



**COMING MEETINGS**

26 February – Darren Carr – Cooma Challenge

March 4<sup>th</sup> - Jenny Goldie, Environmental Activist

**Rotary Club of Cooma**

**Theme:**

**Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month**

**Graham French – Climbing Tasmania’s Federation Peak**

**Meeting statistics:**

**Attendance:**

**Guests:**

Johanna, Graham French (Club), Emmanuel Musoni (Richard H), Christina Laub (Wolfgang), Helen (Geoff)

**Apologies:**

Neil, John Ch, Babu, Dave H, John K, Sally

**Leave**

Darrell, Brad, Claire, Alan

**Rosters for February 2020**

<b>Attendance</b>		Hass / Helper
<b>Property</b>		Dave H / Helper
<b>Fellowship</b>		Liz / Jeannette
<b>Thought</b>	<b>26 Feb</b>	Nil
<b>3 Minuter</b>	<b>26 Feb</b>	Katrin
<b>Intro</b>	<b>26 Feb</b>	Brad C
<b>Thanks</b>	<b>26 Feb</b>	Kevin

*For apologies or guests for upcoming meetings, please advise Brenda at 6453 5585 or [blenderandherdefender@hotmail.com](mailto:blenderandherdefender@hotmail.com)*

*Failure to advise of absence will incur a dinner cost.*

**Significant Dates: February**

**Birthdays:**

25<sup>th</sup> Elaine M

**Date Joined Rotary:**



## Announcements

### Ashley

Welcome back to Elaine S and Peter D.

He spoke with Rob Burns from Turramurra Rotary club about the idea of the community BBQ at the Colinton Fire Shed. Rob indicated that once the date is finalised some of his club members will come down to help out.

Ash also spoke with Tony and Jill Robinson, President of the Colinton Fire Shed. Jill was concerned about the short notice for catering until the concept was explained and they both expressed great appreciation and were now looking forward to the event.

### Hass

Last week John King had a fall which dislocated his hip. The hip is now back in place and John is now home and he is in a cast.

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### Katrin

She has had communication with Siobhan, our exchange student, and Siobhan sent the following.

Hi, I'm really loving it here, my family is really great and my host mum has taken me to so many cool places, Bergamo, Milano and we went walking up this mountain, it's great. School is a bit boring and frustrating sometimes (never understand the lessons) but the kids are so nice and funny. (Also it's 6 days, they go to school on SATURDAY).

The cold weather is fine, honestly it's kinda hot to me sometimes, they say it's like I come from Russia or somewhere not Australia.

The language is definitely the most difficult part, one reason is people think I should teach them English, but once I ask for them to repeat in Italian they're always happy to teach me.

I'm very happy.

Lots of hugs!  
Siobhan 😊

### Richard H

Pride of Workmanship Award applications are available and will close on 9 March. For further information or for nomination forms contact Richard.

### Dugald

Following a meeting with Liz, they both wanted to express their thanks to Glenys for an excellent article in this week's paper.

### Terry

At this month's market we had 20 paying stalls and 2 charity stalls. The food van and stalls saw a total of \$1,291, the coffee van earned \$278 and the wishing well was \$16.65.

### Glenys

The Community Service Committee agreed to the provision of thank you bags to be distributed to the local RFSs.



### Guest Speaker – Graham French

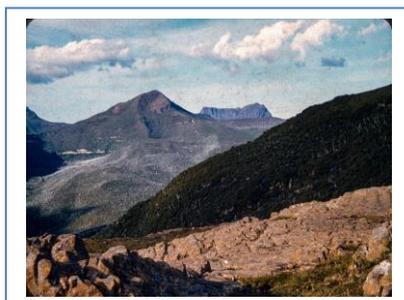
Graham was a member of a bush walking group and they had undertaken many treks, especially through the Blue Mountains where they had a shack about 5 miles in from Katoomba. When the group decided to tackle Federation Peak Graham was only 16 years old but was accompanied by older members.

Tasmania has been a favourite playground for him for many years. Events which took him to the Apple Isle include 18 Sydney to Hobarts and 5 walking trips. The walking trips covered a great deal of the state including Cradle Mountain to Lake St Clair twice, the Bay of Fires, Federation Peak and the Walls of Jerusalem (Mt Ossa).



The five main peaks in Tasmania are Mt Ossa at 1617 metres, Eldon Peak at 1495 metres, Frenchman's Cap at 1446 metres, Adamsons Peak at 1225 metres and Federation Peak at 1224 metres.

Federation Peaks is the highest vertical drop as all the others are on top of tree covered ridges. The adventure was not only a climb but also a bush walk of approximately 120 kms, taking a total of 6 weeks.



The group could not carry everything needed for this period of time on their backs, so they packed many items into waterproof bags and arranged to have them dropped by plane at a strategic point along the route. The items they took with them included tents, sleeping bags, some food, utensils and ropes. It took them 3 days to climb to the peak but only 3 hours to abseil down.

