

COMING MEETINGS

27th March – ANU Medical Students

Rotary Club of Cooma

Theme:

Water and Sanitation Month

20 March

Mike Hook

Meeting statistics: 24 of 35 = 68.6%

Attendance:

Visiting Rotarians:
Ian Mackenzie - Camden

Guests:
Sacha, Zara Farrell, Will Raynor, Kaia Chatterton (Club), Marilyn (Darrell), Steve Shirvington (Margaret H), Bob & Heather Bromly, Mike & Jenni Hook, Kaye & Bill Pearson, Noel & Robyn Smith, John & Lorna Bridgland, Reg & Kay Manning, Glenys Mackenzie, Margaret & John Webb,

Apologies: Richard B, Brad, Alan, Jan, 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	27 th Geoff
3 Minuter	27 John K
Intro	27 th Elaine M
Thanks	27 th 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

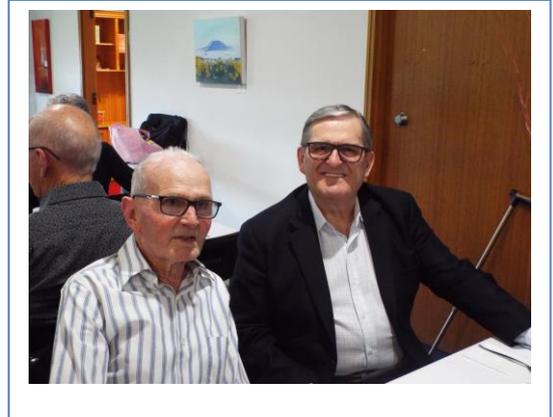
Birthdays:
Tony B 11th, Brad 11th, Dave H 18th

Date joined Rotary:
Jeanette 4th, Jan P 4th, Brenda 25th,
Glenys & Terry 28th

Announcements

Peter D

We received a letter from Monica Davis from the Country University Centre thanking the club for the assistance and support provided to them when they were applying for the \$10,000 grant. They have been approved for the grant which will be used to sponsor a national conference which will be held at the Lake Crackenback Resort and include a visit to the Cooma University Centre.



Terry

The markets this month were busy, due to the celebrations of National Harmony Week. There were a total of 52 stalls, including 5 community/charity stalls.

The total profit was \$3,313.85 with the breakdown being stalls \$1,114, food van \$1,466 and the coffee van \$733.



Thought of the Week – John K

It is a pretty poor day when you can't learn something.





Three Minuter – Zara Farrell – Cooma Interact Update

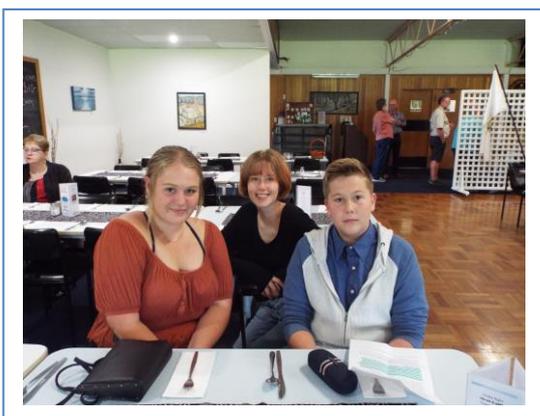
Good evening everyone, for those of you that know me its lovely to see you again and for those of you that don't know me, my name is Zara Farrell and I'm the President of Interact Club. I along with Kaia Chatterton, our treasurer and Will Rayner, the Vice-President are here to give a brief overview of what we have been working on since beginning operation in November. We have body of twelve people at the moment and are always looking to recruitment more members.

So far, we have done three market stalls, raising money for drought relief, the Cooma Youth Hub, and our two projects underway. The Interact Club face painted at the Australia Day celebrations, helped the Catering service for the Monaro High School Year 9 formal, collaborated with the Monaro High Environmental Club for Clean Up Australia Day, spoke at the International Women's Day celebration, and currently have two major service projects underway to be completed before changeover in June this year.

Our first major service project is coming up next month. In collaboration with the Snowy Monaro Regional Youth Council, Headspace and the Cooma Youth Hub we will be showing 'Shrek' in the park on a large screen. All proceeds are going toward the local branch of Headspace, in hope that they can extend their services wider throughout the region. The event is free, as we would like to accommodate for all members of the community. We are selling food and drink and Headspace will hopefully have an information stall. Our Facebook event already has over 200 responses and we are excited for the 26th of April to roll around.

We also have our newest project starting up which is a Refugee Drive, working with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, we are joining team UNHCR. We will fundraise, seek donations and drive for shoes, clothes, non-perishable food, stationery equipment, etc, until June when will compile all proceeds. We as a group are particularly interested in suppling clean water and education to the refugees.

So that's us, stay tuned for more amazing things to come in the future.





Guest Speaker – Mike Hook

Mike has a long association with the Cooma Rotary Club. His father was a charter member and President when the club was founded in 1954. Unusually, Mr Hook was a charter member of three clubs. The first was Mudgee, where he met and married his wife and they had their first son. Then the family moved to Cooma where Mr Hook opened Hooks Pharmacy and his involvement with the Cooma Rotary Club started. Finally the family moved to St Ives and that Rotary Club was founded. Later in life Mr Hook was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow, and this was a very proud moment in his life.

Mike didn't follow in his father's footsteps regarding a career. He really did not want to be a pharmacist because he hated Latin and didn't want to go to University. So he joined the bank instead but he did work part-time in the pharmacy and remembers his best sale was a Ronson shaver.

Mike is visiting Cooma with his wife and 14 of their friends. Once a year the group get together to travel and celebrate a friendship that started many years ago when they all worked for the Commonwealth Banking Corporation. At the end of the trip to Ballarat last year, no one volunteered to arrange the next trip so Mike put up his hand and said we will visit Cooma for our 25th travelling anniversary.

Mike's first manager at the bank was Lyn Single, who was also the Treasurer of the Cooma Rotary Club. He was a big man, standing 6ft 7in, he was also the Treasurer of the hospital in his spare time. He brought a property and retired to Nimmitabel.

While in town Mike visited the old family home, the tennis courts and many other places. Everything is still the same.

While making the arrangements for the trip Mike spoke with Katrin at the Cooma Visitors Centre. He was after information on accommodation, which she provided along with other information including restaurants. He also asked about the Rotary Club to which she answered I am the Secretary and you are invited to the meeting when you are in town. Mike quipped all 16 of us. When she spoke again a bit later she advised him they were all booked in for dinner and he was the guest speaker.

Mike also made contact with Frank Redwell, who is 87 years old and has written a number of books about the Snowy Mountains. He took them to the Snowy Mountains Discovery Centre and shared a fair amount of information about the scheme. As they were leaving Frank asked Mike if he liked cars, Mike said only if they are working. Frank disclosed that he had also written a book about old cars.

The group are heading out to Nimmitabel to visit the wind farm and then have lunch at the famous Nimmitabel bakery.