



COMING MEETINGS

29 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

5 February – Kiara Wellings – RYLA

March 4th - Jenny Goldie, Environmental Activist

Rotary Club of Cooma

Theme:

Vocational Service Month

John Clarke – Legal Stuff

Meeting statistics:

Attendance:

Guests:

Johanna, Anna Sutterluety (Club) Petra Murphy, Tania Guiliani (Jeannette), Graham French (Mark JN), Craig Mitchell (Dugald), Jo Heise (Alan)

Apologies:

Tony, John Ch, Brad, Elaine M, Claire, Nadine, Sally

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:

1st Dugald, 31st Glenys, 31st Terry

Date Joined Rotary:

4th Brad, Richard H, 5th Alan, Marco, 6th Ashley, Des, 9th Kevin, 11th Wolfgang, 12th Jeannette, 29th Geoff,

Rosters for January 2020

Attendance Jeannette / Hass
Property Dave H / Helper
Fellowship Liz / Helper

Thought 29 Jan Marco
Intro 29 Jan Alan D
3 Minuter 29 Jan Nil
Thanks 29 Jan Brenda

Rosters for February 2020

Attendance Hass / Helper
Property Dave H / Helper
Fellowship Liz / Jeannette

Thought 5 Feb Kevin
 12 Feb Marco
 19 Feb John C
 26 Feb Nil
3 Minuter 5 Feb Nil
 12 Feb Richard B
 19 Feb Nil
 26 Feb Katrin
Intro 5 Feb Mark JN
 12 Feb Richard H
 19 Feb Jan P
 26 Feb Brad C
Thanks 5 Feb Katrin
 12 Feb Nadine
 19 Feb Sandra
 26 Feb Kevin

Market 16 Feb Ash, Brenda, Katrin, Richard H

Towing Ash, Terry **Coffee Van** Mark JN +1

Announcements

John K

Thank you to all Rotarians and friends who assisted with feeding the fire fighters at Numeralla.

We received a letter of thanks from the Cooma Cricket Association in relation to the assistance provided with the materials and erection of the new cricket nets at Nijong Oval.

Received a phone call from the Balranald community after they heard about the fires, particularly those impacting Adaminaby. They offered their best wishes for a safe outcome.

Darrell

Subs for the next six months have been paid to Rotary International. Payment has also been made to Rotary Downunder and we are still waiting for an Invoice from the District.

Received an email from the Council advising the \$2000 grant for the Roots and Blues Festival has been paid into the Club account.

Thanks to Liz for stepping up in to the Treasurer role.



Glenys

We are looking at getting coloured shirts with Rotary@Work printed on the front. This is a way of making members and the club more visible in the community, to be worn as casual wear or when undertaking Rotary work. The colour choice will be decided on by a majority vote.

Comfort bags have been made, they will be stocked with items which will be useful when crews are deployed and will be distributed for use in RFS trucks in the near future.

Terry

Market Report: 20 stalls including one community organisation. There was a total profit of \$1201.19 with earning from the food van - \$787.00, stalls – 494.00, coffee van - \$219.00 and the wishing well – 94.55. All profits will be donated to one of the bush fires charities.

Mark JN

Thanks to Jo Heise for her assistance in coordinating the kitchen at the Cooma Evacuation Centre over the New Year's week on behalf of the Club and the Salvation Army.



Extraordinary Presentation

This week the Cooma Rotary Club had the honour of presenting an Avenues of Service Award to long time member, Dugald Mitchell.

Since joining the Cooma Rotary Club in 1969, Dugald has held a variety of positions including President 1981/82, Vice President 1980/82, Treasurer 1984/84 and 2013 – 2016, Program Director 1978/79, 1995/96, 2009 – 2012, Membership Chair 2013 – 2017, Vocational Service Chair 1992 -1996 and managed attendance 1973 – 1979. He has organised and participated in many vocation nights at which members of the club, local school students and members of the community attended. His community service included many local projects such as the construction of Norris Park, Rotary Oval and paving the Nursing Home courtyard. He served on the International Service World Community Service Committee, the GYE Committee, the Youth Service RYLA committee. His family also hosted several Youth Exchange students in their home.

In 1994 Dugald was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for service to the life insurance industry and to the community. In 2002 he was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his services to the Cooma Rotary Club and Rotary International Organisation as a whole.



Guest Speaker – John Clarke

John works in Canberra, he and his colleagues specialise in Enduring Powers of Attorney, Enduring Guardianship, Wills - Estate Planning and Estates Probate, handling the largest volume of conveyancing for individuals in the ACT. Along with the shopfront office they also have a strong online presence.

Society in the 21st Century is very different to the 19th Century. One driving factor behind this is the simple fact that people are enjoying better health and therefore living longer. Of note is the way of planning for your current and future health care. It involves talking about your values, beliefs and preferences with your loved ones and doctors. This helps them make decisions about your care when you can't. Advance Care Directives are a document which can only be made by you as an adult with decision making capacity. If it is valid, it must be followed. Health professionals and family members have no authority to override a valid Directive and they may include one or more of the following:

- the person you would like to make medical decisions for you if you are unable to do so
- other decisions for you if you are unable to make them
- details of what is important to you, such as your values, life goals and preferred outcomes
- the treatments and care you would like or would refuse if you have a life-threatening illness or injury.

An individual may also appoint an Enduring Guardian. They are someone you appoint to make lifestyle, health and medical decisions for you when you are not capable of doing this for yourself. Your Enduring

Guardian may make decisions such as where you live, what services are provided to you at home and what medical treatment you receive.

An arrangement which may be familiar with is a General Power of Attorney something you may be less aware of is an Enduring Power of Attorney. A general Power of Attorney becomes invalid upon your death or when you lose the mental capacity to make your own decisions; whereas, an Enduring Power of Attorney will continue to have effect during your lifetime even if you lose capacity to self-manage.



Finally do you have a Will and where is it? About 50% of the population do not have a Will. Have you read your Will recently so you know what is in it? Does it make any sense and deal with all your estate? If there are any issues with your Will now is the time to fix it. If you have married or divorced recently maybe you should update your Will.

The people who are eligible to make claims against your Will include:

- the wife or husband of the deceased
- a person who was living in a de facto relationship with the deceased (including same sex couples)
- a child of the deceased (including an adopted child)
- a former wife or husband of the deceased
- a person who was, at any particular time, wholly (entirely) or partly dependent on the deceased, and who is a grandchild of the deceased or was at that particular time a member of the same household as the deceased
- a person with whom the deceased was living in a close personal relationship at the time of the deceased person's death.

Family provisions a court will consider include:

- the relationship between the applicant and the deceased person
- any obligations or responsibilities owed by the deceased person to the applicant
- the value and location of the deceased person's estate
- the financial circumstances of the applicant, including their current and future financial needs
- whether the applicant is financially supported by another person
- whether the applicant has any physical, intellectual or mental disabilities
- the applicant's age
- any contribution made by the applicant to increase the value of the estate
- whether the deceased person has already provided for the applicant during their lifetime or from the estate
- whether the deceased person provided maintenance, support or assistance to the applicant
- whether any other person is responsible to support the applicant
- the applicant's character
- any applicable customary law if the deceased was Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- any other claims on the estate
- any other matter the court may consider as relevant.