



# Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

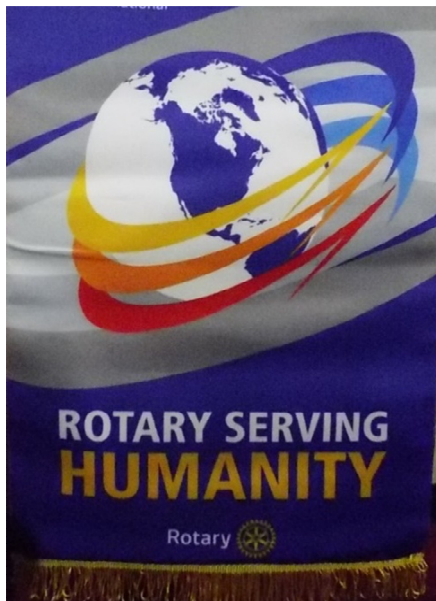
*Rotary Theme: Membership and Extension*

Meeting – 10 August 2016

Guest Speaker – Des Trute

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**Rotary Learning Initiative** – The final session is in Cooma at a date to be determined. Contact Maureen Manning, email:

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3rd session: International Service and making connections around the world, Effective Leadership Strategies, Exploring opportunities for personal, community and professional growth and development, Public Image & Public Relations, Undertaking meaningful Vocational Service Activities, and finally, Making a Difference using your own experience and growth through RLI to help improve the path for others to follow. All welcome.

The committee of the Bowling Club would be very grateful if our members were to become members of their club: \$15 membership annually which helps with maintenance of the clubhouse and facilities.

## MEETING STATISTICS

Attendance: 83.3%

Guests: Annette (club), Ruth Petersen (Helen and Geoff)

Apologies: Jacob, John K, Mark JN, Erica, Joe (late apology), Marco (late apology)

Leave: Dave B

Next meeting :

17/8 - ANU med students



## ROSTER – AUGUST

Attendance: Darrell, Jeannette  
 Fellowship: Ashley, Peter  
 Property: Sue, Tony  
 3 Minuter: 17/8 Richard L 24/8 John K  
 31/8 Graham  
 Intro: 17/8 Elaine S 24/8 Elaine M  
 31/8 Marco  
 Thanks: 17/8 Jan 24/8 Richard H  
 31/8 David H  
 Markets: John K, Alyson, Brad, John Cl, Brenda, Elaine S, Carlo; Coffee van: Mark JN, Erica

**A reminder from John K: if you are rostered on to work at any function, please attend, or else arrange a substitute. THIS ALSO APPLIES TO DUTIES AT CLUB MEETINGS. PLEASE CHECK THE ROSTER EACH WEEK.**

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



Membership committee at work

Members, volunteers and friends of Red Cross are invited to attend the Country Zone 9 Conference on Tuesday 6 September at the Ex-Services Club from 10am. Cost will be \$20 which will cover lunch and morning tea. RSVP 22 August

**ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE THE WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK.**

Elaine S: The duck race is on again on the market day in October. She is looking for prizes so if anyone could help she would be grateful.

Rob has moved to the BUPA Centre, 142 Carrington Rd, Waverley, his phone number: 83059219. Please give him some time to get to the phone to answer it. If you are in Sydney, he would appreciate a short visit.

## AUGUST DATES:

Birthdays – Richard H 10/8, Ash 11/8, Rob 14/8, Dave B 15/8, Trish Libauer 18/8  
 Anniversaries – John and Yvonne 7/8  
 Date joined Rotary: Ken P 8/8, David H 12/8. Dugald 12/8, Mark C 19/8, Hass 19/8 .

Bob King, one of the club's original members, will be celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> on 16 October with a lunch at the Ex-Services Club. Please keep this date in mind.

Dugald: The amount of subs payable will be determined at the next board meeting and accounts will be distributed after that.



After the Community Service committee meeting

**Claire: Rotary Spring Ball – 27 August, 7 – 11.30pm. Music by Mikangelo and the Black Sea Gentlemen. Tickets are \$50 each, available at the Fabric Salon.**

**Nimmitabel Lions Changeover – 27 August**

**10 September: a concert by a local band, BREAK2BEATS, to raise money to help build an orphanage in Africa. Des' grandson, Jarrod, is one of the musicians and is also one of the team going to Africa to work on the project.**



**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Kevin**

**A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you are in deep water.**



**THREE MINUTER – Elaine M**

**Elaine spoke about her vocation, the law, and her time in that career. Originally she planned to be a teacher but while waiting for a placement at a teachers' college, she started work in the office of Walker, Gibbs and King. After a stint in Sydney, she returned to WG&K and liked the work so much that she decided to stay and then later to study law by correspondence and also spend 6 months at the College of Law in Sydney.**



**She worked for WG&K for 40 years, most of that as partner, then worked for 6 years in her own practice which she then sold. After that came some part-time work with Mawson, Blaxland and Rose before her retirement in 2008.**





Annette reported on her week: the mysterious disappearance of her makeup brushes and making new friends through the Baptist youth group.



Katrin: The organisers of the Snowies Bike Festival which is being held 25-27 November are asking for hosts for elite athletes, some international, for b/b for 3-7 days. Please let Katrin know if you can help. Check the website: [in2adventure.com.au](http://in2adventure.com.au)



#### GUEST SPEAKER – Des

Des spoke about his father, Cyril Trute of the 2nd 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion, and his time in PNG during WWII. His father was always reluctant to speak of his war experiences including his injuries, and it took some time for the family to learn of his wartime life. He was wounded by shrapnel from a mine so he crawled on his hands and knees and finally reached an American base. Fuzzy-Wuzzy Angels fashioned a stretcher for him and he was carried to Lae hospital. He was invalided out from PNG to Bundaberg and he was found there by his brother-in-law. The people of Bundaberg were sorry for the 'skinny yellow rats' and were very generous in spite of food rationing. He was left with a damaged leg on which he had to wear a caliper. He also contracted malaria which, at various times, necessitated treatment in hospital. Following the war he worked in a horseshoeing establishment and then on his dairy farm and even until his late 80s he was milking 10 cows by hand and looking after his 100 pigs. He was a strong community member, involved in a number of organisations. The picture below came from the Australian War Memorial and is of the tents where Cyril Trute and his mates lived while in PNG.

