

ROTARY



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Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

May Theme: Youth Services

Meeting – 31 May 2017

Guest Speaker – NEIL BROWN

PLEASE NOTE: Until the end of June please contact Carlo if you are unable to attend any meeting:
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Meeting statistics:

Attendance: 71.4%

Guests: Daniela Nitzel, Annett (club)

Apologies: Katrin

Leave: Neil, Joe

We also missed: Brad, Alyson, Brian, John C



NOTICES:

AGM – 28 June

Claire extended thanks to all who help with the movie night, especially Ken Dan and Katrin for the posters.

Any outstanding **Form 3** to be handed in to Mark JN as soon as possible.

Carlo provided a report regarding the market DA. A very big thanks to Carlo for all his work on this matter.

NEXT MEETING:

Daniela Neitzel – Graduate dentist
Anette

Mark J-N announced John King as 2018-19 President Elect.



David Holgate wished to thank all who helped with the Red Shield Appeal collection.



MAY DATES

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

Date joined Rotary: Bob King 13/5 (63 yrs), Margaret E 24/5

The **3 Minuter** on stars and starmaps was presented by Geoff B along with many pictures to aid in the understanding of this amazing topic.



JUNE ROSTER

Attendance: Carlo
Elaine S

Fellowship: Richard H
David B

Property: Mark JN
Brad C

3 Minuter: 7/6 John Chapman
14/6 Ashley
21/6 John Clarke

Intro: 7/6 Richard B
14/6 Meg
21/6 Sue S

Thanks: 7/6 Neil B
14/6 Kevin D
21/6 Katrin H

Thought: 7/6 Geoff B
14/6 Dave B
21/6 Elaine S

Markets: Carlo
Alyson
PeterD Van
John Clarke
Richard H
Marco
Jeannette
Jan P

Coffee van: Brian/Mark
Neil B

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:

- **Bombala Markets 23 September**
- **Lions Changeover on 21 June**
- **MEIS AGM 19 October**



GUEST SPEAKER – Peter Davis

How to travel a round trip of 7000km taking 8 days from Yalcowinna International Airport to Perth and back by light plane.



As in all trips, this one started with the planning phase around the kitchen table. The first thing of note is the plane can take 20kg of cargo and most of this is paperwork. The paperwork consists of maps, checklists, flight plans etc.

The main criteria for the trip was to fly no more than 2 hours for fuel, next was the availability of fuel and then the proximity of landing strips to fuel, accommodation and did the location have a taxi service as we were not interested in walking 10km to get fuel or a bed.

These days' flight plans come in two types that being electronic GPS and paper utilizing maps which you draw all over. Multiple navigation tools are necessary in case any break and more than one radio come in rather useful too.

You have to be aware of the different rules for the different airspace you will be passing through, as every airspace has different rules and getting them wrong is a no-no.

So the first day of travel arrived, preflight check done and we are up over the beautiful Snowy Mountains. As we fly on the scenery changes from mountains, to the food bowl area of the Murray Darling, then deserts, across the Great Australian Bight, then more desert and finally into Perth.

The Nullarbor was amazing it had rained and the place was so green. The lakes I was planning to utilize as navigation tools were no longer there as there were many lakes now. We flew on and the desert became the arid place we expected.

The trip had many stories but two of the best were when we pulled into a petrol station, near the Nullarbor Roadhouse and up to the bowser, there were a busload of Japanese tourists having a rest break at the time. We couldn't leave until many photo's had been taken.

The other was near Wave Rock again landed to get fuel. We started out for what should have been a short walk but it turns out we were headed in the wrong direction. We ran into a local Aboriginal man who drove us to the petrol station and back again. Then helped to move the plan near to a fence so we could use a fence post to stand on to refuel. He shared a story with us – his father had been a WWII veteran and the family had recently been presented with a replicate set of medals, the family was very moved and so were we.

We had to spend more time than expected in Esperance due to weather conditions but it provided time to watch the ships come and go.



As you can see we made it back safely to Yalcowinna International Airport.