



COMING MEETINGS

September 5 Sacha – Exchange
 September 12 David Abraham
 Family Migration to Australia
 September 19 Neville Locker
 Local History
 September 26 Ross Williams
 Snowys Place

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.

Meeting statistics:

Attendance: 25 of 37

Visiting Rotarian:

Guests: Sacha, Chris Reeks (Club), Sandra Mortimer, Tony (John C)

Apologies: Carlo, John Ch, Margaret H, Brad, Elaine M, Peter D, Alan S, Penny V, Elaine S

Leave: Brenda, Mark C

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

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.

Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Theme:

Membership and New Club

Development Month

29 August 2018

Chris Reeks – Home Fire Safety

SEPTEMBER ROSTER 2018

Property		Neil, John Ch
Attendance		Dave H, Allan S
Fellowship		Peter, Ashley
Thought	5th	John King
	12th	Marco
	19th	Geoff
	26th	Jeannette
3 Minuter	5th	Penny
	12th	Richard Brown
	19th	Jan
	26th	Marco
Intro	5th	Geoff
	12th	Mark J.N
	19th	Carlo
	26th	Kevin
Thanks	5th	John Clarke
	12th	Ash
	19th	Neil
	26th	Elaine Mooney
Markets	16th	September Carlo, Sue, Alyson/Robyn Ash [Food Van] Brenda, Jeannette, John Clarke Coffee Van Mark J.N, Brian, ?





John K

The funding grant request for the cricket nets at Nijong Oval has been put to the Bocco Rock Community grants program.

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. Register at: <https://www.rotaryd9710.org.au/store/district-conference-registration.html>



Katrin

Katrin presented Sacha with an Australian flag and a 2018 banner.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ashley

A save-the-date notice. We will be holding a film night in early November 2018 featuring **Bohemian Rhapsody** – The Story of Queen and Freddie Mercury. This is a fundraiser for the End Polio Now Project.



3 MINUTER – Glenys - Belonging

We all need to belong and feel we are needed no matter who or where we are in the world, we need to have connection with community and community starts with communication. Too often today the connection is gone. We text and share on smart phones with people we hardly know, so we no longer speak to the person. We walk around the town sometimes with earphones but generally looking down and not engaging with the world we are in.



Our community used to be more inclusive. We would ring a person to see how they are, what was happening or whether they needed a little something. We would be invited to morning tea or to meet up in town. It didn't matter whether the conversations were about the weather, their well-being or the state of the government. What really mattered was the fact we could talk and more importantly someone would listen.



Community starts at home, then neighbours, suburbs, towns. Our wider community is district, state, country and world. If we only focus on the wider community our local community will suffer, people will slip through, go days without talking or seeing someone, become isolated/invisible. It will cause us not to know who our neighbours are, if they need us to help them or are they able to help us. We could miss an opportunity.



Sometimes just listening to someone will help them feel better, feel important, wanted and necessary in their community. To make a community we need to start with family and expand. To save the world we need to start when we are out walking, look up and say hello or just smile you just might make someone's day.



GUEST SPEAKER – Chris Reeks

Plans for a fire brigade for Cooma started in 1884.

In September 1917 the council applied to establish an official fire brigade. In December 1917 Inspector Dadd was able to obtain candidates and a premises, which was a shed on the corner of Commission & Vale Streets. The new brigade met for the first time in January 1918 and began instruction with the hose and reel.

In 1932 the hose and reel were still in use and was finally replaced when the No 134 Garford Hale arrived (by train).

During the War years the station was manned from 8pm until 7am.

In 1978 a siren and a crash alarm was installed. Emergency calls were directed to home phones following which the alarm was sounded but not at night. In the 1980's pagers were issued and CB radios were purchased to improve communications.

These days modern communication methods are employed, such as mobile phones and MDT in the trucks.



There has been a name change from the New South Wales Fire Brigade to Fire and Rescue New South Wales. The original aims of the brigade was to save life and protect property, the new aims are related to prevention and education, fire, rescue, Hazmat, protect the environment counter terrorism, natural disasters/humanitarian relief

and medical response. The motto is "To protect the irreplaceable".



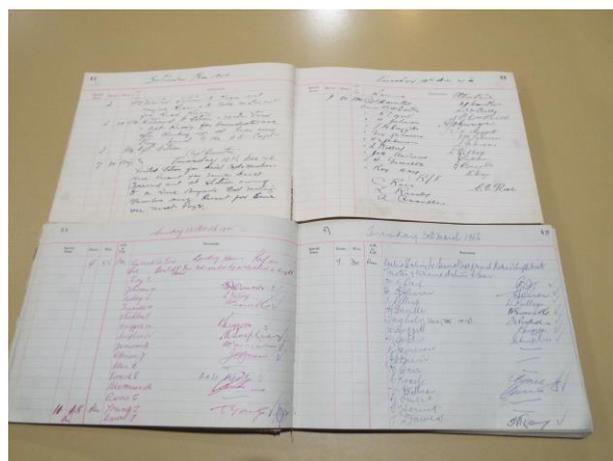
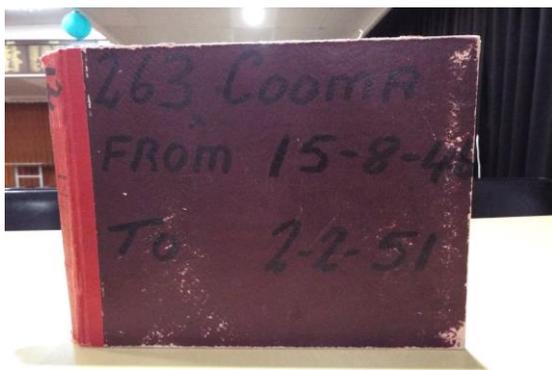
Not only do the local fire brigade provide protection but there is now also Community Fire Units who are team of local residents living in urban areas close to bushland who are supported by Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) to enhance their safety and resilience to bushfires.



It is also important to have a Home Escape Plan which all family members should know. It is also essential that every home has at least one working smoke detector.

Other tips for keeping your home and family safe include the Winter Fire Safety Checklist (copy attached or see factsheet #38 on the FRNSW website).

Historical items documenting the Cooma Fire Brigade.



Fire safety items you need around your home.

