

ROTARY



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**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

Meeting statistics:

Attendance: 24/36

Guests: Brian Lukovic, Sarah Kaempfer, Tala Ferguson, Ernie and Deb Constance (club), Lyn Brown (Richard), Sarah Mitchell (Dugald)

Apologies: Helen and Geoff, John Ch, Kevin, Allan S

Leave: DaveB, Katrin, Meg, Tom, Joe

We also missed: Penny

NEXT MEETING – AGM

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.



Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

November Theme:

Rotary Foundation

15 November 2017

Guest Speaker – Ernie Constance

November dates

Birthdays: Graham, Wendy (Bob K) 16/11, Maree 28/11 (Kevin)

Date joined Rotary: Joe 18/11, Allan S 27/11



Welcome and congratulations to our newest member, Daud Mahomed!

NOVEMBER ROSTER

ATTENDANCE	Dave B, Sue
FELLOWSHIP	Katrin, David H
PROPERTY	Ken, Carlo
3 MINUTER	22/11 AGM 29/11 Sue
INTRO	22/11 AGM 29/11 John Ch
THOUGHT	22/11 AGM 29/11 John K
THANKS	22/11 AGM 29/11 Darrell

IMPORTANT DATES

AGM – 22 November
COMBINED CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH BOMBALA
AT NIMMITABEL – 12 December
FINAL MEETING OF THE YEAR – 20 December –
barbecue



RESULTS FROM MOTORFEST: \$3, 027,
service hours – 78.25

BUSKING: net profit \$170, but the value of
community service is immeasurable

COFFEE VAN: \$1,211

WISHING WELL: (for the Steven Walter
Foundation) \$62.55

A big thank you to all members who worked
so hard on that weekend

SPECIAL THANK YOU – BRIAN for his work in
the coffee van

Young baristas from Project O have been
training with Mark JN and will help at the
November markets.



THREE MINUTER: DUGALD

Dugald's wife, Susan, was a member of the
York family, the name commemorated in
street names in Adaminaby, Bredbo and
Nimmitabel. Susan's 3xgreat-grandmother,
Mary May married William York but when
35 she was convicted of stealing and
sentenced to transportation. Eventually she
married William Cosgrove (who was later
killed by a bushranger) and had 6 children
from the two marriages, this leading to
thousands of descendants. Her son, John
Cosgrove, was regarded as the richest man
in the area, having 63 servants.



Women in Rotary badges available from
Hass. Cost \$5



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: ELAINE M

What you do makes a difference and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make. Dr Jane Goodall



GUEST SPEAKER/PERFORMER: Ernie Constance

Ernie gave us some details of his life, starting with rabbit trapping at 'Werelong', going on to shearing and then to his own farm, 'Burrunga' at Peak View where he does a lot of weed spraying.

In his introduction to the presentation, Richard B mentioned Ernie's prowess in shearing 150 sheep with a narrow blade.

Ernie spoke of his magic life, among other things the fact that land became available for sale adjacent to his own block.

He grew up listening to country music, loving Buddy Williams and Slim Dusty. For some time he sent lyrics he had composed to Slim Dusty and then one day a letter came from Slim to say that Ernie's song, 'Things I See Around Me', was to be the title track of his new album. Ernie regards this as the biggest accolade he could ever receive, much greater than winning a Golden Guitar. In total, Slim recorded 16 of Ernie's songs.

A small group formed to play together and in 1987 they held a concert at Numeralla after a major fire, the first of eleven concerts. The members of the audiences and the local community showed their appreciation by buying Ernie's albums in large numbers.

In 1992 Ernie recorded an album in a studio at Tamworth, eight albums of Ernie's songs eventually being recorded. The process of recording takes several days, the first being given to putting down the 'beds' for the songs – the guitar and drums. Recording the songs on the 'beds' is done on subsequent days.

He spoke of his gratitude to Rotary for the VitalCall that saved his mother when, at nearly 90 years of age, she had a bad fall and enabled her to live to 100. In appreciation, Ernie donated \$200 to the club. THANK YOU, ERNIE.

The first song that Ernie performed for us – 'Thirty-six Thousand' was written in memory of his mum and her hundred year life, the number of days being 36,525 in 100 years.

'This Magic Life of Mine' – he mentioned his family of whom he is very proud, his work and his music.

'When the Currawongs Come Down from the Mountains.....a sign of rough weather, rain or snow.'

'If Ain't Broke, Don't Fix It' is a reference to Ernie's talent with machinery – busting it. His sons are likely to say that if it isn't broken their dad hasn't touched it.

When he is writing songs, Ernie says the words and music come to him simultaneously.

THANK YOU, ERNIE, FOR A VERY ENTERTAINING NIGHT AND YOUR DONATION.



Congratulations to Brad who has been allocated a place on the 'Young Endeavour' during the Sydney-Hobart yacht race.



Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.