



Meeting DOT POINTS

Wednesday 4th February 2015

President Greg welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that there are currently a number of new potential members in the wings.

APOLOGIES Camilla Barker (Sth America), Ros (Innamincka - Ros ended up getting on line.)

New Member Induction: Paul "Booka" Northrop was inducted and welcomed by all into our club. (Perhaps there is a need to learn of other nick names that might exist?)

Guest Speaker: Louise Clements (Rotarian of 10 yrs)

- Louise couldn't commit to *Meals on Wheels* so turned her voluntary service desire to the early training of Guide Dogs – as a puppy raiser for Guide Dogs of SA & NT
- Axel the puppy was delivered at 10 weeks old and is now 9 months
- Training continues for 12-14 months before being handed back
- There is a manual for a strict diet routine with his only treat being a carrot
- There is also a strict toilet training routine with John involved here as well
- He gets heaps of walks to the beach and shops (we noted the butcher shop scene!)
- Must sit on the car floor in front of the passenger seat when travelling
- Is trained to be tethered at night but loose during the day
- When he has his coat on he is "working" and when the coat is off its "play"
- Only 40% of dogs make the grade but the failures often find work as autistic companions or in soldier rehab
- The Clements not sure if they will repeat this experience as it does affect your normal dog and restricts some family movements
- We are all looking forward to meeting Axel at Broken Hill – and hopefully he doesn't have to guide any "blind" people there!

NEXT NOMAD MUSTER:

- Survey being sent out for members to vote on 4 venues
- Geoff St Clair requested details on members and partners' titles (PP, PDG, PHF etc) so as member database can be updated.

Charter Function update:

- Last call for ordering badges, stickers and polo shirts before Broken Hill
- Caravan park has given approval for promotional breakfasts with support from Coles
- There will be a welcome Sat night BBQ
- Major discussion/news on Charter activities at next week's meeting
- Neil Henderson advised Aldi have a range of caravan and camping accessories on special from Sat 14th Feb.