



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

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COMING MEETINGS

- April 10 (Tues) Meeting with Tuggeranong at Michelago
- April 18 Melissa Caffarelli and Mark Kenmir
- April 25 Business Meeting

Meeting statistics:

Attendance: 26/36

Guests: Graham French (John CI), Roger Wheatley (Jan)

Apologies: Ash, Brad, Mark C, Peter, Alan D

Leave: Dave B, Tom, Marco, Joe

We also missed: Brenda



NO meeting 4 April.

Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

March Theme:

Water and Sanitation

March 28 2018

Business Meeting

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: Carlo 30/3, Brenda 6/4, Des 15/4, Geoff 17/4

Anniversaries: Trish and Dave Libauer 20/4



REMINDER: No meeting 4 April, meeting with Michelago 10/4 (\$25), business meeting 25/4

APOLOGIES AND GUEST NUMBERS FOR MICHELAGO TO BE ADVISED BY FRIDAY APRIL 6 (to Darrell)

ROSTERS

APRIL

PROPERTY: Richard B, John K
ATTENDANCE: Terry, Sue
FELLOWSHIP: Wolfgang, Katrin
3 MINUTER: 18/4 Terry 25/4 Des
INTRO: 18/4 John Cl
THANKS: 18/4 Ash
MARKETS: Alyson, Carlo, Sue, Terry,
Jan, Katrin, Peter, Tony
COFFEE VAN: Brian + trainee

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Penny: Red Faces night at the Ex-Services Club on 13 April. Clubs have been invited to put in an act. Prizes - \$500, \$300, \$100.

Darrell: Toni McLean, a veteran of cruise ship entertainment and a former visitor to the club, will be performing at the Ex-Services Club, 'The Best of the British' night on 14 April. Cost is \$27 including dinner such as bangers and mash or fish and chips.



Carlo: The next markets, April 15, will feature a blues, roots and folk band, Stormcellar, as well as the Brain Bus which is a group that aims to help people with pain management. The Brain Bus group will be holding a free seminar at the Ex-Services Club that night, 5-6.30pm. Bookings can be made for this seminar: see www.coomamarkets.com.au It is proposed to run a special market on busking day 3 November.

A letter has been received from Margaret Echarri thanking us for the flowers for her 90th birthday and also for the installation of the seat at the SWHMC.

A thank you letter has been received from Amanda and Stuart Sturgeon for the wonderful Youth Exchange (YE) experience Georgia is having in Taiwan.

Mark JN told us about a Sikh who works with Mark's wife, Jan. Inderpal travelled back to India recently and donated some land which was left to him and which he donated to the Rotary club of Kangra who will build a school and an old persons home on the land.





THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Richard B
Life is not a dress rehearsal so get in and enjoy it.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HELPED ON EASTER SUNDAY WITH THE LAND ROVER RALLY, PROCEEDS TO TATHRA APPEAL:

Carlo, Brenda, Ash, Elaine S, Jeannette, John Cl, Tony, John K, Ash, Jan, Dave H, Sue, Neil, Des, Brian L, Peter and Richard B



BUSINESS MEETING

John Ch proposed that we start to use bio-degradable/recyclable mugs for our coffee van so that the van becomes green. The cost will be an extra 10c per mug. There was general agreement to this proposal and it will come into effect once the existing supply is used. Mark JN also said we should also encourage the use of the recycle bins in the park.



John Cl has put together a paper on membership, a move that was prompted by Darrell's reminder at the last club assembly that in 5 years' time, there would be a membership of 20 with an average age of over 80.

Question – in 5 years' time how would we be able to perform the tasks that we do now, given that average age? We now have a membership of 36 members but have an estimated 25 active members and not all of these are capable of doing the 'heavy lifting' required for our duties.

What will the club look like in 2023? Do nothing but more of the same? Should we fold the club and perhaps just have a social gathering of former Rotarians? Do we want to continue? If so, what do we do about it?

It is generally agreed that membership is the biggest issue facing the world-wide organisation at present, apart from in India and other Asian countries.

Originally Rotary was vocationally based, but this is no longer the case. Society has changed, but has Rotary changed? The people we look at for membership have so many choices if they want to join organisations to help others. Noel Trevaskis said, at the recent conference, that most people who left Rotary left because they didn't find new friends, they weren't involved in projects and they knew no more about Rotary when they left than when they joined.

The challenge is to present to people outside the club a group that is

interesting and offers friendship and support to its members. John stressed the need to develop local projects as that is what attracts local people, not just the 'out there' projects, e.g. ending polio. We need 10 new members per year.

Various contributions to the discussion:

John K – First and foremost, we are a club of service, not just of barbecues, and need to be recognised as such, doing things that are visible, popular and useful in the community and having interesting meetings. Dull and boring will not cut it any more. Having a monthly business meeting and skipping the meeting in the first week of the month are temporary measures and need to be evaluated.

David H – We are a service club and we are good at raising funds. The average age is increasing which is a problem but the club will survive.

Penny – Suggestion: a business meeting at which projects are discussed, from 6 to 7pm, followed by dinner; once a month have a guest speaker and invite the public. International projects are our responsibility as well as local service.

Geoff – Rotary is a way of satisfying human needs, especially that at the top of the hierarchy of needs, self-actualisation.

Jeannette – Her attendance at the district conference enabled her to learn more about the organisation and what it does,

and to be able to articulate that to others.

Jan – she joined the club to give service and make friendships and that is what has happened. She loves coming to Rotary and is proud to be a Rotarian.

Kevin exhorted all members to read the whole of John's paper.

Glenys – Emphasis has been given to the international efforts, but the local area has to be helped, visible work around town, as a means to going on to help in a wider context. The club will implode if we don't have some younger members.

Mark JN – Membership is a world-wide problem, not just the acquisition of new members but also their retention.



Thank you to the Easter Bunnies, Jeannette and Jan and their helper, Glenys.

DISTRICT 9710 CONFERENCE – October 5-7 2018



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