



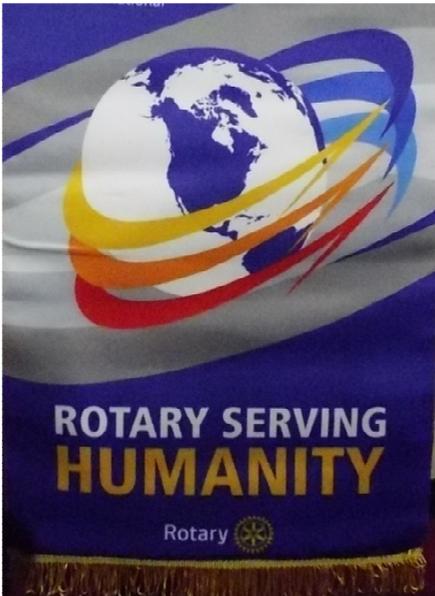
ROTARY

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Meeting statistics:

Attendance: 87.5%

Guests: Kristi Swan, Thanh Tam Tran, Patrick Feeney, Liam Kensitt, Yana Safina, Alex Keen, Anette Saetrang, Sara Knott, Maria Tarasyuk, Cheyng Hely (all club guests)

Apologies: John B, John K

Leave: Brad, Joe



Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

March Theme: Water and Sanitation

Meeting – 22 March 2017

Guest Speakers – Med Students

Next meeting: Vocational Visit to Monaro Family Support Service at 5pm (old infants campus of St Pat's school); guest speaker, Yvi Henderson

5 April: Bill Burden – Australia remembers

12 April: Geoff Bowland – visit to USA

(Thank you, Richard)



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

MARCH DATES

Birthday: Brad 11/3, Margaret E 13/3, Meg 15/3, David H 18/3, Carlo 30/3, Yvonne (John M) 31/3

Anniversaries: Lainie and Richard 30/3

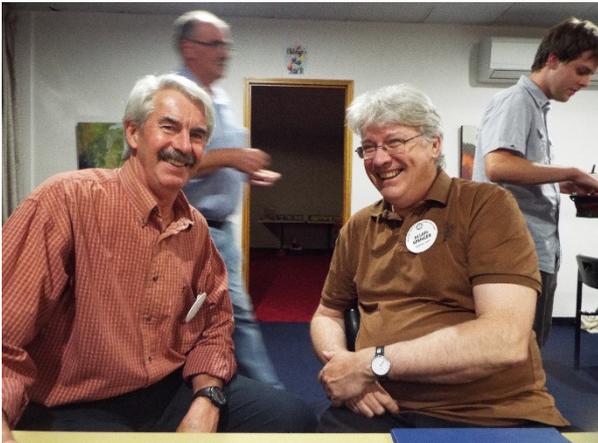
Date joined Rotary: Jeannette and Jan 4/3, Ken (57 years) 10/3, Brenda 25/3

MARCH ROSTER

Attendance: Carlo, Darrell
Fellowship: Sue, John Cl
Property: Wolfgang, Neil
3 minuter/
Show & tell: 29/3 Marco
Intro: 29/3 Geoff
Thanks: 29/3 Ash
Thought: 29/4 John Ch



Anette with Sara, Cheynae, and Maria: representatives of the Interact Club. Members conducted a stall at the last markets.



Allan spoke about the Ballarat Busking weekend – a very successful event: over 100 participants, 28 busking stations, prize money of \$10,000 with a major sponsor being the university. The finals were held in the Mechanics Institute using the same stage used by Mark Twain when he did a speaking tour of Australia. A special place there is the memorial to the musicians who played as the 'Titanic' sank. Shelby Grace from Cooma was place second and also won the people's choice award. Inverell wants to hold such an event on 13 May, for the first time. It will be a challenge organising the day within eight weeks. Following Inverell, Narooma's day will occur.



Mark and David showing off the trophy that we won in our cake decorating competition against Tuggeranong RC.



Peter spoke about a conversation with former club president, Chris Adams, who, with other club members, was instrumental in setting up a water supply in a PNG village, Kemabolo. Our club donated a further \$1000 which Chris used to replace damaged guttering and downpipes. The water project to which we allocated \$42,000 is still functioning and Chris has visited a dozen times, especially to see Wari and sponsor her education. Wari's sister was very ill and Chris was able to get her into a private hospital for some treatment.



MARCH MARKETS

Thank you to everyone who worked at the markets, a very busy day. Proceeds: van - \$2479, wishing well - \$47, coffee van - \$580. A set of guidelines for the handling of food will be displayed in the van and at the barbecue. These guidelines are based on the food vending laws in NSW.



Dugald spoke about the healthy state of our finances and the fact that there are four potential members.

Meg: About 120 pairs of glasses were sent to Sydney to be sent off to Africa.



THREE MINUTER: Brenda

In her early 20s, Brenda decided she wanted more out of life than being a nanny so she decided to go on an expedition to Chile with Raleigh International.

The first project was trekking through mountains on horses which were in poor condition at first but prospered after the participants fed them some of their breakfast. The finale of the trek was to help build a playground for a primary school in a very remote area.

The second project was to visit a small, remote coastal town that relies on the collection of seaweed for its cash. The participants were there for a month building a water tank on the top of a nearby hill to give the town running water.

The third project was to trek up mountains with backpacks with just 8 days' rations. The snow climbing was excellent but the trekkers had to rest in snowholes which, Brenda assured us, meant very little sleep, and they also scored frostbite on some sensitive areas.

The last project was to build a path through a remote part of a national park to a glacier. It rained every day for a month so it was important to keep one's feet dry. Again they travelled with backpacks but food that was sent up the line was excellent.

After the trek, Brenda realised that she had the wherewithal to tackle higher studies, so she qualified for uni and then went on to become a teacher.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Hass

From John Glenn: As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind: every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Med students who are in Cooma as part of the Rural Doctors Program. They are all studying medicine in a post-graduate course at ANU.



Yana Safina and Liam Kensitt – 1st year students

Yana was born in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, came to Australia when she was seven, settling in Griffith. Her first degrees were in law and human nutrition. She was encouraged to do medicine by the example of her mother who studied medical science.

Liam, born and bred in Canberra, did his first degree in medical science. He tried psychology and decided it wasn't for him. He was inspired to do medicine by a pathologist who worked on autopsies of neo-nates.



Kristi Swan – 3rd year student

Kristi comes from the Sunshine Coast and is based in Cooma for the year. Her first degree was in paramedicine and she worked in this field for a few years, as well as buying a house and getting married. Her reason for going into medicine was that she wanted to be able to develop an ongoing relationship with her patients.



Alex Keen – 1st year student

A first-aid exercise when Alex was on a cadet camp in Year 8 led him to want to study medicine. From Sydney, he completed a science degree at ANU and was then accepted into the medicine course.



Patrick Feeney – 1st year student

Patrick was born in Sydney but spent some of his childhood in UK. His undergraduate degree is in archaeology. Following the example of a friend who applied for the post-graduate med course, he also applied and feels it is the best place for him now.



Thanh Tam Tran – 1st year student

Tam is from Vietnam and was affected by the death of a childhood friend there. She attended school in Canberra from the age of 16, did a degree in medical science and Master of Public Health, gained a PhD, and worked for a while before seeking entry into the med course.