

COMING MEETINGS

14 August - ANU Medical Students

21 August - Business Meeting

28 August – Johanna Ebbert

Save the Date: 7 September – Stroke Awareness Event

Rotary Club of Cooma

Theme:

Membership and New Club Development Month

7 August
Steve Shirvington

Meeting statistics: 24 of 39 = 61.5%

Attendance:

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests:
Johanna Ebbert, Catriona McDonald, Steve & Irene Shirvington (Club), Roger Wheatley (Jan), Nima (Neil), Simon Buckley (Nadine)

Apologies:
Geoff, John Ch, Brad, John Cl, Jeannette, Kevin, John K, Sue

Leave:
David, Mark C

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

Significant Dates: August

Birthdays:
11th Ashley, 10th Richard H, 15th David B

Date Joined Rotary:
12th Dave H, Dugald, 19th Mark C, Margaret H,

Rosters for August 2019

Attendance		Darrell / Tony
Property		Dave H / Brenda
Fellowship		Sue / Elaine S
Thought	14th	Geoff
	21st	Margaret H
	28th	Marco
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	21st	Business Meeting
	28th	Nadine
Intro	14th	Elaine M
	21st	Business Meeting
	28th	Mark J.N
Thanks	14th	Sandra
	21st	Business Meeting
	28th	Katrin

Markets 18th August Terry, Tony, Sue, Robyn
Van: Ash, John K, Jeannette Glenys
Coffee Van: Mark JN, Brian, ?



Announcements

If you would like to see the new bbq, arrive early for the meeting on this coming Wednesday.

Welcome to Johanna – our exchange student for 2019-20. We will do our best to make sure you have a great exchange experience.

The Club received a letter and certificate from ShelterBox. The letter thanked the club for its ongoing support which enables ShelterBox to undertake work in disaster situations. The certificate acknowledges the Cooma Rotary Club’s Emerald Club Supporter status.



Thought of the Week

“Whether you think you can or think you can’t, you’re right.” – Henry Ford



Special Presentation

This week Margaret was proud to present six tabletop easels on behalf of the club to Catriona McDonald from the Sir William Hudson Nursing Home. The monies raised to enable this purchase came from the 5 cent fundraising. This just shows that small change can go a long way.



Guest Speaker – Steve Shirvington

Recently Steve along with his wife Irene went on an 11-day holiday to China. In that time, they saw a small part of a very large country. Their first stop was Xi’an, which is the location of the Terracotta Army. The soldiers are in trench-like underground corridors. In some of the corridors, clay horses are

aligned four abreast; behind them are wooden chariots. There is an estimated 8,000 figures in the pits and every soldier is different.



Then they went to Suzhou, which is known as the Venice of the East. The city's canals, stone bridges, pagodas, and gardens are very interesting. The gardens are about 12 hectares and have bonsai trees which are 300 to 400 years old. There is also a lot of water, in the form of ponds and streams running through it.



The children they met were wonderful. When they hear the Australian accent they will say g'day and they will talk with you to practise their English. They tried to buy food using charades and were rescued by a young woman who translated for them. She also came to the rescue again as to buy the food you needed to use a 'Facebook' style app. So she paid the food vendor and they paid her cash.

They visited a silk factory, where they learnt that the colours of silk are natural and depend on what the silkworm has been eating.

Shanghai was a wonderful place to visit but the pollution was terrible. There is the most amazing architecture throughout the city. They also visited the American, British and French concessions. Concessions are international settlements where foreign merchants could trade.



There was a visit to the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City and to the Beijing Zoo to see the pandas. The pandas were a highlight of the trip for Steve.



They also enjoyed a night cruise in Shanghai and experienced the fast travel of a maglev train. This train can reach speeds of 600km/h and can get you from the airport to Shanghai, which is 20kms away in 5 minutes.

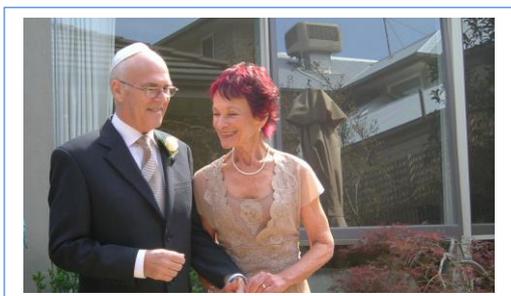


Parental Profiles – Mark JN

Mark was born with the family name of John but when he was old enough he added Natley, so became Mark John-Natley. This addition was to honour the man who was an influential part of his formative years following the separation of his parents.

Alan Natley was born in Surrey, England in 1942 to a Russian Jewish mother and an unknown father. His mother survived a concentration camp and managed to get to England. Alan's mother tried to raise him on her own but found it difficult so at the age of 6 he ended up in a Jewish orphanage until the age of 13. In 1955 Alan, his mother and other family members immigrated to Australia. He attended a number of different schools but just could not settle in. He was intelligent enough to earn a scholarship to study civil engineering but chose not to take it.

He had an opportunity to open a car yard in Melbourne, with a friend. This single car yard grew to be many car yards, so he was quite successful in this line of work.



Alan met Mark's mother, Rosie and they began a wonderful relationship, which lasted many years until his death in about 2003. Alan loved Rosie to distraction and all he wanted to do was make her happy, which included look after her sons as if they were his own. His final act to make his Rosie happy was to marry her, and he was not the marrying kind.

