eucumbene would take many years to be a fait accompli. This belief was shattered for most of them when they were taken by bus to view the work that was well underway to build the Eucumbene dam wall.

Still there were some unco-operative potential sellers but when they finally saw water in the valley advancing towards their land, they caved in and quickly contacted the solicitor to start negotiations.



Ally's experience of getting to the top of Mt Kosciuszko was a warm one. She was delighted to say that she ran part of the distance, beating Brenda and Katrin.

