

COMING MEETINGS
 20th – Mike Hook
 27th – ANU Medical Students

Rotary Club of Cooma
Theme:
Water and Sanitation Month
13 March
Club Assembly

Meeting statistics: 26 of 36 = 72%

Attendance:

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests:

Apologies: Brad, Alan, Sandra, Sue, Marco, Penny

Leave: David B, Mark C, Brenda

We also missed:

ROSTERS FOR March 2019

Attendance Darrell
Tony

Property Sue
Dave Holgate

Fellowship Ash
Jeanette

Thought 20th John K
27th Geoff

3 Minuter 20th Terry
27 John K

Intro 20th Peter
27th Elaine M

Thanks 20th Des
27th Katrin

Markets 17th March
Terry, Sue, Alyson,

Van / Bbq
Ash, Brenda, Glenys, Katrin

Coffee Van
Mark JN, Brian

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.

Significant Dates
Birthdays:
 Tony B 11th, Brad 11th, Dave H 18th
Date joined Rotary:
 Jeanette 4th, Jan P 4th, Brenda 25th,
 Glenys & Terry 28th

Announcements

John K

The cricket nets at Nijong Oval are progressing slowly. The pitches are poured and the installation of fences and the surrounding concrete is pending.

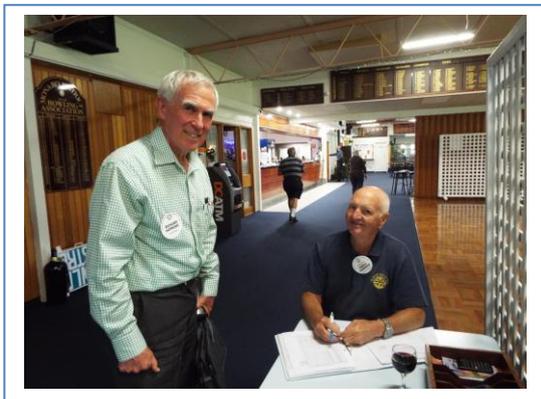
The Werri-Nina Centre garden beds project is complete. A plaque will be attached to one of the beds showing Rotary's input into the task. A formal announcement will take place in the near future.

The Country Women's Association is holding a high tea on 23rd March from 2pm – 4pm. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from the fabric salon.



Mark JN

Last week a meeting between myself, John Cl and Darrell occurred to finalise a rough rendering of the new bbq. Food King Trailers, who manufacture all different types of food grade trailers, has been contacted to do a more detailed specification drawing and a quote. If we use the current provided draft the approximate cost will be \$13,500. This amount covers all the items required to meet our bbq requirements.



Darrell

Many thanks to those who volunteered to attend the entrance gates at the Cooma Show last Saturday. Between 7am and 4pm \$20,000 plus dollars was taken. A total of 190 services hours resulted from this undertaking. Those who came had a fun time.



Elaine S

The International Women's Day event held last week was a very successful day. There were approximately 70 attendees who enjoyed the guest speakers, musical performances and afternoon tea. Thanks go to Katrin for emceeing the event and to Glenys and Jeanette for the decorations.

Kevin

The Swim-a-thon to raise fund for the Loui Mould Foundation has taken place. Kevin swam 70 laps non-stop of the 25 metre Cooma Pool. Kevin raised \$2000+ and overall between all the participants \$6,000 was raised. These funds go to assisting Loui and the Mould family with paying for items such as an electronic wheelchair, a modified car which can fit the wheelchair and for ongoing rehabilitation. Loui is currently on the Gold Coast at a specialist rehabilitation facility which undertakes state of the art treatment such as teaching the body to do actions which it used to do.

Glenys

A really good night was had by all who attended the inaugural Dead Red event. Following the payment of associated costs, a total of \$365 was provided to the Rotary Foundation. The good news is people are already talking about the next one, so we hope to have more attendees to be able to provide a bigger donation and maybe attract some new members for the club.



Thought of the Week – Ashley

Successful people have two things on their lips – silence and a smile. The smile is to solve problems and the silence is to avoid them.

Three Minuter – Mark JN

Those of you who are farmers spend a lot of time with your dogs and have established a great relationship with them, as I work in the Café I don't have the same time to spend with my dog, Quinn so to ensure we have a great relationship we do dog agility.

Agility is a fast, exciting and fun activity for owner and dog. It involves handlers (me) directing my dog around an obstacle courses, attempting to negotiate the obstacles correctly in our best time. The obstacles comprise various types of jumps, tunnels, hoop, A-frame ramp, elevated walk, seesaw, and poles that the dogs weave through.

Different courses come with just jumps, hoops and tunnels.



Agility training is great fun and is an exciting and challenging way to enhance leisure time with your dog. It enables a release for your dog's energy and your energy in a way that can be much more interesting and exciting than just taking them for a walk. It helps your family pet become more responsive to you and also helps you to gain more control. A great by-product of all the positive training involved is also a much better bond between you and your dog.

To learn the agility course you start out slowly with your dog on their lead and you just do a walk through. If you are not too uptight about getting things right you end up having a lot of laughs as your dog tries other ways to get around the obstacles.



With Quinn, we just started getting used to the jumps, as he had no trouble with the A-frame or tunnels because he played on those at doggy day-care. The hardest piece of equipment was the poles but we persisted and he learnt what he had to do.

We are not at a competitive level yet but we both enjoy getting out on the course and having a good time.

Club Assembly Discussion Points

- The markets always seem to be staffed by the same people, if you are not on the roster and would like to be speak with Ashley.
- There is now a full board for the upcoming 2019/20 year with Marco Revelant as the president elect.
- The 9701 District Assembly is on 30 and 31 March 2019, some members should attend.
- The meeting with the Tuggeranong Club held at Michelago annually is catered by the Colinton Fire Brigade. The brigade is paid for the catering services and is given a donation of any funds raised on the night. It has been suggested a larger donation could be provided out of club funds, which would reflect the service the Fire Bridge provide to the community.
- The Mama Wimbi Project has grown. The project is now being supported by other means and Rotary has fulfilled its obligations to the project. Congratulations and best wishes for the continued success of the project were offered to Penny.
- To try and increase membership a suggestion was put forward to invite staff members of large employers in Cooma to attend a meeting so they can see who we are and what we do. Places like the supermarkets, schools, government agencies and others.
- Food handling rules need to be followed and respected when cooking and serving food at the markets. If these rules are not carried and a food inspector does an inspection, there is a risk the food van and bbq could be shut down.
- There could be some changes as to how the meetings are conducted including moving the guest speaker time slot to allow for greater interaction and question time. Other changes to consider are the removal of the Three Minuter, Thought of the Week or other segments. It was moved that a committee be formed to consider potential changes.
- Would it be possible to hold a Club Assembly 3 or 4 times per year? In addition, if people could note things they would like to bring up at an Assembly then an Agenda could be created.
- At a meeting when posing questions, it would be polite if people would stand up, especially if they are addressing a guest speaker.
- On 1 July 2020, District 9710 will be consolidated with a number of other Districts into a new District 9705. More can be read about this consolidation at the District 9710 website <https://www.rotaryd9710.org.au/>