



COMING MEETINGS

19 December
Peter Healy – Building a ski field in Saudi Arabia

26 December and 2 January
No Meeting

Please advise Darrell (Ph 0407 411 422, 64521159, dgcooma@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: 23 of 35 – 66%

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests: Sacha, Pat Swain (Club),

Apologies: John Ch, Brad, Mark C, Kevin, Alan, Richard H, Allen S, Richard B

Leave: David B, Brenda, Neil B

We also missed:

Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Theme:

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

12 December 2018

Pat Swain – Litchfield Family Clock

SIGNIFICANT DATES

Birthdays: Jeanette 8th, Mark JN 9th, John Cl 10th, Tony 21th,

Date joined Rotary: Neil 10th, Elain M 16th

ROSTER DECEMBER 2018

Attendance Darrell, Terry

Property Sue, Wolfgang

Fellowship Ash, Glenys

Thought 19th Richard Brown
 26th **No Meeting**

3 Minuter 19th David Byrne
 26th **No Meeting**

Intro 19th Ash
 26th **No Meeting**

Thanks 19th John Clarke
 26th **No Meeting**

Markets 16th **December**
 Carlo, Sue, Alyson
Van / Bbq
 Peter, Dave Holgate, Jan,
 Richard Hopkins, Elaine S
Coffee Van
 Mark J.N, Brian, ?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John K

The \$10,000 for the BBQ is in the bank.
Investigations into the best product are still ongoing.

The fines raised at the Christmas Party in Nimmitabel totalled \$233 and have been donated to the mental health program for farmers of the Nimmitabel area.

We have agreed, in principle, to attend the gates at the Cooma Show in 2019.

The cricket nets for Nijong Oval were approved at the Council meeting on 6 December.

John and Peter flew to Balranald during the week to put things in place in anticipation of the visit by members of the Cooma Rotary Club on the 21st and 22nd December.

The funds raised, predominately by the Adaminaby fundraiser have been turning into vouchers to be used in Balranald's supermarkets, a fuel outlet and a butcher. Each voucher is for \$50.

John received a phone call from a RAWCS representative advising that an additional \$5,000 has been donated to the cause.



Thought of the Week – Jeanette

The person what has not pleasure in a good novel must be intolerably stupid – Jane Austen



Peter/Penny

District 9710 donated \$2,000 to the Mama Wimbi project and these funds were spent on materials which have been turned into buntings.

The first deliveries of buntings were recently received, and of the 140 pieces sent 69 have already been sold. The bunting is 5 metres long and sell for \$20, if you buy 10 buntings they are reduced to \$10 each.

The 3 Minter – Geoff

Professionalism can be defined by the statement 'if you have some skill and say you will deliver and then do deliver, you are a professional'.

Geoff is a Civil Engineer but when he left school he wasn't sure what he wanted to do but thought being an Architect might be good. This didn't happen as the degree was too expensive. His first job was as a junior clerk but must have driven the other clerks crazy as they suggested he might like to become a Civil Engineer.

In the profession of being a Civil Engineer you use a lot of math. It his fortunate as Geoff had a love for maths and science when he was in school. Math is used to calculate length, height, strength and the force to break a structure. Therefore, this was a profession well suited to Geoff's strengths.



Guest Speaker – Pat Swain – The Cooma Clock
James and Barbara Litchfield of Hazeldean, who wanted to make a contribution to the community that the Litchfield family has been a part of for 150 years, as a way of saying thank you, originally proposed the idea for a Cooma Town Clock.

The clock will be 6m high and 2.2m wide at the very base, the main body of the stonework starts at 1.7m wide tapering in as it climbs. The dimensions of the clock tower make it proportional to the surrounding buildings while ensuring compliance with current Austroads standards.

The clock will belong to the Cooma community and will be called the Cooma Town Clock.

The main material to be used is basalt stone and this was selected as it is the source of much of the soil on the Monaro. The beginnings of Cooma and its continued prosperity of the region are very much tied to the fertile Monaro soil. In addition, many early Monaro buildings are built in 'rubble' style using basalt stone so it is quite a unique Monaro 'look'. Other materials were selected to compliment other buildings in the vicinity.



This style of design is simple, elegant & quintessentially Australian. It is important the clock complements the other architectural elements of the town in this area. As previously mentioned the clock should also reflect the origins of the region and the unique architecture of the areas older buildings.

A town clock needs to be visible to as many people as possible if it is going to fulfil its purpose. Being sited on a roundabout with a clock face in each direction will enable this to happen. Initial consultation with the council identified two possible sites and the vacant centre of the Vale & Sharp Street Roundabout was selected.

The other option being the corner of Centennial Park near Bombala Street is already busy enough with many great features of flags, banners, gardens, trees & mosaics.

The initial costs have been covered by the Litchfield family and Pat Swain of Kydra Design has contributed a great deal of his professional expertise and time free of charge to get the project to this stage.

Construction costs will be mostly met by the Litchfield family with the Snowy Monaro Shire Council making a contribution as well. The clock and landscaping will be maintained by the council, but Stone towers with clocks don't generally require maintenance. Currently the council is responsible for the landscaping.

To ensure safety for road users, extensive consultation with RMS has been undertaken to ensure safety is not compromised in any way. Even after proving compliance with the current Austroads standards, an independent Road Safety Audit was conducted. This was done by the Traffic Engineering Centre, whose other works include the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Westconnex.

Although RMS approval has been obtained, it is important to consult with a major company like Snowy Hydro who occasionally need to transport large equipment through town. We are currently working with Snowy 2.0 (and may include some clever engineering) to ensure that the Cooma Town clock will not hinder their potential transport movements.

An iconic project like this needs to be constructed to the highest quality and we have very good tradespeople available locally. As always, the use of local trades & resources is preferable. As with any tenders, the best

outcome & value for money will decide who constructs it.

Construction of the clock will be multi-faceted. Parts of the clock like the central steel frame will be constructed off-site then trucked and craned into location. Other trades like the stonemason will need to work on site.



During construction, we could expect minor disruptions to traffic when certain parts of the project are being done, but these can be managed by selecting the appropriate day & time to carry out these events.

To ensure the best mechanisms for the clock a company was consulted during the design process. They are an Australian family owned business that has been making clocks for over three generations. Some of their projects include The Rocks Sydney "Tower Clock" and Melbourne's GPO tower clock. Their mechanisms include automatic daylight savings adjustment and come with excellent warranty and backup service.

The four clock faces are 900mm diameter which will be backlit at night. Simple numbers and hands keep it elegant and uncomplicated, allowing the craftsmanship of the stonework & the other materials of the tower to take centre stage. It will be powered by solar power with grid backup

To keep the project ecologically friendly any landscaping should be low water use, easy to maintain and kept low for visibility of cars and pedestrians. The final decision is still to be made in consultation with the council.

To complete the project, a small plaque may be installed on the footpath of one of the adjacent corners. Telling a brief story for visitors and future generations of how the clock came to be.



Santa came to the Cooma Rotary High Country Market today



