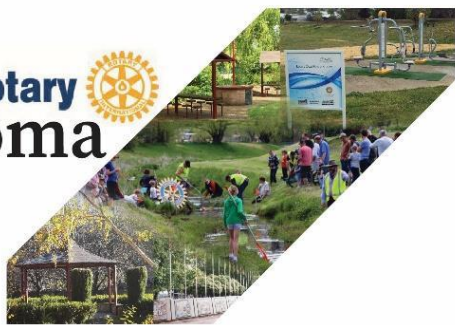


Rotary
Cooma



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

Meeting statistics:

Attendance: 23/36 (64%)

Guests: Roger Wheatly (Jan)

Visiting Rotarian:

Apologies: Carlo B, John C, Alan D, Marco, Brenda C, Brad C, Terry & Glenys

Leave: Dave B, Tom, Joe

We also missed:

Please advise Darrell (Ph 0407 411 422, 64521159, dqcooma@bigpond.net.au) of apologies for the coming meeting, also if you are bringing a guest. Failure to advise of absence will incur a dinner cost.

SIGNIFICANT DATES

Birthdays: Hans (Claire) 1/5, John K 7/5, Alyson 19/5,

Joined Rotary: Bob King 13/5/54, Margaret E 24/5



Thought of the Week: Katrin

It is better to explore life and make mistakes than to play it safe. Mistakes are part of the dues we pay for a full life – Sophia Loren

Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

March Theme:

Youth Services

2 May 2018

Guest Speaker – Penny Vos

MAY

PROPERTY: Penny, Darrell

ATTENDANCE: Dugald, Richard H

FELLOWSHIP: Peter, Elaine S

3 MINUTER: 9/5 Dave H 16/5 Glenys
23/5 Joe 30/5 Hass

INTRO: 9/5 Elaine M 16/5 Geoff
23/5 30/5 John Ch

THANKS: 9/5 Mark JN 16/5 Marco
23/5 20/5 Claire

MARKETS: Sue, Alyson, Mark C, Neil,
Penny, Glenys, Brad

COFFEE VAN: Mark JN, John Ch

If you are rostered on for the markets and know ahead of time, PLEASE find a replacement, giving plenty of notice.

COMING MEETINGS

May 9	Brad Baker
May 16	Penny Vos
May 23	Pride of Workmanship
May 30	John Mercer
June 13	Noel Trevaskis
June 20	Sarah Kaempfer
June 27	Changeover Dinner

INFORMATION

The District Conference for 2018/19 will be held in Cooma on 5-7 October. Some of the speakers will be Kerry Kornhauser - End Trachoma Project, Martha Jabour - Homicide Victims Support Group, Stephanie Woollard - Seven Women Project, Tino Babao - Food Plant Solutions, and Geoffrey Graham - Dinkum Oz show.



CORRESPONDENCE

From Lola Radnoti of the ANU Clinical Rural School thanking the club members for our participation in Rural Week so that the first year students experienced a rural community.

INFORMATION

John K: The Coffee Van was taken out to the Nimmitabel Garden and over the 2 days a total of \$670.00 was raised.



THREE MINUTER: Des

Des spoke about his father. Des was born in 1942 and at this time his father was serving in Pua New Guinea during the WWII and like many servicemen from this time did not speak about his experiences.

Service left his father with injuries to his left leg but this did not stop him being a blacksmith or doing farm work. He just adapted like mounting a horse his own way.

It was only after Des' mother died did his father share any details. He said his team ran over a hidden mine and the shrapnel caused injury and death. The locals provided some help but the Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels got him to safety. After which he was repatriated to Australia for treatment.

Time passed but he was still haunted by the experiences of that time.

The Cooma Rotary Club honour and salute the service of Mr Trute and his comrades.



GUEST SPEAKERS: Penny Vos
– The Goma Project in
D.R.Congo

The D.R.Congo is a naturally beautiful area and the accommodation where they stayed was lovely and cheap but the cost of taxi travel was expensive - \$50/day.



They travelled across Lake Kivu and also saw lowland gorilla but that was not why they went.



What we came to do was:

- Make Home Visits to know what is needed
- Make School Visits to check what is being provided
- Open the Library we built since last visit
- Lead Youth Activities for Empowerment
- Encourage Early Childhood Education
- Governance: Conduct the SBV Review
- Networking with HEAL Africa
- Establish a Small Business Loan Fund
- Plan a Project for Sustainable Self-sufficiency



Some schools are better than others

The Mama Wimbi Buntings Project is aimed at creating a sustainable self-sufficiency for a whole community. The production and sale of the bunting can earn enough money, in a short period of time, to ensure schooling for a year for a single child.



The End for Now

- We took the bus from Gisenyi to Kigali in Rwanda then flew to Doha via Entebbe and back to Australia
- Since we got home, Kimbale has started his bus route, Zizina's family is sewing and we've started looking for sponsors for 12 school students who have been excluded from school for lack of \$200 or less.
- P.S. Cooma Rotary donated \$500 which solved the problem

for eight of the students.



A couple of photos from Safari

