



COMING MEETINGS

24 April – Nancy Groves - Lifegate Foodcare

Rotary Club of Cooma

Theme:

Maternal & Baby Health Month

17 April

Sally Thornton -WAGGGS

Meeting statistics: 28 of 36 = 77.8%

Attendance:

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests:
Cathie Wassink (Club), Roger Wheatley, Anita Payne, Moe Cusack (Jan P), Sally Thornton

Apologies: John C, Brad, Peter D, Alan D, Sue S, Penny

Leave: Mark C

We also missed:

ROSTERS FOR April 2019

Attendance		Darrell Peter
Property		Dave Holgate Wolfgang
Fellowship		Ash Sue
Thought	24th	Jeannette
3 Minuter	24th	Kevin
Intro	24th	Mark J.N
Thanks	24th	Geoff
Markets	21st April	[Happy Easter] Terry, Sue, John King? Alyson?
		Food Van John Clarke + 1, Jeannette + 1, Katrin, Ash?
		Coffee Van Mark J.N, 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: April
6th John Ch, 15th Des, 17th Geoff

Date Joined Rotary:
Nil



Announcements

Kathie Wassink from the Cooma Pastoral and Agricultural Society thanked the Club for assisting with attending the gates at this year's Cooma Show. To show the appreciation of the P & A, Kathie presented a donation of \$1000 to the Club.



Thought of the Week – Sandra – The Cricket Nets Narrative (see attached)



3 Minuter – Darrell – How times have changed

When cleaning up recently Darrell came across a copy of the Cooma Monaro Express dated 1971. The Express was originally a tri-weekly newspaper, which documented the happening of the local community. Inside the paper was a column written by Dawn Hassall, our own Margaret's mother-in-law. This column covered events happening in the Cooma community. One article covered an Italian dinner for the Young Woman's Red Cross, which was attended by many notable people from the community including Mr & Mrs Frost, Booth, Walker, Williams, Cape, Milner, McDonald, Crawford, Helguson, Fraser, Dougherty, Reese, Cameron and Mrs Spain. The paper also covered the wedding of Mr & Mrs Ron Marshallson which took place at St Pauls Church of England and presided over by Rev Tony Ireland. Details covered the bride's dress, who attended, where the reception was held, where they were honeymooning and where they were to make their home. A side note is Darrell played at the wedding.

Also in the paper was a variety of advertisements. Solomon's had Mothers Choice flour for 41c, Chocolate Monty biscuits for 29c and Scotties tissues for 25c. The reason Darrell had kept the paper was because this was the year Holden released the HQ Holden. The release was an event in itself. The Dealership windows were papered over so no one could preview the car. The day of the release, an official event was held at the Civic Hall, which is now the gym, the car was presented up on the stage and its unveiling was attended by 100's of people. How things have changed.



Guest Speaker – Sally Thornton – World Association Girl Guides Girl Scouts

My journey as a Girl Guide began here in Cooma as a Brownie and then a Guide with my mother Steve Parkinson as our leader. She was well known in the area and started Guiding in many towns on the Monaro and in the mountains. After moving to Sydney, getting married and having children I took up the reins as a volunteer Brownie leader in 1980 at Newport where I lived for 25 years. Along with raising 3 daughters and working full time for Westpac, as a youth leader I also became a Leadership Trainer, Region Commissioner for Northern Beaches and the NSW Special Needs Adviser.

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Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting is the world's
only movement for every girl and any girl.



My journey into Global guiding began in 2001 when I signed on for a tour of the world centres of girl guiding and girl scouting with my friends Susan and John Wakefield (Rotarians) and 23 other guide leaders and some husbands. It came at a turning point in my life – turning 50, retrenchment from Westpac and my daughters having all flown the nest, (2 of them to Jindabyne).

So it was with all this going on inside me that I embarked on a trip of a lifetime to the USA, Mexico, UK, Switzerland and last stop India. Made possible by the fact that I was a Girl Guide and therefore a member of the largest organisation for girls and women in the world. The trip took in stays at the four world centres of this organisation known as the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts or WAGGGS. The purpose of our visit was to experience international Guiding through the world centres: our Cabana in Mexico; Pax Lodge in the UK; our Chalet in Switzerland and Sangam in India.

These centres for international sharing and learning bring together mostly girls and women, though males are also welcome for some programs. They aim to carry out the Mission and Vision of WAGGGS

The Mission of WAGGGS is “to enable girls and young women to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world”.

The Vision: “We are a growing worldwide Movement - the voice of girls and young women who influence issues they care about and build a better world”. WAGGGS is the umbrella for National Member Organizations in 150 countries. It represents 10 million girls and young women worldwide from different beliefs, origins and backgrounds through its Member Organizations. Its programs are based on a values system and through informal education or learning by doing.



It all began in 1909 when a group of girls appeared at a Boy Scout Rally in the UK declaring themselves to be Girl Scouts. Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Boy Scouts, decided that there should be a Movement for girls. Guiding was introduced that same year to respond to the specific needs of girls and young women. Groups of Girl Guides soon started in Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, New Zealand and South Africa.

A year later, the Girl Guide Association was officially established in the UK under the leadership of Agnes Baden-Powell, Robert's sister. By 1912, there were also groups in Ireland, Portugal, Norway and Juliette Low founded Girl Scouting in the USA in 1912.

Following my return to Australia in early 2009, I had planned to live and work in Canberra. However, fate intervened and I was asked by WAGGGS to help out at our Chalet in Switzerland for 6 months – that became more than 4 years. Our Chalet is high in the mountains of Switzerland about an hour south of Bern. Through outdoor activities and challenges such as hiking, rock climbing and rafting mountain rivers in summer to skiing, snowshoeing and ice climbing in winter, we sought to develop leadership and encourage self-reliance. We also involved UN themes and some groups also visited the UN HQ in Geneva as part of our Program events.

It was a very great privilege to have had the opportunity to work so close to the heart of WAGGGS. I know that for me personally, the experience made me more rounded and a better person and I am very appreciative of the opportunities I had to grow. I learnt so much about global issues and the world at large. I had the opportunity to be involved in community projects and through these experiences to become a more thoughtful and empathic citizen.

My commitment to WAGGGS and my love of what we were trying to achieve kept me going when the times were tough, which at times they were! To have had the opportunity to work with young women to discover their potential and to guide them during their stay was very rewarding. I met some outstanding young women! In the process, I also discovered some untapped potential of my own!

I met so many interesting people from so many different parts of the world and was able to travel to so many countries as part of my job. I shared my life with people from every continent, from some very faraway places like Swaziland, Kenya, Peru, Malta, Russia and so many more! I made many trips to London where WAGGGS is headquartered and so saw quite a bit of the UK and made many lifelong friends in the process. I travelled to conferences and meetings in Mexico, Switzerland, UK, Malaysia, the Maldives, Sri Lanka, Jordan, South Africa, Belgium and Denmark. During these trips, I had some personal travel in the countries I visited as well as Singapore and Kenya. I travelled widely in India and Europe and had so many incredible experiences!

All this contributed to the changes which happened within me and for which I will be forever grateful.

My Guiding continues as a volunteer once again in the Adult section of Guiding – the Trefoil Guild.