



COMING MEETINGS

5 June Club Assembly

12 June John & Jeannette Clarke
The Western Front

19 June Youth Week
Sacha, Interactors, RYPENers

26 June Changeover

Rotary Club of Cooma

Theme:

Youth Service Month

29 May

Angela Sharp

Meeting statistics: 23 of 38 = 60.5%

Attendance:

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests:
Sacha, Angela Sharp (Club), Helen Bowland (Geoff), Jo (Alan D), Nadine Holland (John Cl), Roger Wheatley (Jan P)

Apologies: Peter B, Neil, John Ch, Marco, Elaine S, Sally, Darrell, Dugald

Leave: Mark C, Brad, Dave B, Richard H

ROSTERS FOR May 2019

Attendance	Katrin John Cl
Property	Dave H Wolfgang
Fellowship	Ash Sue
Thought	5 June Club Assembly 12 June John Ch 19 June Youth Night 26 June Change Over
3 Minuter	5 June Club Assembly 12 June Sally 19 June Youth Night 26 June Change Over
Intro	5 June Club Assembly 12 June Tony 19 June Mark JN 26 June Change Over
Thanks	5 June Club Assembly 12 June Sandra 19 June Katrin 26 June Change Over
Markets	16th June Terry, Sue, Alyson Food Van Ash, Brenda, John Ch, Jan Coffee Van Mark J.N, Brian, ?

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: June
6th Kevin, 8th Brian J, 14th Marco,

Date Joined Rotary:
1st John K, Elaine S, Sue S,
27th Neil, Mark JN,



Announcements

John K

Last week in South Nowra long standing Cooma Rotary member Ken Dane passed away. A memorial is being held for him in South Nowra on 21 June at 1pm, we will make some arrangements regarding members attending. We send heartfelt condolences to his family.

The cricket nets at Nijong oval should be completed, except for the matting, by this coming Monday at the latest.

John CI

With the end of financial year nearing, if you are thinking about making a philanthropic donation you might like to consider the Rotary Foundation. There are two main streams to the foundation, the first provides funding for projects relating to promoting peace, fighting disease, saving mothers and babies, clean water, education, growing economies and disaster relief. The second stream is the Polio Fund, which provides the finances for polio vaccinations. The whole of your donation to this fund goes towards the provision of vaccines. In combination with the generous donations the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation matches each dollar on a 2 for 1 basis. This means if you donate \$100 they donate \$200. In real terms, as a single polio vaccination costs 60 cents this \$100 donation in combination with the funds from the Gates Foundation means approximately 500 vaccinations are funded. In the USA there is a charity register which monitors and rates charities from around the world and the Polio Fund rates 4 stars. This rating is based on financial health, accountability and transparency.

For the current financial year, up to 17 April 2019 there have been 3 wild polio cases reported in Afghanistan and 6 in Pakistan.

Polio is caused by a human enterovirus called the poliovirus. Polio can interact in its host in two ways, infection not including the central nervous system, which causes a minor illness with mild symptoms and infection including the central nervous system, which may cause paralysis. Less than 1% of poliovirus infections result in paralysis. The wild virus is most often spread by the faecal-oral route. The virus enters through the mouth and multiplies in the intestine. Infected individuals shed poliovirus into the environment for several weeks, where it can spread rapidly through a community, especially in areas of poor sanitation.

Another way in which you can make a tax deductible donation to Rotary is through the Centurion Club, which is where you make a single donation of \$100.



Thought of the Week – Sue

Life is like riding a bike – to keep your balance you must keep moving.



3 Minuter – Brenda

There are interesting things taking place in the education space at the moment, particularly in relation to reading, maths and behaviour. As Brenda doesn't teach math she can't make comment on that facet. There is a new buzzword for the sector, this word is 'explicit' which means to be as clear in your explanations as you can.

There are so many children entering primary school with psychological conditions such as ADHA etc that they are now consider part of the norm. The side effect of this is there has been a reduction in additional classroom assistance being provided to schools.

More children are coming to school without having been to pre-school therefore kindergarten is a huge step for them. They have to learn to sit down for longer than 5 seconds and undertake tasks, they also have to be taught not to walk around while eating. They also have to learn skills like cutting and very basic reading. Other factors they have to learn include what is expected of them in the classroom and in the wider community. Each expectation has to be taught individually in a slow and methodical manner.

The vocabulary of a first year school child now consists of approximately 2000 words, where in the past a child started school with about 10,000 words. This is happening in all families. In the past a parent would read a newspaper, which would take a finite time. In this day and age with the advent of smart phones the time spent perusing them it unlimited. For example while out taking a child for a walk in their pusher in the past the parent would be talking to the child about the world around them, now more often than not the parent is looking at their phone.

The basics of word formation now has to be undertaken by teachers who focus on word use, breaking the words down and reforming them into new words. The children are excited about getting used to using words and about learning more of them.



Guest Speaker – Angela Sharp

Angela and her family emigrated from South Africa to Australia in about 2008 or 09 and now live on a property between Berridale and Jindabyne.

She has a very interesting cultural make up as her father was born in Napier, New Zealand. He was a baby when the 1931 earthquake happened, he was rolled of the family veranda and a family keepsake cup was shaken from a shelf. Her father was the youngest of five brothers and he wanted to be an adventurer. Three of his brothers were pilots in World War II, one of which is still living with his wife in Sydney. They retired to a missionary home after 40 odd years living in India and Pakistan, they were there when the partition of the countries happened. He and his wife embraced the missionary lifestyle and he still is an outstanding man who is 96 years old and happily drives himself around in Sydney.

In the 1950's her father left New Zealand for the copper belt of Northern Rhodesia where he worked in the copper mines. He also had a love of wildlife. In the 1960's he was working for a pharmaceutical company which was working on a tranquilizer which was to be used to tranquilize white rhinos as part of Operation Rhino with Dr Ian Player. These rhinos were to be moved to other parts of Africa where there was a reduction in numbers. As part of her father's passion for photographing wildlife, the family would be piled into the back of a Peugeot station wagon for family trips. Her aunty arrived for a visit in time for one of these trips, which was meant to be a day trip but ended up being an overnigher, so the entire family (six of them) were all crammed in the car overnight. Aunty didn't visit again!

This year she found out that she was not 100% white but has a grandfather who was of mixed race. In Africa when a child's birth is registered it has to be noted what the cultural makeup of the child is. Her great grandmother chose to register her children as white only, which was preferable at the time.

A couple of the adventures Angela had while living in South Africa included when going on a fishing expedition with her husband. They came across a man pulled up by the side of the road with a large wriggling bag. In the bag was a large African python which he had rescued, along with many other snakes that were fleeing after the sugar cane harvest when the fields are burnt in preparation for the following year's crop. This very large snake decided it was not going where the human wanted it to go and instead wrapped itself around the rear axle of the Angela and her husband's car. They tried to pull it off but the snake would not budge, they tried throwing water on it but still no movement only hissing. They just had to wait until it was good and ready to leave on its own.

The other adventure was a home invasion. She and her husband had been away for a week and when they got home they found the house was a mess. There was food and poop strewn throughout the house. It turns out a troupe of grey Vervet monkeys had broken into the house through the lounge room window. She is very happy that this is the only kind of home invasion they experienced.

Angela's current job is as Weed Manager with the Snowy Monaro Council. The Council has recently revised its African Love Grass management plan. This new plan is part of the Council's suite of weed management documents.

This new plan is relevant for everyone in the community from those in town to those who have farms. If you are interested a council representative will visit your property to provide advice and education on the weeds on your property.

The Council also has a tab on their website where residents can provide feedback in regard to the Weed Management Plan and they really welcome any thoughts or insights.

