



COMING MEETINGS:
20 February -
Site Visit at 5pm
to Salvation Army Store
 followed by a presentation by Sandra Mortimer at our meeting.

27 February - TBA
Tuesday, 5 March - Michelago visit with Tuggeranong club

Rotary Club of Cooma

Theme:

Vocational Service Month

13 February 2019

GEOFF BOWLAND
Towns in Italy

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.

ROSTERS FOR FEBRUARY 2019

Attendance	Darrell Sandra
Property	Jan Dave Holgate
Fellowship	Ash Penny
Thought	20th Kevin 27th Marco
3 Minuter	20th Glenys 27th John Chapman
Intro	20th Ash 27th Neil
Thanks	20rd Dave Holgate 27th John King
Markets	17th February Carlo, Terry, Sue, Alyson, Van / Bbq Ash, John Clarke, Brenda, Jeanette Coffee Van Brian, John Chapman, Tony

Meeting statistics:

Attendance: 25 / 34 = 73.5%

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests: Roger Wheatley (Jan), Lynette Brown (Richard), Fred Wan (Geoff)

Apologies: Brad, Alan D, Marg H, Mark J-N, Glenys & Terry, Mark Coop

Leave: David B, Brenda

We also missed:

Best Wishes to Hass for a speedy and complete recovery after her operation.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Spread the word about the **PET PARADE** at this month's markets. Heaps of prizes to be won!



JOHN K:-

NIJONG CRICKET NETS - Progress is being made but slowly . They will not be ready for this year's cricket season. David Holgate will be working on the form work on Friday and concrete pours are expected to be done on Monday, 25th. If you can help, contact John K.



GLASSES - Donate to the Rotary Foundation and collect some very classy glassware. Unfortunately if you weren't at the meeting you may have missed out. Check with John K.

DONATION BY MARGARET ECHARRI - Thank you to Margaret for her recent donation of \$ 5000 to our club. If you have a spare 20 minutes or so, go and say hello to her. She would love your company, especially if you're good at jigsaws!

WORKING BEE AT ROCK LODGE - Ash and Brenda received a deluge of rain in a very short time during the recent storms. A working bee will be held at their place on Monday to straighten fences and clean rubbish that was washed into gullies, etc. If you can help, contact John K for details.

RICHARD H

PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP - SPREAD THE WORD!

Nominations for this prestigious award are open. One of your employees or someone who regularly provides excellent service deserves to be recognised. Nominations close on 11 March and the Presentation Night will be on 10 April.



VOCATIONAL SERVICES SITE VISIT - 20 February SALVATION ARMY STORE in Sharp St.

Meet there at 5pm next Wednesday for a tour of the Family Store facility. Learn about the diverse elements that make up the Salvation Army and how this store feeds into the Army's social and overseas aid projects. Refreshments will also be served. Sandra will then be our guest speaker at the meeting following the visit.

PENNY

MAMA WIMBI PROJECT - More bunting has been sold through a Canberra contact and so half of the 44 children are now funded to attend school next year. And the word is spreading about the good things that Rotary does.



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SANDRA

For 'FebFast; Pause for a Cause' Sandra is going sugar free for February. You are encouraged to sponsor her so that Sandra can raise funds to help young people with addictions.

KEVIN

On 9 March there will be a twelve hour Swim-a-thon and Kevin is planning to swim 60 laps to raise funds for Louie Mould. If you would like to support his efforts, please donate. Talk to Kevin for details.



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK - JAN

"If everything seems under control, you're not going fast enough."

Mario Andretti

THREE MINUTER - TONY BARFORD



Tony's career as an optician started at the age of 15. Once he was old enough he started an apprenticeship and manufactured spectacles for the next 40 years or so, although later much of his time was spent in middle management of a number of regional stores. Eventually he decided working seven days a week wasn't good for his health so he changed direction.

Allied health businesses are in a good position to help patients. What you see when patients come to you with, for example, severe headaches may hide a much more serious problem like cancer. So it is important to 'keep an eye' on things by having two yearly check-ups.

In the 1970's most lenses were made of glass and then in about 1978 Corning invented resin lenses which were lighter and very user friendly. Today almost all lenses are not glass. This gives a 30% improvement in the sharpness of vision and a wider field of view.



Every now and then ex-treasurers love the chance to collect money again!





PROGRAM

GEOFF BOWLAND VISITS TO SMALL TOWNS IN ITALY



Geoff's talk told a little of the history of Italy and some of its small towns.

These notes are put together from information snippets provided by Geoff.

For a long time the culture of Italy has attracted visitors and inspired artists. While Shakespeare never visited Italy, he obviously found the stories told by sailors on the London docks interesting. The results were works like 'Romeo and Juliet' and 'The Merchant of Venice', both set in Italy. These plays helped to raise the profile of Italy in England.

The great Roman Empire grew from independent hill top villages and eventually covered a vast area of land all around the Mediterranean.

Before 1860 Italy consisted of many states and cities. Today's Italy came together by amalgamating these states and cities and by adopting a common language. Garibaldi played a big part in this. He was a ship's captain who helped the revolutionaries to unite Italy into one

country. Verdi, musician and composer of operas, was another who helped the revolution. His stirring music was much loved and provided a common bond to help bring the nation together.

Rome became the capital and was guarded by the Swiss Guards who were courageous mercenaries from Lucerne in Switzerland. When Geoff visited the Vatican, the square was very crowded. He saw a little lady dressed in a nun's habit and begging. Geoff didn't think she was really a nun.

Geoff enjoyed the simple life that is still happening in many of the smaller villages. The dancing, singing and plenty of music performed in the streets gave the impression of a time gone by. We should be very thankful for the many pleasures 'invented' by the Italians. Things like ice cream, pizza, breads, wine (which is considered a food), spaghetti, children dancing, music in the street are all enjoyed regularly. Good design is also evident everywhere in Italy.

In Udine, which is Marco's home territory, there is a foot race that goes through the town. In a park there is an air raid shelter from during the war. Tarcento deserves a special mention because of a young lady who came to Cooma to visit her brother and never returned to Italy. She married well here and went from being a Cinderella in her home town in Italy to being a 'Princess in a Grass Castle' in Australia. Maria Croato (?) created a beautiful garden here on the Monaro.

Other places mentioned by Geoff were Venice with water that is cleansed by the limestone mountains surrounding it; Verona where there is a chess board and real people playing the part of the chess men; the town of Mondello in Sicily with its very steep and narrow roads and a cable car to take people down the mountain; Taromina near Mount Vesuvius; Stromboli with lava cliffs.

Geoff visited Italy on many occasions while he studied town planning after he had finished his engineering degree.

