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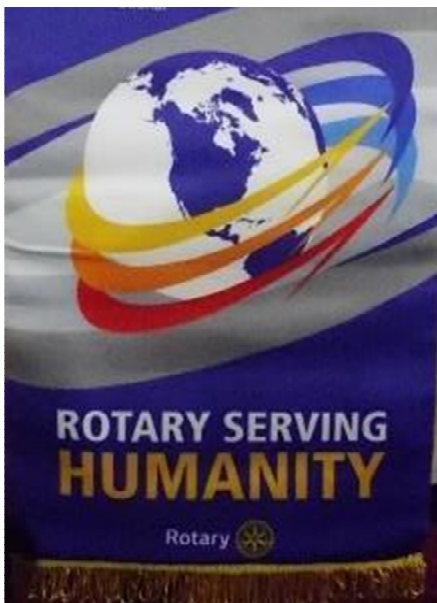


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Meeting statistics:

Attendance: 82%

Guests: Rose Ricketson, Dana Alexander, Brittany Burchell, Georgia Sturgeon, and Abby Sopniewski (Club), Mandy Sturgeon, Roger (Jan)

Apologies: Richard B, John B, John Ch, Sue, Anette (on safari)

Leave: Brad, Joe



Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

April Theme: Maternal and Child Health

Meeting – 19 April 2017

Guest Speakers – Members of Project O

NEXT MEETING:

Geoff Bowland – their visit to Texas

Board meeting next Wednesday at 5pm. All are welcome.



GET WELL

Best wishes to John K for his surgery this week and to Richard B who is ill.

DATE TO REMEMBER:

29 – 30 April: District Assembly at Kingsford Smith School, 100 Starke St, Holt ACT; incoming RI President, Ian Riseley, will be attending

APRIL DATES

Birthday: Mark C and John Ch 6/4, Des 15/4, Geoff 17/4

APRIL ROSTER (Thank you, Mark JN)

Attendance: Elaine M, John Ch

Fellowship: Elaine S, Mark JN

Property: Jan P, Carlo

3 minuter/

Show & Tell: 26/4 Jeannette

Intro: 26/4 Neil

Thanks: 26/4 Meg

Thought: 26/4 Brad

MAY ROSTER

Attendance: Meg, Carlo

Fellowship: Peter, Katrin

Property: Allan S, Graham

3 Minuter/

Show & Tell: 3/5 Brad 10/5 Hass

17/5 Mark JN 24/5 Neil 31/5 Geoff

Intro: 3/5 Sue 10/5 John Ch

17/5 Carlo 24/5 Elaine S 31/5 Jeannette

Thanks: 3/5 Hass 10/5 Richard H

17/5 Peter 24/5 Darrell 31/5 Brenda

Thought: 3/5 Tom 10/5 Helen

17/5 Ash 24/5 Brian 31/5 Elaine M

Markets: John K, Alyson, Ash, Darrell,

Wolfgang, Elaine S, Jan, Brenda, Elaine M

Coffee van: Mark JN, Brian, John Ch



MARKET REPORT

PE Mark thanked Carlo for taking over from John King while he is not well. Results of the Easter Sunday markets: Total \$3007 profit made up of \$2539 from the stalls and food van and \$468 from the coffee van; 12 volunteers – 77 service hours. Elaine S supervised the Wishing Well which supported the Community Chest. Elaine signed up 12 new members at \$10 each and raised \$130 in donations to the well. Thank



you to Claire for organising the Easter hat parade.

Thank you to all who gave of their time and energy on Sunday. A couple of photos of the hats have appeared on our facebook page.

YOUTH EXCHANGE

We will be hosting a girl from Switzerland after July.

Georgia Sturgeon, who attended the meeting as part of Project O, has applied for an exchange and completed her first interview.





THREE MINUTER – Peter

Peter spoke about the courage of Italian servicemen, a subject that has been one of derision and one that he has encountered in his study for his M.Ph and now as he studies the Libyan campaign in WWII for his Ph.D. Securing a scholarship to live in Italy for three months, Peter observed the presence of a memorial to ex-servicemen in each town and village. It was not the courage of the Italian soldiers that let them down: rather it was the lack of sturdy equipment such as tanks and the short range of the artillery, 4000 yards (Italian) compared with 14,000 yards (Allied).

Another factor in the failure of the Italian forces was the strategy that was developed by Mussolini who wanted to build a new Roman Empire. His army occupied parts of northern and central Africa, areas of land that were desert, not productive, but required a lot of support. Hence on the one hand, he had control of a lot of land, but on the other hand he wasn't able to service it with supplies.



Photo courtesy of Monaro Post

Sue and Claire presenting Antje Badger, Health Services Manager, with a cheque of \$2541 for the purchase of a KERi Manikin to assist nurses in their patient care education. A letter of thanks has been received.



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Elaine S
The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.





GUEST SPEAKERS: Rose Ricketson and members of Project O

Rose is producer of Project O, an initiative funded by the Office for Women. It is aimed at young women - in Cooma, junior secondary students at MHS - and provides workshops that focus on skills, resilience, volunteering and community support. The project is facilitated by Big hArt. The students, Dana, Abby, Brittany and Georgia, each spoke about some of their experiences in Project O. There are 20 students in the group and they have workshops twice a week. Through developing communication skills and teamwork, they are encouraged to use their initiative, speak out and take action where needed, thereby developing their self-confidence. In helping at community events and conducting fundraisers, they are meeting new people and expanding their horizons.

