



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

Meeting

statistics:

Attendance: 27 of 39 = 69.2%

Visiting Rotarian:

Guests: Brad Barker, Sarah, Otik Whlik, Sandra Mortimer (Club), Matthew Harden (John C), Christine Laub (Wolfgang), Steve Shirvington, Lou Moore

Apologies: Alan D, Katrin, Brad C, Jan P, Marco, Allan S, Mark C, Elaine

Leave: David B, Brenda C, Tom K, Joe V

We also missed:

COMING MEETINGS

- May 16 Business Meeting
- May 23 Pride of Workmanship
- May 30 John Mercer
- June 13 Noel Trevaskis
- June 20 Sarah Kaempfer
- June 27 Changeover Dinner

Please advise Darrell (Ph 0407 411 422, 64521159, dqcooma@bigpond.net.au) 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: Hans (Claire) 1/5, John K 7/5, Alyson 19/5,
Joined Rotary: Bob King 13/5/54, Margaret E 24/5

**Rotary Club of Cooma
Inc**

May Theme:

Youth Services

9 May 2018

Guest Speaker - Brad Barker



Thought of the Week: Kevin

The irony of life is by the time you are old enough to know your way around you are going nowhere.

MAY

- PROPERTY:** Penny, Darrell
- ATTENDANCE:** Dugald, Richard H
- FELLOWSHIP:** Peter, Elaine S
- 3 MINUTER:** 16/5 Glenys
23/5 Joe 30/5 Hass
- INTRO:** 16/5 Geoff
23/5 30/5 John Ch
- THANKS:** 9/5 Mark JN 16/5 Marco
23/5 20/5 Claire
- MARKETS:** Sue, Alyson, Mark C, Neil,
Penny, Glenys, Brad
- COFFEE VAN:** Mark JN, John Ch

If you are rostered on for the markets and know ahead of time, PLEASE find a replacement, giving plenty of notice.



INFORMATION

The District Conference for 2018/19 will be held in Cooma on 5-7 October. Some of the speakers will be Kerry Kornhauser - End Trachoma Project, Martha Jabour - Homicide Victims Support Group, Stephanie Woollard - Seven Women Project, Tino Babao - Food Plant Solutions, and Geoffrey Graham - Dinkum Oz show.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Tony S.
Free Rotary Men's health checks in Cooma

Venue: At the Massie St Carpark 18th and 19th of May 10am - 4pm and 20th May from 9 – 12.

The 'Men's Health Education Rural Van' is a Rotary project run mainly by members of the Warners Bay Rotary Club, but is sponsored and supported by many Rotary Clubs around the state.

The health tests are offered by Rotary free of charge. The cost is met by Rotary fundraising and Sponsorships.

John K.

Next week will be part Business Meeting then followed by stories of the wartime experience of John's Dad.

Agenda Topics:

- A replacement for Alyson for market duties
- A new Duck Race Co-ordinator
- New guidelines for projects the club might undertake in the future
- Will meeting become weekly again
- Support for a Rotary Spring Ball



Mark JN advised of a letter of thanks to Jeanette and the club for the support provided to the Stroke Foundation.





3 MINUTER

Otik and Sandra from the Salvation Army joined us to speak about the Annual Red Shield Appeal, which takes place on 25th, and 26th May 2018.

The funds from the Appeal provide support, foods and beds for the 1000's of people who turn to the Salvo's every year for care.

Are you able to volunteer to help.



Sarah gave a quick update about Safari. They left Canberra on Friday night to enable the group to have a full day in Melbourne to sightsee and meet up with the other groups. They then travelled from Melbourne to Adelaide and onto Cooper Pedy which was eye openingly amazing. Next was Uluru and Kings Canyon, examples of nature at its finest. On to Alice Springs and a visit to the Flying Doctor Service and the School of the Air. Donations of \$100 each were made on behalf of the students. The money was raised through fine sessions, which Sarah said Mark enjoyed very much.



Airlie Beach was the next port of call where they went snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef where she saw turtles and Nemo.

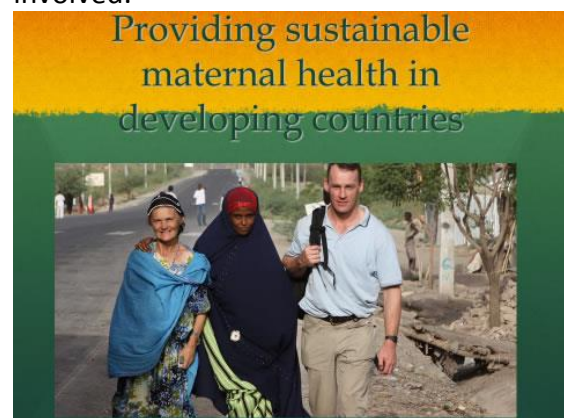
Across to Great Keppel Island for some rest and relaxation, tanning and swimming in the amazing water. Back to the mainland and visited Movie World on the Gold Coast, down to Coffs Harbour where it rained and then to Sydney where they had free time to sightsee around the Darling Harbour area and participate in a harbour cruise. After an amazing 3 weeks, they arrived home.



Guest Speaker: Brad Baker

Brad encountered Rotary when he was 19 and attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards.

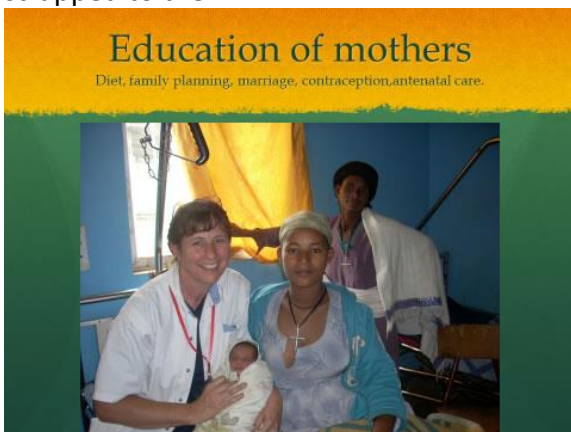
He also passed on greeting from the North Gosford Rotary club who have provided assistance for the projects which he has been involved.





He reminded us that Australia is a lucky country, whether you were born here or immigrated. In Ethiopia, where he has done his most recent work the people face the challenges such as, the lack of ability to earn a good income, no easy access to good healthcare and poor access to education, son's get educated if they have the finances. These are things which we take for granted. There is also the challenge for rural families that farm work is done with no machinery and the rainfall, if they are fortunate, is about 3 of 12 months per year.

Women and girls grind coffee by hand or collect firewood to sell and if they have a baby this work is done with the child strapped to them.



He believes it is important to take the opportunity to make a difference at any time we can. He spoke about a call he got one night from the hospital, there was a young woman who had just delivered a baby but needed a blood transfusion. Her family were outside praying for a miracle which he was able to deliver by donating his blood. If a patient can get to hospital for treatment one of the issues faced is the lack of fresh running water. Brad was involved in installing 5 wells and water tanks to provide running water to hospitals.

Over 50 years ago Katherine Hamlin, surgeon and her husband opened a fistula clinic to help women in Africa who have survived the horrendous and preventable childbirth injury: obstetric fistula. Dr Andrew Browning worked at the clinic which led to the development of the Barbara May Foundation. This foundation, for whom Andrew works, also provides vital free maternal health care to women and children. The foundation also provides education to local people to become qualified and experience to be able to treat their own people.

Brad is often asked:

- Why go to these 3rd World Countries rather than just giving money?
He said when you are there you can do so much more than just fulfilling your role at the hospital.
- What does it matter if someone dies?
He answers well how would you feel if it was one of your family members. Every life is important.



In closing Brad posed the question to us, What is my role and what can I do?

The answer is you can do what you can do. If this means travelling to somewhere like Ethiopia to volunteer to help with water project or to help at a hospital or school, then this is what you can do.

If you are not in a position to travel you can support Rotary projects or you can make donations to foundations like the Barbara May Foundation,

<http://www.barbaramayfoundation.com>

or the Katherine Hamlin Organisation

<https://hamlin.org.au/>

The important thing is do something rather than nothing.