



COMING MEETINGS
 18 December – Lydia McKeanhnie – Older Drivers
 25 December – No Meeting
 1 January 2020 – No Meeting
 8 January – No Meeting
 15 January – Bowls with the Lions
 22 January – to be advised
 27 January - Mark Herbert, Partner, Blaxland Mawson & Rose Solicitors – To rust unburnished, or to shine in use? – A late vocation to the life of a country lawyer

Rotary Club of Cooma
Theme:
Rotary Family Month
 11 December – Lorraine Robinson, Siobhan Welling, Kaia Chatterton

Meeting statistics:
Attendance:
Guests:
 Johanna, Kaia & Jo Chatterton, Kiara Welling, Siobhan and Tanya West, Lorayne Roberson (Club), Simon Buckley, Roger Wheatley (Jan), Helen (Geoff)
Apologies:
 Kevin, Alan, Marco, Elaine S, Des, John K, Sally
Leave:
 Dave B, Brad, Darrell, Claire, Sue, Neil

Rosters for December 2019

Attendance	Neil / Tony B	
Property	Jeannette / John Cl	
Fellowship	Katrin / John K	
Thought	18-Dec	Terry M
	25 Dec	No Meeting
3 Minuter	18-Dec	Dave H
	25 Dec	No Meeting
Intro	18-Dec	Jeannette
	25 Dec	No Meeting
Thanks	18-Dec	Brenda
	25 Dec	No Meeting
Markets	15 December	
	Johanna, Robyn, Ashley, Brenda, Peter D, Richard H	
Towing	Mark JN, Ashley, John K	
Coffee Van	Mark JN	

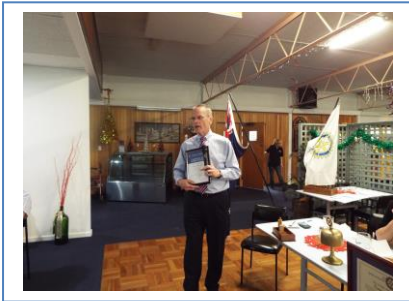
For apologies or guests for upcoming meetings, please advise Hass hassall.m@bigpond.net.au, Ph 0413 309 596. Failure to advise of absence will incur a dinner cost.

Significant Dates: December Birthdays:
 8th Jeannette, 9th Mark JN, 10th John C
Date Joined Rotary:
 10th Richard B, 16th Elaine M



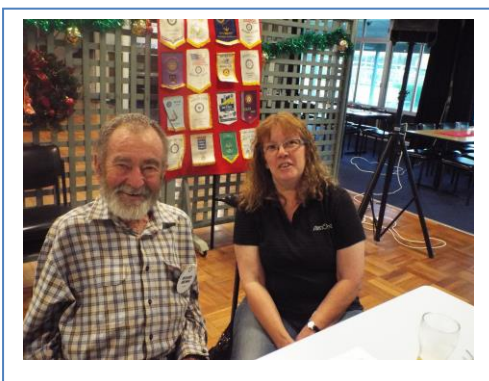
Peter B

On behalf of the Cooma Shire Council and the staff of Werri-Nina Centre Peter presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Club for the provision of the raised garden beds. The garden beds are a wonderful asset at the facility.



Richard H – Thought of the Week

A lightbulb on reconciliation turned on for Richard when Dugald, Geoff and himself visited the Chair of the Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council. The Council is traditional custodian of an ancient way between Eden and the Snowy Mountains. The visitors had gone to the coast to listen to the Chair and an associate, and to describe to them a proposed railway from Canberra to Eden. In places, the railway conceivably follows or crosses the ancient way. In opening the meeting, the Chair said, “Welcome to Country to the visitors.” He continued, “This includes the provision of protection and friendship and the context for visitors to be aware of customs and sacred places.” In completing the welcome, he said “This is a step towards reconciliation.”





Richard H

Richard was clearing out a shed and came across a couple of pallets of SMEC coffee table books, as they were left over from a SMEC reunion it had been decided to throw them away. Richard got chatting with Lorayne Roberson about them and they decided they should try to sell them. Lorayne has them displayed on the counter in her shop, where they have been selling quite well. The club had the honor of accepting an amount of \$900 raised from the sale of the book, which will be used for Rotary projects.



Mark JN

Siobhan West will be spending a year in Italy as part of the Rotary Exchange Program. Siobhan's first host family live on Lake Como and currently have their son spending a year in Canberra. Mark presented Siobhan with her jacket, scarf and badge on behalf of the Club.



Kaia Chatterton - RYPEN

Hello everybody, thank you for having me this evening. My name is Kaia as you heard. I went to RYPEN from the 29th of November to the 1st of December. I think that RYPEN was possibly one of the best experiences of my life. However, I'm finding it hard to write about what happened, and I think that is because despite the week and a bit I have had to think about it, I am still processing all that happened that weekend.

We got right into our activities once we arrived and it didn't stop after that. I think I spent a good majority sitting and listening to other people speak. Which, I won't lie, was a little boring at times.

However, getting to hear people share some of their hardest stories and experiences was refreshing. Seeing that so many people, from so many backgrounds experienced similar or even the same trials in life, right in front of you really highlighted the stereotypes people see.

One of the speaker's focus was the stereotyping that happens all the time. Everyone stereotypes, school teachers, doctors, employers. Everyone discriminates against others for something, be it tattoos, clothing, economic status and, in a lot of situations, race. He talked about how stereotypes affect your chances of employment. Most people in that room put their hand up when he asked if we think stereotyping against someone is illegal. We then all learnt that it's not illegal to discriminate against someone because of a stereotype you see.

The speakers we heard didn't just talk about things like this. One man talked about your mood and how it affects your control over everything around you. An NRMA presentation on road safety and getting your licence. There was a presentation on how kindness affects everyone.

A spectacular improv session on Saturday night with one of the most incredible people I have ever met: shout out to Andy, and so much more. All of the leaders shared a story of their own, talking about how RYPEN helped them overcome many things such as bullying, fear of public speaking and anxiety.

Through RYPEN I met so many people. I made friends with the people who I drove there and back with, my cabin buddies, my small group, my activity group and people I thought I'd never get along with. I made friends with a boy who is the polar opposite to me, sporty, big and strong and very much a country boy. After meeting everyone that I did, I realised that the best analogy for the group of kids at RYPEN is a party mix bag of lollies. Everyone was so different but never the only one.

Thank you all so much for giving me this opportunity, I gained so much from RYPEN including great friends and a fresh perspective. I hope that so many other young people get to experience RYPEN like I did.

