

COMING MEETINGS

15 May Greta Walsh – Pain Relief

22 May David De Vire
Cooma Bocce Club

29 May Angela Sharp
Weed management

5 June Club Assembly

Rotary Club of Cooma

Theme:

Youth Service Month

8 May

**Gracie Anderson
Kids Artistic Revue Competition in LA**

Meeting statistics: 22 of 33 = 67%

Attendance:

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests:

Sasha, Vicky & Wayne Flynn, Gracie & Meg Anderson, Lisa McGowan, Renee Griffiths (Club), Roger Wheatley (Jan), Nadine Holland, Brigid Everett, Kate Litchfield (Richard H), Sally Thornton (John Cl), Joe Heise (Alan)

Apologies: Tony B, Brad, Glenys, Terry, Sandra, Penny, Peter B, Ashley

Leave: Mark C, Brenda, Neil B

We also missed: Sue S

Please advise Katrin (Ph 0415 862 840, katjehac@gmail.com) 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: May

7th John K, 19th Alyson,

Date Joined Rotary:

24th Margaret E

ROSTERS FOR May 2019

Attendance	Darrell Katrin
Property	Dave Holgate Sue
Fellowship	Peter Elaine S
Thought	15th Ash 22nd Jeannette 29th John Ch
3 Minuter	15th Richard H 22nd Mark JN 29th Brenda
Intro	15th Des 22nd Ash 29th Sandra
Thanks	15th Dugald 22nd Glenys 29th Marco
Markets	21st May Terry, Sue, Robin Food Van Ash, Allan D, Brenda, Jan Coffee Van Mark J.N, Brian, ?



Announcements

John K

The material for the cricket nets has arrived and they should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Darrell

I will be away until 19th June so Katrin is the point of contact for apologies and guests from the next bulletin onwards. Phone 0415 862 840 and email katjehac@gmail.com



Jeannette

Due to a generous donation from Darrell, the amount raised from the fundraising event is now \$1000. We are looking forward to adding to this total during Stroke Week which is the first week of September. Following this event the monies will be disbursed.

John Cl

Don't forget the upcoming dinner at Roses Restaurant on Friday 17th May at 6.30pm. If you are attending please advise me directly so I can make a group booking.

Katrin

We are pleased to welcome Sally Thornton as the newest member of the Cooma Rotary club.



Thought of the Week – Elaine M

Remember the mistakes of others as you probably will not live long enough to make the same mistakes yourself.

3 Minuter – John CI

Every choice we make impact on our life. Every choice has a risk and consequences. But is doing nothing a low risk choice without consequences?

My doctor thinks that I should lose some weight. He says I need to grow about 3 inches and continue growing. Jeannette wants affirmative action. I already eat from different food group's pies pizzas sausage rolls vanilla slices and eclairs. Jeannette is not happy with that regime she wants to introduce new friends like vegetables, fruit, salads, kombucha, sauerkraut, kimchi, yoghurts and exercise. I don't feel at all enthusiastic about these new friends. I don't speak their language and I don't even know how immigration let some of them into the country.

Jeannette expects me to see less of my old friends like couch potato, lounge lizard, roast potatoes, beers, spirits, it's your shout, one for the road all these people that have been friends for life.

These conflicts put a strain on any relationship. Jeannette has found a new special friend. She continually expects that person to appear at dinner. I think that person is Asian because our plates have shrunk. The person's name is portion control. In five years' time I want to do the same things that I did yesterday. I want to dine with the same friends that I dined with last week. I do not wish to change anything.

My doctor and Jeannette think that if I do nothing I will move into Obesity house. Apparently this is often a shared room situation with diabetes, stroke, cholesterol and dementia friends.

So is doing nothing really a choice without consequences?

Is my situation any different to our Rotary club we all believe in the things that Rotary does. We believe that there is so much more to be done in our community and the wider world. Rotary has the track record, contacts and the ability to perform. But nothing has changed in the Rotary club of Cooma in the last 60 years and many members don't want any change.

How will our Rotary club transition so that in five years' time we will have the members to fill all the roles to run our club perform the service work and carry out the projects our community needs? I know that Ash intends to introduce changes to Rotary in his term and I ask that everyone gives those changes a fair chance and Ash every support.

Rotary is not about you or me it is about doing things for other people.

Doing nothing is a choice but never think that it is a choice without consequences.



This week, Pride of Workmanship Award recipient Vicki Flynn was presented with her Award by Jeanette.

Gordon Litchfield Wool - Vicki Flynn has been consistently loyal through challenging times in the Company and in the wool industry. Woolgrowers, exporters, and logistics companies in the wool industry know Vicki and respect her knowledge as second to none. She thinks through and tackles challenges without question. She makes sure a system is put in place to improve the current one or to solve a problem so it can't happen again. Exceptionally among others, she

has always adapted well to dramatic changes in the last fifteen years in the wool industry. Vicki is willing to help and train new and younger staff. Her kind and caring approach to all staff and Company principals makes her their "rock" in the office.

Guest Speaker – Gracie Anderson and Renee Griffiths, Kids Artistic Revue Competition in Los Angeles

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, my name is Gracie Anderson and I am here to speak on behalf of Renee, Mason and myself, who are students at the Snowy Mountains Performing Arts Academy.

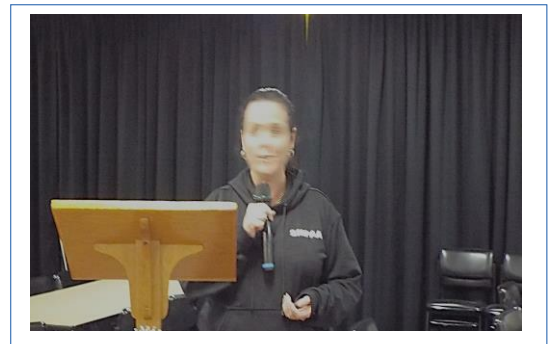
Firstly, I would like to thank everyone involved in giving us this amazing donation, it has gone a long way to helping us get to America to compete in the Kids Artistic Review competition.



Last October Renee, Mason and I competed with our representative team in the Kids Artistic Revue Competition in Canberra. We all qualified for the finals which are held in Los Angeles in July. Mason and I both competed in the Title as well as in the solo and group events. Mason was crowned Mr Petite and I came in the top 15.

Due to Mason winning his division, he was eligible to enter the online Australia wide competition, which he also won. He prize was his return airfare to Los Angeles to compete in the finals.

Renee and I have been saving since Miss Lisa, our teacher and owner of the Performing Arts Academy, told us she wanted us to go to Los Angeles to compete too. We both work at the Kinross Motel and help with teaching dance classes.



We have also been doing a lot of fundraising, including selling chocolates and selling raffle tickets for prizes which have been donated by local businesses. We have also held sausage sizzles and cake stalls at Coles, Woolworths and at the State Election voting booth at the Cooma North Primary School. We will also have 'democracy sausages' available at the upcoming Federal Election. Coming up to Easter we held a hot cross bun drive and our next event will be a hair accessory fundraiser.

To add to our fundraising we have received assistance from the Tim Draxl Fund, the Country Women's Association and the Community Chest. All the funds are going towards entry fees, airfares and accommodation. Without the help of the people from Cooma it just wouldn't be possible for us to have this amazing opportunity and live this incredible dream, we are all so excited.

When we get to Los Angeles we will be so excited to compete and to see the standards and difference of the students overseas. We are thrilled to be going overseas to represent our amazing town.

Thank you again for your assistance, we will do our utmost to train hard and represent Cooma and our families in a manner that will make you all proud.

