



COMING MEETINGS	
July 11	Crazy Whist
July 18	Penny Vos
July 25	Brad Constance

*Please advise of apologies for the coming meeting to, Katrin Hackney, 0415 862 840, email [katjehac@gmail.com](mailto:katjehac@gmail.com) also if you are bringing a guest. Failure to advise of absence will incur a dinner cost.*

**Meeting statistics:**  
**Attendance:** 27 of 35 or 77%  
**Visiting Rotarian:**  
**Guests:** Sarah, Bronnie Taylor (Club), Duncan Taylor, Joey Herbert (Dugald)  
**Apologies:** Neil David B, Brenda C, Ashley C  
**Leave:** DG Margaret Hassell, Jan P, Claire N

**SIGNIFICANT DATES**  
**Birthday:** Dave L - 7 July, Tony S - 8 July  
**Date joined Rotary:** Peter D - 1 July

**JUNE ROSTER**  
**PROPERTY:** Jan, Carlo  
**ATTENDANCE:** Richard B, Katrin  
**FELLOWSHIP:** Sue, Peter

**Rotary Club of Cooma  
Inc**

*Theme:*

*Fellowships*

**4 July 2018**

**Bronnie Taylor**

- THOUGHT:** 11th John Clarke  
 18th Carlo  
 25th John King
- 3 MINUTER:** 11th Ash  
 18th John Chapman  
 25th Jeannette
- INTRO:** 11th Dugald  
 18th Mark Cooper  
 25th David Holgate
- THANKS:** 11th Richard H  
 18th David Byrne
- Markets** 15th  
 Carlo, Sue, Alyson, Ash

**Food Van**  
 Brenda, Jeannette, David H, Richard B

**Coffee Van**  
 Mark J.N, Brian/ John Chapman



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are rostered on for any activities and you cannot fulfil the duties, please organise a substitute or contact John King for meeting duties or Carlo for market duties.



Sarah will be leaving Cooma on Tuesday to travel home and Sasha is arriving on 21 July to start her exchange year.

## INFORMATION

*The District Conference for 2018/19 will be held in Cooma on 5-7 October. Some of the speakers will be Kerry Kornhauser - End Trachoma Project, Martha Jabour - Homicide Victims Support Group, Stephanie Woollard - Seven Women Project, Tino Babao - Food Plant Solutions, and Geoffrey Graham - Dinkum Oz show.*

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK – MARK JN

Always end the day with a positive thought, no matter how bad things were, tomorrow is an opportunity to make it better.



## THREE MINUTER – Glenys

Following on from the last adventures around Australia, Glenys, Terry and one daughter arrived on Christmas Island in the Pacific Ocean in 1984. Shortly following the arrival on

the Island their 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter, the 372<sup>nd</sup> born on the Island) also arrived. She was delivered in a hospital far removed from those found on mainland Australia. The delivery room was like a horror movies set and the walls and roof did not meet.

The British annexed and settled Christmas Island in 1888 following the discovery of phosphate. The Island is the core of a volcano, which stands 4,200 from the seabed but only 360 metres, is above sea level.

Most people come to the Island in their mid-20's for work. Terry was the plumbing foreman, which meant he controlled the water supply and anything to do with plumbing. The settlement was divided into sections depending on who you were and what you did. There were sections for the elite, middle management, administration, Malays, Chinese and Tamils.

The mining operations were originally run by the Christmas Island Phosphate Company but were taken over by the Unions who thought they could do a better job, but they found it quite hard.

The main income for the Island is now tourism. It is much easier for visitors to come, as beforehand people had to be sponsored to the Island.



## GUEST SPEAKER – BRONNIE TAYLOR

Growing up Bronnie lived all over the world gaining her early schooling at International Schools, where she developed an American accent. Her father who worked for Qantas decided it was time for the children to return home so they would grow up sounding like Australians.

She completed her schooling and as fate would have it, the young man who

accompanied her to her senior formal became her husband 8 years later. Once they completed university Duncan told Bronnie he wanted to move back to the farm so unexpectedly she became a country girl. This is a decision she does not regret as it gave her children the opportunity of being near family and of becoming part of a community. Things she did not have growing up as her family were constantly on the move.



Bronnie studied nursing at the University of Sydney, and developed specialties in the fields of palliative care and oncology. Through a variety of supportive pathways, Bronnie became a Community Nurse, which led to her caring for Susan Mitchell, Dugald's wife, who told Bronnie she should be in politics and this subsequently happened.



Bronnie is proud of the community she has become part of and feels we should be more positive about the area we live in as it has so much going for it. There is so much potential for the region but we need to talk it up and be proud of what we have and what we can offer. She recently was at a dinner where local

geographic areas had joined together so those in the footprint of southern NSW and Canberra could join together to break down barriers and provide better outcomes for the area. At this dinner she found out about flights leaving Canberra with empty freight zone and how a company from South Australia has taken the opportunity to utilise these flights to enable the export of goods from the region to places like Singapore.



Bronnie also spoke about two issues she is passionate about, firstly the Tresillian Centre, which is an early parenting service offering family's guidance in the early years of their child's life. One is about to be opened in Queanbeyan with outreach to Cooma. She also has great concern regarding the youth of the region particularly in relation to generational issues such as drugs. She said there is plenty of money being directed to try and fix the issues but the outcome currently are not good.



A recent enquiry has shown that youth want education, not just formally but in relation to the problems they are facing. They also need places to go such as a 24 hour youth centre

where they can get food or accommodation but also where they feel safe. This is an issue which needs to be looked at from different perspectives to be able to achieve better outcomes.



To finish Bronnie shared a story of a recent conversation with a school friend of one of her daughters who had gone to Canberra to attend university but found it hard being away from home. She said having the Community University Centre was great as she could continue her education and the centre was keeping more young people in town. New Community University Centres are being planned for Grafton and Young, which are based on the Cooma model.



Good news shared by Penny Vos

**Excluded Students**

These secondary school students are hard-working and effective but were excluded from school because their parents lack the funds to pay.

Thanks to Cooma Rotary and the Rutuboko Institute, they were all allowed to finish the year.

Thank you Cooma Rotary!!



			
Stephanie 3M	Mery Mpala	Grace Germ	Merveille Ba
			
Joelle Ngoyi	Erin Baeni 6M	Sergio Ciza	Nickson cro