



**COMING MEETINGS**

August 8      Rowena Evans  
                   Vocation of being an author and  
                   illustrator

August 15     ANU Medical Students

August 22     Club Assembly

August 29     Chris Reeks  
                   Home Fire Safety

*Please advise Darrell (Ph 0407 411 422, 64521159, [dqcooma@bigpond.net.au](mailto: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.*

**Meeting statistics:**

**Attendance:** 26 of 35 or 74.2%  
**Visiting Rotarian:** Peter Bascomb (Ginninderra)  
**Guests:** Sacha (Club), Gauim Gator (Joe V)  
**Apologies:** John C, Jeanette C, John Ch, Brad, Katrin, Marco, Allan, Penny, Alan D  
**Leave:** David B, Brenda  
**Also Missed:**

**SIGNIFICANT DATES**

**August dates:**  
**Birthdays:** Rob 14th, Dave B 15th, Ashley 18th

**Date Joined Rotary:** Dave H and Dugald 12th, Mark C and Hass 19th

**Rotary Club of Cooma Inc**

*Theme:*

*Membership and New Club  
 Development Month*

**1 August 2018**

**Darrell G**

**Rotary International Conference**

*If you are rostered on for any activities and you cannot fulfil the duties, please organise a substitute or contact Ashley Constance for meeting duties or Carlo Botto for market duties.*

**AUGUST ROSTER**

**ATTENDANCE:** Darrell, Penny  
**PROPERTY:** Ashley, Sue  
**FELLOWSHIP:** Elaine S, Ashley  
**THOUGHT:** 8th Dugald  
                   15th Penny  
                   22nd Mark J N  
                   29th John King

**3 MINUTER:** 8th Darrell  
                   15th Elaine Mooney  
                   22nd John Clarke  
                   29th Glenys

**INTRO:** 8th Katrin  
                   15th Club Assembly  
                   22nd Peter  
                   29th Sue

**THANKS:** 8th Marco  
                   15th Club Assembly  
                   22nd David Holgate  
                   29th Neil

**Markets** 19<sup>th</sup> August  
 Neil B, Peter D, Carlo, Sue, Jan, Elaine Schofield, Penny, Alyson  
**Coffee Van**  
 Mark J.N, Brian/ ?

## **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**

### **John K**

Steve Shirvington has already copied a large numbers of banners into a useable form. There are some missing which may be in the Rotary Shed, assistance is needed to search for them. There are also many still attached to felt which need to be detached, assistance is required for this task also.

### **Mark JN**

Penny Vos did a presentation to the Hall Rotary Club on Tuesday night on the Mama Wimbi Project, it was well received. She also presented at Belconnen on Wednesday night. The Hall Rotary Club has advised they may be donating to the project.



### **Joe**

He wished to say his good byes to all members and thank them for the honour and privilege afforded him as a member of the Cooma Rotary Club. He also introduce Peter Bascomb who will be the acting General Manager of the Council until a full time GM is employed.

### **Elaine S**

The Annual Duck Race is on 21 October. Goods, prizes, services or monetary donations are still required by next Wednesday.



### **Neil B**

**The Community Service meeting scheduled for this week has been postponed.**



### **Sacha**

Sacha introduced herself to the Club and advised she started school at Monaro High this week in Year 11.



### **Margaret H – 3 Minuter**

The District Conference being hosted by the Cooma Rotary Club is on the weekend of 5 – 7 October. A committee has been formed consisting of club members and non-club members.

In February, she wrote over 40 letters to seek funding assistance. One reply has pledged \$500 and she has also received a further \$100. The



District provides a budget of \$25,000. This money has already been spent on the guest speaker's travel and accommodation, AV equipment and people to operate it and other necessary acquisitions.

Neil Trevakis recommended asking if Raphael Jobs, could attend as the Rotary International Presidential Representative. This has been arranged.

Nearer to the date people will be asked to provide assistance in various capacities, we need as many volunteers as possible.

**Costs to attend the conference:**

Full Program - \$120

Saturday Day Only - \$50

Saturday Night Dinner Only - \$50

Sunday Only - \$30

There will also be an informal event at the Ex-services club on Friday night, all are welcome to attend to meet and mingle

A final note is that home hosting may be necessary, as most accommodation has already been booked out for the weekend.



Peter D receiving his Director pin

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK – Terry**

Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing - Abraham Lincoln



**GUEST SPEAKER – Darrell G**

Darrell got involved in attending Rotary International Conferences in 1996 after a meeting with another Rotarian at a conference in Canberra.

Since that time, he has attended conferences in Calgary, Glasgow, Indianapolis, Singapore, Buenos Aires, San Antonio, Barcelona, Brisbane, the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference in Chicago, Copenhagen, Los Angeles, Birmingham, Montreal, Bangkok, Lisbon, Sydney, Soule, Atlanta and this year Toronto.



During his first conference in Calgary, he visited the House of Friendship before the official opening of the conference. This is where he discovered the music group consisting of two violins and a guitarist. He expressed his interest, and the following year there was a keyboard waiting for him and he slipped seamlessly into the group. A high point of being part of the group was playing at the International Presidents dinner. Darrell, Marilyn, a sister and a friend left from Sydney in mid-June to fly to Dallas before making a connecting flight to Canada. Darrell was a bit concerned about making the connecting flight so mentioned this to the Purser who moved the ladies to first class and him to business class. They were the first to



exit the plane but their luggage was the last, except for the piece that went missing. The connection was just made.



On their way north they visited Longwood Gardens. It consists of over 1,077 acres of gardens, woodlands, and meadows in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, United States in the Brandywine Creek Valley and is well worth a visit.



Their lodgings were about 10 minutes' walk from the conference centre. There were approximately 25,000 attendees. A major attraction is the House of Friendship where there are three main areas consisting of the Fellowships of Rotary, the Avenues of Rotary and a food hall.

The Fellowships of Rotary are groups of people with interests in common. Some examples are the Fellowship of - Rotary Musicians, Flying, Cricket, Whisky Drinking, RVs', Yachting, Police, Stamp Collecting, Surfing and Amateur Radio Enthusiasts. There is also a section set-up by Rotary which includes stands for ROMAC, Australian and

American Shelter Boxes, Disaster Aid, Malaria and Polio.

There is an interfaith service held on Sunday morning which features a choir of Rotarians from across the world. You become a member by signing up, they send you your music, and you practice at home.

At the conference there are two rehearsals and at the service the choir performs a four-part harmony.



There are two sessions for the opening of the conference with a keynote speaker and entertainment. Princess Anne attended the second session, Darrell attended the first. At Monday's sessions Justin Trudeau and Laura Bush spoke. There are many breakout sessions, which Darrell doesn't get to attend due to people wanting him to play music. A highlight is the home hospitality night, which started as going to people's homes but this year was held at the home of the first President of General Motors Canada. It was a lovely four course, silver service meal. At the Disaster Aid stand there was a water solution which turns brackish water into drinking water using a gravity feed method. The cost per unit is about \$5,000 and is an Australian invention.



If you have the opportunity to attend an International Conference, do so.