

**ROTARY**



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**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

Meeting statistics:

Attendance: 26/35

Guest: Ruth Petersen (Helen and Geoff)

Apologies: Carlo, Peter, Allan S, Brad,  
Elaine S

Leave: Meg, Tom, Joe

Next meeting: Matilda Rose

July dates:

Birthdays: Tony 8/7, Christine (Wolfgang)

12/7, Helen 17/7

Anniversary: Meg and Tom 14/7

Date joined Rotary: Peter 1/7, Helen 6/7

The meeting started with a minute's silence  
in memory of Sam Owori who was to be the  
RI President 2018-2019.



## Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

*July Theme:*

*The New Rotary Year*

19 July 2017

**Speakers – Darrell and Hass – the Atlanta  
Convention**



Please advise Darrell of apologies for the coming  
meeting, also if you are bringing a guest.

Ph 6452 1159 or 0407 411 422. Members who  
fail to do so will incur a dinner cost.

John Ch advised that our new exchange student  
Sara will be arriving at Canberra airport at  
9.55am on Saturday.

John K reported on the markets. The intense  
cold affected the coffee van so that it could  
operate from 10.30am only. Total profits:  
\$1397.50 including \$232.50 from the coffee van  
(a very busy couple of hours there after  
everything thawed out). Having the petition to  
keep the markets as they are was a good move  
as there were queues of people lining up to sign.

The funds that we donated for the sensory playground for Cooma Public School have now been used and the playground has been installed. Rotary will be invited to an official opening of the site during Education Week. John Ch thanked the club and explained some of the delay in establishing the playground.



The board meeting was held at John K's home on Saturday. Thanks John and Rosie.

Club Visioning is planned for a meeting night in September. Further details will be given as they are available. There will be a club assembly as a follow-up 2-3 weeks later.

6 September – Stroke Night. Jeannette has done a lot of work in organising speakers, the aim being to involve the community and then possibly set up a stroke support group in Cooma.

The possibility of installing some outdoor musical instruments is being investigated. These could be placed in the kids' playground at Rotary Oval.

The Lions Club members want to put in a concrete path between the nursing home and the bowling club and would like Rotary members to help.

Funds from the duck race in October will be allocated to the Learn-to Swim campaign. Elaine would like a catchy slogan. Put your thinking caps on!

#### GET WELL:

Claire Neumeyer is recovering from surgery. We hope that she gets well very quickly.

Anna Pfeff (our exchangee from 3 years ago) and her family are visiting on 2 August. She will speak at the club meeting.

Rebecca Wuersch's parents will be here on 20 August. Mark is going to take Eugene on a 17 day trip through the Simpson Desert and they will meet up with Fiona and Ruth at the Birdsville Races. The ladies are then going to Port Douglas while Mark and Eugene finish the trek and go to Broken Hill.



#### THREE MINUTER: Mark C

Mark is now working in security, replacing windows in public buildings in Canberra. The idea is to make the buildings safe from blasts, bullets and intruders. The new windows are very costly and very heavy. Steel bollards which pop up outside public buildings are designed to stop a truck travelling at 80kmh and then not be damaged. These bollards could have up to \$100,00 of reinforcing, motors, drainage, etc under them.



#### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Kevin

It's not the will to win that matters. Everyone has that. It's the will to prepare to win that matters.



**SPEAKERS: Darrell and Hass – the Convention in Atlanta**

The convention, attended by 44,000 Rotarians, was a wonderful event. Darrell and Hass stayed in a hotel that was adjacent to the convention centre. It was also near the Atlanta Aquarium, one of the finest in the world, as well as the CNN centre.

Darrell spent much of his time at the IFRM (International Fellowship of Rotary Musicians) booth, playing the piano and was joined in song by many of those in attendance.



**Geoff gave a bottle of wine to Wayne, our barman, last week for his birthday.**



**For Hass, the highlight was being part of the 135 strong choir that sang at a peace service on the**

Sunday morning and then again at a concert that afternoon. The singing of Let There Be Peace on Earth by both the choir and audience was inspiring.



The opening ceremony of the convention was held in two sessions in a huge hall. Speakers in the general meetings were excellent, including Bill Gates, Jack Nicklaus, and Congressman Andrew Young.

The House of Friendship which housed between 200 and 300 booths was opened with a procession led by a 1927 Ford containing the RI President and his wife. There were people in national costume as well as others dressed in American South (Gone With the Wind) style.



Booths there represented Rotary Action Groups (RAG), Fellowships, projects, promotion of the Toronto convention next year as well as commercial groups. 10,500 people signed up for the Toronto convention. Darrell urged members to attend a convention if possible as that way we can get just a glimmer of the huge variety of work that is undertaken by Rotarians. 2019 convention is in Hamburg.

The city of Atlanta, population 5 million, is a very pleasant city, the city planners hoping to have a population of 8 million within just a few years.



A Rotary youth group came up with a fundraiser – have your photo taken on your own phone and give a donation.

The angora rabbit was called Paul Hare-iss.



The Down Under Breakfast – 300 attending with RI President Ian Risely and his wife Juliet.