



COMING MEETINGS

31 October No Meeting
1 November Film Night Fund Raiser

7 November
 Combined Services Meeting

Please advise Katrin on 0415 862 840 or katjihac@gmail.com 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: 24 out of 36 (67%)

Visiting Rotarian:

Guests: Lynne Brown (Richard B)

Apologies: Carlo, John Ch, Brad, John Cl, Peter D, Alan D, Margaret H, Kevin

Leave: Brenda, Mark C, David B

We also missed: Sue S

SIGNIFICANT DATES

Birthdays: Wolfgang 25/10

Date joined Rotary: Claire 31/10

Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Theme:

*Economic and Community
Development Month*

24 October 2018

Katrin Hackney

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.

OCTOBER ROSTER 2018

Property	Jan, Glenys
Attendance	Mark JN, Wolfgang
Fellowship	Terry, Sue
Thought 31st	No meeting
1 November	Film Night Fundraiser
3 Minuter 31st	No meeting
1 November	Film Night Fundraiser
Intro 31st	No meeting
1 November	Film Night Fundraiser
Thanks 31st	No meeting
1 November	Film Night Fundraiser



ROSTER NOVEMBER 2018

Attendance		Mark J.N, Sandra
Property		Dave Holgate, Sue
Fellowship		Ash, Tony
Thought	1st	Movie Night
	7th	Combined Services Dinner
Bowling Club		
	14th	John Clarke
	21st	Geoff
	28th	Richard Hopkins
3 Minuter	1st	Movie Night
	7th	Combined Services Dinner
	14th	Sandra
	21st	Tony
	28th	Peter
Intro	1st	Movie Night
	7th	Combined Services Dinner
	14th	John King
	21st	A. G. M
	28th	Ash
Thanks	1st	Movie Night
	7th	Combined Services Dinner
	14th	Glenys
	21st	A. G.M
	28th	Tony
Markets	18th	November
		Carlo, Sue, Alyson, Ash, John Clarke, Jeannette, Tony, Elaine Mooney
		Coffee Van Mark J.N, Brian / John Chapman



Announcements

John K

Despite the weather, the fundraising event in Adaminaby went ahead. The barefoot bowls were rained out but a trivia afternoon was held in its place. The auction took place and then attendees partied on into the night.

There was a total of \$11,860 raised.

Work is continuing to determine which township will benefit the most from the funds.

Richard H

Thursday 1st November Film Night Fund Raiser – Queen, Bohemian Rhapsody. Socialising 7pm until 7.30pm, drinks and snacks provided. Come dressed in your 1970's finest.

Funds go to the End Polio Now project

Elaine S

Expressed her thanks to all those who helped to make the Duck Race a huge success.

Over \$3,200 was raised from the day to go towards the learn to swim programs for local primary school children.

We clocked up 82 services hours organising and running the event.



Mark JN

Our most recent Rypener, Zara has stayed true to her word and has restarted the local Interact Club. The first meeting was held this week with six attendees.

Katrin

Attendee numbers for the **Combined Services Dinner** on 7 November are needed by **this Friday, 2 November**.



NOTE:

The final event on the National Busking calendar takes place in Cooma this weekend – 3rd and 4th November.

Could everyone who volunteered to help on the day meet in Centennial Park at 8am on Saturday morning.

**Thought of the Week – Ashley**

When I was young I used to admire intelligent people, now I am older I admire kind people.

**Guest Speaker – Katrin Hackney**

Jessie Margaret Jehne (nee Williamson) was born on the 16 April 1911. She was always known as Margaret as she disliked the name Jessie. This is a story of good times which end, bad times which leave you with nothing and courage which keeps you going.

Her father John, was Scottish trader with seven trading vessels and her mother Clara, was German and came from a family of doctors, lawyers and bankers. Family life was good until the start of WWI.

John returned from the war a broken man, like many others of the time. His business was in ruins as trade was no longer lucrative. The family motto was 'Modify your way and become great. They used this motto to survive.



Margaret's parents tried to find other employment to support the family, including opening a chocolate and coffee shop, with family assistance. Her brother left school to start an apprenticeship, she left school and started at secretarial college and her younger brother had to leave his private school and attend a public school. In 1929 following a visit from Dr Duncan and Dora McNair, Margaret went to England, attended the Pittman Secretarial College for a year, and passed with flying colours.

She then returned home and got a job at a Solicitors, but her father was not happy with this situation. There was a friend of a friend whose son was visiting from Jena, and he was looking for a personal assistant. Margaret got the job and spent eight wonderful years in Jena. As the political situation started to change her family wanted her to return to Hamburg.

While in Jena, Margaret had met a young man called Wilhelm, they continued to correspond and got married in 1942. In 1943, Margaret gave birth to her first son and four days later Hamburg was bombed by the British and Allied forces. Mother and baby survived and were evacuated to Western Prussia. Margaret was able to get a message to her in-laws to let them know where she and the baby were. Wilhelm came to their rescue, after

faking illness, and returned them to Jena to stay with his family for a while.



Hamburg and Jena 1943

In 1945, the family started a new life in Jena and a short time later Katrin was born. Unfortunately, Jena was now under Russian rule as part of East Germany.

When Katrin was a year old, it was decided they needed to return to West Germany to join Margaret's family. The crossing was long and dangerous, hiding when necessary and moving when it was safe. Once the family made it to the West, they had to wait for a post office to open so contact could be made and monies wired to them so they could catch a train to Hamburg.

Not long after arriving in Hamburg, Katrin's younger brother was born.

Wilhelm was working but hated the city as he was a country boy at heart but Margaret loved being back in Hamburg.

One day Wilhelm saw a sign in a window advertising for workers to go to South Africa, Canada and Australia. In 1956, the family boarded a ship to sail to Australia, where Wilhelm thought there would be plenty of work for a house painter.



They arrived in Melbourne on 26 March and were put on a train to Bonegilla, the first of the hostels the family lived in. The work deal was all expenses would be paid for the family to emigrate as long as one of the adults agreed to work for the government for 2 years. After this time, they could return to Germany or chose to stay in Australia. The family decided to stay.

In 1958, Wilhelm bought a block of land in Blaxland and built his family a home. He started his own business and Margaret got a job in Sydney.



There were quite a few more houses as Katrin was growing up as her father got restless and needed new challenges. The children had a wonderful time growing up in Blaxland.

The final move for Margaret and Wilhelm was to Canberra where they finally settled. They had a wonderful life with their children and grandchildren.



Wilhelm was very happy to be living in Australia where he was finally able to think what he wanted and say what he felt without risk to his or his family's safety.

Katrin once asked Margaret if she wished she had stayed in Germany and her answer was – No, they are too formal over there.



Margaret and Wilhelm both died in 2003.