



COMING MEETINGS

June 20 Sarah Kaempfer
June 27 Changeover Dinner

Meeting statistics:

Attendance: 22 of 35 = 62.8%

Visiting Rotarian: Noel Trevaskis

Guests: Sarah (Club), Derek (Geoff B), Roger Wheatley (Jan S)

Apologies: Carlo, John Ch, Ashley C, Margaret H

Leave: Alan D, David B, Brenda C, Joe V

We also missed: Richard H, Peter D

Please advise of apologies for the coming meeting to, Katrin Hackney, 0415 862 840, email katjahac@gmail.com also if you are bringing a guest. Failure to advise of absence will incur a dinner cost.



Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Theme:

Fellowships

13 June 2018

Noel Trevaskis

SIGNIFICANT DATES

Birthday: Joe 3/6, Kevin 6/6, Brian 8/6, Marco 14/6

Date joined Rotary: John K, Elaine S, Sue, all 1/6, Graham 16/7, Carlo 23/6, Neil and Mark JN 27/6

JUNE

PROPERTY:	Geoff, Richard H
ATTENDANCE:	Neil, Glenys
FELLOWSHIP:	Jeannette, Terry
THOUGHT:	20/6 Wolfgang
	27/6 Changeover
3 MINUTER:	20/6 Tony
	27/6 Changeover
INTRO:	20/6 Katrin
	27/6 Changeover
THANKS:	20/6 Brenda
	27/6 Changeover



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

Katrin

Would like to receive all the Board report before next Wednesday 20 June 2018.



Neil – Bowel Care Kits

This year 137 Bowel Care Kits were sold which raised a total of \$2,055, which will be donated back to Bowel Care Australia.



Dave H – Red Shield Appeal

Thank you to all who volunteered to assist with this year's Red Shield Appeal.



Marco – Battery Stamp

Some years ago came a project to move the "Stamp Battery" or Battery Stamp Bushy Hill" now Monbeef to a park in town. Initially the project stalled due to the Council wanting to leave it where it was and make a park near it. With the recent changes in Council, the project can now move forward again.

The way forward on this would be:

1. Find a suitable area to site such a park (Ideas?)
2. Once found get in principle agreement from Council to go ahead
3. Come up with a plan & costing
4. Lodge the DA (must have a DA)
5. At the same time seek State Government funding
6. Build the thing. Plaques demonstrating Rotary's involvement would of course be installed along with others

The Battery Stamp project could be combined with some steam pumps and other older industrial equipment in the area.



Guest Speaker – Noel Trevaskis

Noel first visited Cooma in 2000 and returned in 2005/06 when Kevin was President, apparently that was the year when the Presidents were the best ever.



Noel explained how he being a Rotary International Director involves a lot of travel and it also lays to rest some travel misconceptions like when he went to the Canary Islands and found there were no canary's there or when he went to the Virgin Islands and found there were no canary's there either.

To become a Rotary International Director you first have to be a District Governor, serve at Zone Level, be a coordinator, Noel was a membership coordinator. You are then nominated and undergo an interview process.



As an RI Director, you attend Board meetings in Evanston, Cook County, Illinois. These meetings occur every 3 months and last for 5 days and consist of formal and informal meetings and even if the meeting is over a weekend, there are no days off. There are a variety of Committees who each report back to the Board. Each Board meeting is attended not only by the directors but also by translators as the board is made up of representative from around the world. The cultural difference are worth noting and also that not every country gets along with each other for a variety of reasons.



Rotary is entering a very interesting time, interesting because the eradication of Polio worldwide is only 3 – 5 years away and challenging because the membership of Rotary is not changing. There have been 1.2million members since 1984 but this does not reflect the increase in world population. Members have left voluntarily or involuntarily but the balance of membership is the same.



There has been significant growth in Asia, India and Africa and within 15 years, 50% of Rotary members will come from these countries. In Europe, the UK the average member age is 74

and there is not much difference in the USA, Australia and New Zealand. The Western world has not adapted well to social change, in that people do not want to become members of clubs or organisations.

The view of what Rotary is and does needs to change. Currently the Rotary conversation is about fundraising not service. When speaking about Rotary the topic should be about a specific local project, like supporting projects to reduce youth suicide, raising awareness of domestic violence or helping a family in great need due to a catastrophic change of circumstances. The next level of conversation can be what Rotary International is doing such as the Polio project or ROMAC work.



When you get new people to attend a meeting, the club members need to be inclusive rather than exclusive. Members need to be accepted for who they are and what they can do, when they can do it. It is not about attending every weekly meeting.

When someone leaves Rotary, they are asked why they have chosen to leave. Interestingly the reasons reflect the same reasons they joined, that is to make friends and to serve the community but they are leaving because they did not make friends and were not able to serve the community.

You need to get people excited about joining Rotary by telling them your story about why you joined.

Noel's story is after reading an article in Rotary Down Under about how Australian Rotary Health were part of a project to destigmatise mental health through holding forums. He had found his niche, what made him excited. He didn't know how but he knew he could help in some way having experienced mental illness

himself. Being excited in this project helped him help Rotary but also help himself.



Thoughts on attracting and retaining new members:

- Create teams of 3 to identify 1 potential new member
- Invite them to an informal information night
- 3 people share their stories on how and why they chose Rotary
- Have a brochure highlighting club projects
- 1 person to talk about the projects
- 1 team member to contact their nominee after the event to see if they would like to come again
- Make them feel welcome and wanted

