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Back to Cooma parade, Rotary Feed Bin and Coffee Van escorted by President Neil



Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Rotary Theme: Water and Sanitation

Meeting – 30 March 2016

Visit to Burchalls' Recycling

Guest Speaker – Debi Schubert

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



A very compact Datsun

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

2nd session: Using Strategic planning and analysis to make improvements to your club, Understanding how to use Rotary Foundation and the key concepts of Rotary programs, Good Club Communications, Team Building and how to attract New and Effective Members

ROSTER – APRIL

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, ?

A reminder from John K: if you are rostered on to work at any function, please attend, or else arrange a substitute.

MEETING STATISTICS

Attendance: 79.8%

Guests: Ruth Petersen (Helen), Rivo Janel and Kevin Shanghi (Geoff)

Apologies: Jeannette, John Ch, Brad, Mark JN, Marco, Tom S, Jacob

Leave: Mark L, John Cl

We also missed: Joe

Make ups: Mark JN

Next meeting: Geoff Bowland – The geological history of the earth

13 April: James Sullivan – Cooma Monaro Railway and Tourism



Thought of the Week: (Katrin)

After the age of 40 you are responsible for your face. – George Orwell

April dates:

Birthdays – John Ch 6/4, Des 15/4, Geoff 17/4

Anniversaries – Dave and Trish Libauer 20/4

Dugald: Membership recruitment evening – to be held on 20 April; the list of names and contact details is being finalised.

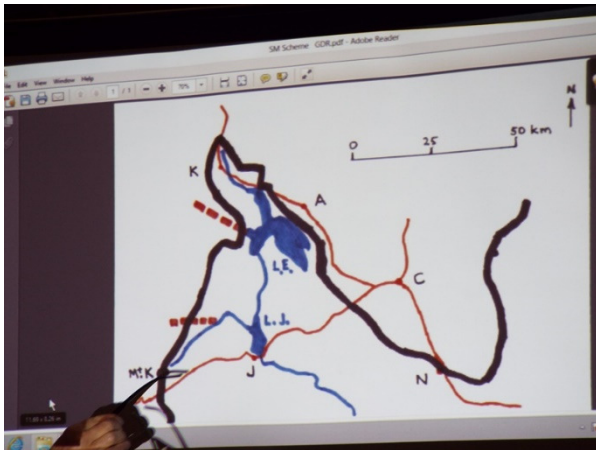
Elaine S: The dance attracted a smaller crowd than expected; the more modern music was popular and the the occasion was a social success.

Thanks, Elaine.



Neil: Thank you to all the helpers over the weekend, the people who helped with the vehicles for the Back to Cooma parade, the people who helped Elaine at the dance, and the people who worked so hard at the rodeo barbecue and cleared \$2340 in four hours. Thanks to our Rotary friends, John and Gaie Mooney.

A reminder that everyone should have a Working With Children check. For volunteers this is free, but costs \$80 for those who are in paid work.



THREE MINUTER – Richard Hopkins

With the map above, Richard showed very clearly the structure of the Snowy Mountains area, the location of towns and lakes and the path of the tunnels taking water to the other side of the mountains. The Great Dividing Range has a kink (a little bit like an out of shape 'N'), from the Victorian border north to Kiandra and then south-east to just past Nimmitabel. Cooma, Nimmitabel, Adaminaby and Jindabyne are shown by their initial, the two major lakes, L.E. and L.J. The roads are shown as the red lines, the rivers are the blue lines, and the tunnels are the red dotted lines.



Bombala club: trivia night on 16 April, 7 for 7.30pm. Contact Fiona on 0408 583662



GUEST SPEAKER – Debi Schubert

At Burchalls' Recycling Centre (thank you, Brian, for organising the visit) Debi spoke to the members explaining the processes in the centre. We were shown the machinery for compacting paper and cardboard as well as the conveyor for sorting the comingling products - plastics, metals and glass (done by hand).

Starting in the 1980s, Allan Burchall had a freight run from Cooma to Jindabyne. Cooma-Monaro Shire Council decided to trial recycling and the company became involved in a learn-as-you-go enterprise. The successful trial led to the council's offering of a tender which Burchalls' won and waste and recycling bins were placed in the Cooma landfill as well as Numeralla, Nimmitabel and Bredbo.

To accommodate the increased demand the company had to expand and was able to secure some help through Regional Partnership funding to do this. The cost of the new shed was \$1.5 million – the walls, roof and concrete floor. Unfortunately, there were some strings attached to the grant and this has taught the Burchalls not to apply for such funding again. To set up the correct equipment and have it installed was another major expense.

As material comes into the centre, it is weighed. The weighbridge is available for public use and can be used for weighing vehicles before registration or trucks carrying stock to feedlots.

Every effort is made to have the final product clean; this is then sold for higher prices than a product that has a lot of contaminated material. The main contaminants are dirty nappies and

hypodermic needles, ongoing problems despite all the education programs.

Paper and cardboard are baled in a ratio of 80:20, each bale weighing about 750 kg. The finished product is sent to VISY in Sydney and, to a lesser extent, VISY in Tumut. Local contractors do the transport runs.

The comingling is taken to Sydney but more difficult items such as bumper bars and broken wheelie bins are sent to South Australia. Glass is sorted into clear, brown and green, the green being the most difficult and most expensive to dispose of.

The company provides a scrap metal service using an Orca baler, unique in the southern area. The machine is transportable so it can be taken to the area where it is needed. The baler is used in conjunction with the auto-dismantling business. Tyres are removed and fluids are drained from vehicles before they are squashed.



The Shirvinton family was in Brazil recently to celebrate with Barbara Penteado-Zago (Barbie) on the occasion of her graduation. Barbie, an exchangee with the Cooma Club in 2009, stayed with the Shirvinton, Sutcliffe, and Adams families. The first three in the back row are Steve, Dan and Irene and last in that row is Tom.

