



COMING MEETINGS	
August 15	ANU Medical Students
August 22	Club Assembly
August 29	Chris Reeks Home Fire Safety

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.

Meeting statistics:

Attendance: 27 of 35 or 77%

Visiting Rotarian:

Guests: Sacha, Graham French, Rowena Evans, Elizabeth Laught (Club), Roger Wheatley (Jan P), Helen French (Ashley C), Sandra Mortimer and Tony Barford (John C)

Apologies: Carlo, Neil, Brad, Alan D, Margaret H, Marco

Leave: David B, Brenda

Also Missed:

SIGNIFICANT DATES

August dates:

Birthdays: Rob 14th, Dave B 15th, Ashley 18th

Date Joined Rotary: Dave H and Dugald 12th, Mark C and Hass 19th

Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Theme:

Membership and New Club

Development Month

8 August 2018

Rowena Evans

**Vocation of being an author and
illustrator**

If you a rostered on for any activities and you cannot fulfil the duties, please organise a substitute or contact Ashley Constance for meeting duties or Carlo Botto for market duties.

AUGUST ROSTER

ATTENDANCE: Darrell, Penny

PROPERTY: Ashley, Sue

FELLOWSHIP: Elaine S, Ashley

THOUGHT: 15th Penny

22nd Mark J N

29th John King

3 MINUTER: 15th Elaine Mooney

22nd John Clarke

29th Glenys

INTRO: 15th N/A

22nd Club Assembly

29th Sue

THANKS: 15th N/A

22nd Club Assembly

29th Neil

Markets 19th August

Neil B, Peter D, Carlo, Sue, Jan, Elaine Schofield, Penny, Alyson

Coffee Van

Mark J.N, Brian / ?



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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

John K

In light of the serious drought conditions currently affecting NSW farmers, the club has decided (by vote) that the profits from the August market and wishing well be donated to the RAWCS/Channel 9 drought appeal.

The idea of bringing children from drought affected areas to Cooma to visit the snow is being investigated. The logistics of accommodation, food and equipment will need to be discussed, a small committee may be established to facilitate this visit.



Presentation of Paul Harris Fellows

It was an honour for Past President Mark to present a Paul Harris Fellow to Graham French and to Elizabeth Laught.



Over many years, Graham has contributed to Cooma Rotary and the community in many different ways.

The list of entities Graham has been involved with include; Bredbo Landcare, Board Raglan Gallery involved in starting Briscoe Awards, he and Helen hosted exchange students, ran the Rotary Markets for 3-4 years, was Chairman of St Patricks School Board, provided Pro Bono Architectural and Engineering services for a Buddhist Temple in Canberra. He was on the committee for the multicultural bridge in Canberra, he coached a team for Cooma Rugby and played for the Waratahs, took part in 23 Sydney to Hobart yacht races, he was architect and builder of the Yarandoo Ski Lodge Perisher and was President of Cooma Rotary 2004-2005. He undertook a Beyond Blue excursion to drought affected farmers providing BBQs & breakfasts and is involved with helping Allen Spencer with the Australian National Busking Championships.



Elizabeth is a well-known and respected person in Cooma. She has a son and a daughter, who live in Melbourne. She is a former barrister who currently

teaches and supports U3A, she is member of the Church Council of St Andrew's and is part of the administration of the Snowy Mountains Arts Council. She is a strong supporter of Adult Literacy and has been a tutor for Adult Literacy, she helps people in trouble and gives unofficial help with law matters to those who need it, and this includes assistance in cases of domestic violence. She instigated the Breakfast program at Cooma Public School, which is now in a position to feed every student breakfast, if required. A special point to note is that she is VERY well known for her slices that she makes to give to those in need.



Heartfelt congratulations are extended to Graham and Elizabeth for well-deserved awards.



GUEST SPEAKER – ROWENA EVANS

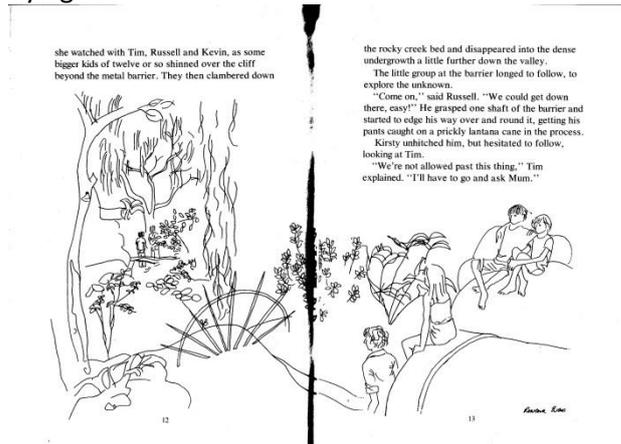
Rowena was born into a very interesting family of musicians, writers and artists. Along with a mother and father she also had a brother. She recently discovered a relative was the Musical Director at Norwich Cathedral who died circa 1585. She feels skills are a combination of inborn latent talent and having the opportunity to observe skills in action. Up until about the age of 8 she didn't realise that all adults couldn't draw. Her father drew ships, her mother drew fairies and mermaids and her grandfather drew piles of gravel.

She started her Arts studies at the Alexander Mackie College, which then became the City Arts Institute and finally part of the University of New South Wales where she finally achieve a Bachelor of Art. She enjoyed her time studying but in later life realised the course lacked information on business skills, which she had to pick-up for herself over time.



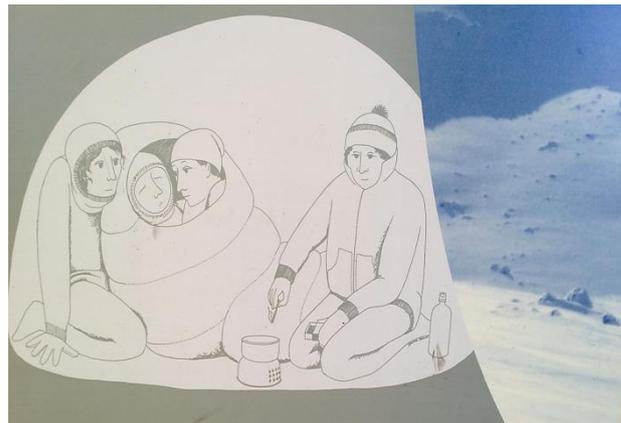
Rowena enjoys reading biographies and this is the usual path followed in biographies of successful people, but it is a trap because achieving success it not this easy.

Her first opportunity at a professional illustrator's job was when she was 18 and provided the pictures for a book called Where Foxes Fly, a story set on the North Shore of Sydney and was about flying foxes.



After marrying her husband, they did a bit of travelling around the world and finally settled down in Cooma.

She had three children and became involved at the Cooma Public School with the painting of posters. She also worked for the Cooma Express where she did cartoons for the newspaper, and did some illustrations for the NSW National Park.



As a bit of a side hobby, Rowena plays music. She decided not to pursue music as a career but kept it up for fun.

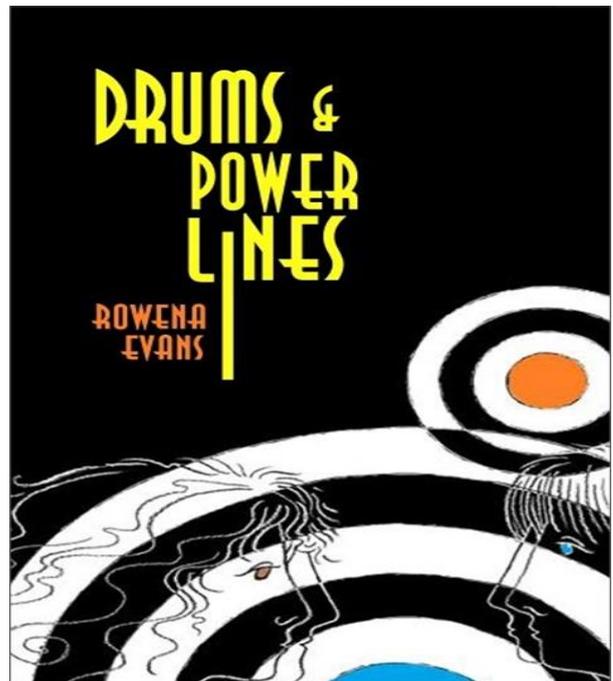
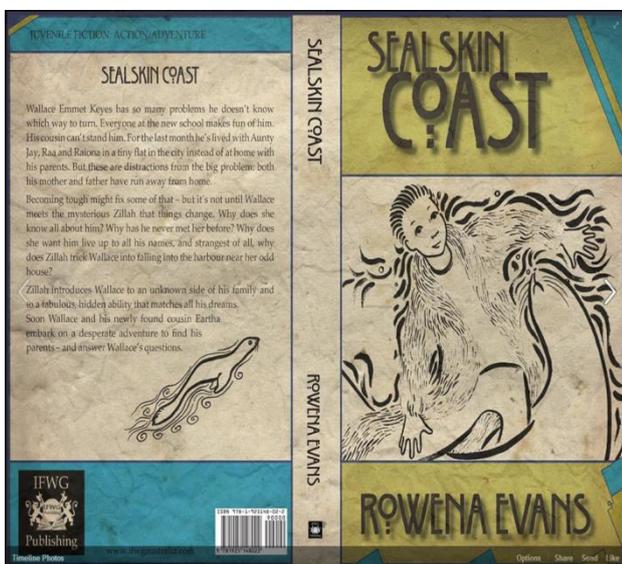


Rowena was given a Mentorship from the Australian Society of Authors, got a job at the Cooma Contact Centre as an Art and Craft tutor but that job morphed into administration and statistics and other office stuff and she thought it might be nice to be 'normal' for a little while, with a regular pay check.

She shared the skills needed to be an artist but they are contradictory:

- Work alone but have the have ability to network
- Be self-motivated but be able to follow instructions
- Be confident but don't be deluded about your ability

An opportunity to illustrate books for young people lead to an opportunity to have her own works published.



She is currently working on new pictures and has an exhibition in the Jindabyne Visitors Centre. Some of the works will be shown in Cooma in the near future.

She is not sure what the next steps will be in her brilliant career but looks forward to what is to come.



Her advice for those who wish to become Artists when they grow-up is that if you are going to be creative you must learn persistence.

“An amateur is an artist who supports him/herself with outside jobs which enable him/her to paint. A professional is someone whose wife/husband works to enable her/him to paint”

Ben Shahn