



**Rotary Club of Cooma Inc**

*Theme:*

*Rotary Foundation Month*

**14 November 2018**

**DG Margaret Hassall**

**SIGNIFICANT DATES**

**Birthdays:** Rosie (John K) 12/11, Maree (Kevin) 28/11

**Date joined Rotary:** Allan S 27/11

**COMING MEETINGS**

21 November  
Annual General Meeting

28 November  
TBA



*Please advise Katrin on 0415 862 840 or [katjihac@gmail.com](mailto: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 of 36 – 66.66%

**Visiting Rotarians:**

**Guests:** Sacha (Club), Chriss Marshall (Tony B)

**Apologies:** Brad, Richard H, Jan P, Darrell, Dugald, Claire, Tony S

**Leave:** Neil B, David B, Brenda, Kevin

*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.*

**ROSTER NOVEMBER 2018**

<b>Attendance</b>		Mark J.N, Sandra
<b>Property</b>		Dave Holgate, Sue
<b>Fellowship</b>		Ash, Tony
<b>Thought</b>	<b>21st</b>	Geoff
	<b>28th</b>	Richard Hopkins
<b>3 Minuter</b>	<b>21st</b>	Tony
	<b>28th</b>	Peter
<b>Intro</b>	<b>21st</b>	<b>A. G. M</b>
	<b>28th</b>	Ash
<b>Thanks</b>	<b>21st</b>	<b>A. G.M</b>
	<b>28th</b>	Tony
<b>Markets</b>		





## Announcements

### John K

The film night raised \$854.00 for Polio Now  
 The wishing well at the Busing Market raised \$23.00 for the Steven Walters Foundation  
 The raffle at the Combined Services Dinner raised \$241.30 for the Louie Mould Foundation

### Katrin

The People's Choice Award votes were counted progressively throughout the day, this made an easier job as there were 2345 votes to count.  
 The prize recipients were:  
 Luck Tran with 252 votes  
 The Boys with 153 votes  
 Muskie D'Jour with 147 votes  
 A total of \$2,399.70 was raised through the sale of Buskers Votes



### Tony B

We are sponsoring 1 candidate to attend RYLA 2019. There were a couple of other potential attendees but they were a bit young for this round.

### Margaret H

We received correspondence from Jane, Charlie Keegan's Mum, thanking the club for the support provided to Charlie last year, which enable him to attend full time study at the Canberra Classical Ballet Academy. He auditioned and was accepted to attend the National Theatre Ballet School in Melbourne, which is quite a prestigious dance school.

They wished to express their personal thanks and also to thank the club for the investment in young people in the Cooma area.

### Carlo

The Busking Market raised at total of \$1,855.30  
 Food van - \$1,664.00  
 Coffee van – 216.00  
 Stalls – 404.00

There were 12 volunteers who provided 80 hours of service.

There were 22 stalls on the day, 6 of which were community/charity based.



### Peter D

The Mamma Wimbi Project has sold their first lot of bunting which means the school fees for 73 children have been paid.

### Sandra

A reflective Christmas service, for remembrance of lost loved ones, is being held on Sunday 9 December at 5pm at The Salvation Army 2 Mittagang Rd, Cooma North.

Everyone is welcome to attend. If you have any enquiries call Sandra on 6452 1798



**Thought of the Week – Janine JN**

It is not the mountain we conquer but ourselves –  
*Sir Edmund Hillary*



**3 Minuter – Sandra**

Coming up to the festive season there are some tips for getting through to Boxing day with less stress!

1. Sleep well in December
2. Eat very healthy the week before Christmas - toxin free week
3. Keep it real! - expenses, effort, the past, the whole shebang (do we want to make out that we are in the middle of winter in middle aged Christendom if that's not us?)
4. Have something to do on Christmas Day besides presents and eating
  - games
  - bush walk
  - one family in Australia plants a tree or a bush in its yard or a family member's yard every Christmas day afternoon
5. Don't expect too much of yourself or anyone else. It's a tough and loaded day for many

6. Related to above- help each other name what is sad and plan on how we might make it happier ( might take a while and that's okay too)
7. And for those who were listening at the start of Sandra's rave...Don't agree to sing Away in a Manger at church with one's siblings when you've been in a car with them for 3 days and can't stand the sight of them!
8. Be thankful you are not playing cricket for Australia the next day!  
 There is just 5 weeks to go!



**Guest Speaker – DG Margaret Hassell**

This is my 45th speech to a Rotary club and my second today. I usually give a little of my own background as if I don't, I get questions about myself. I come from the era of Princess Margaret although I scored my name from both my grandmothers and I was the first on both sides of the family. I grew up in Queensland but I have lived here since 1965 when I married a local. Our kids, who are now in their 50s, were the seventh generation to live in the district, descended from the Fergus, Colquhoun and Agnew families who settled in the Numeralla area, so you would think there would be some of Roger's family around. No, not at all. However, I can claim Alan Dodd as my cousin. I was a teacher for 55 years, 47 of those years at St Pat's, 39 full-time and 8 as relief. These days I do editing and proofreading and am tutoring a Year 11 student.

Today when I spoke to the Women's Probus club, I spoke about Rotary, some of the misconceptions - white-haired gentlemen and being exclusive. I enjoyed being able to debunk some of the myths about Rotary.

As was reported in the October edition of Rotary Down Under, when the first women were members of an American club, it was done in an underhand way: their first name was not given, just an initial so that the head office could not see that they were female. After a

time, though, women in those clubs pushed ahead taking the cause to various courts and then finally to the US Supreme Court and won the case of the basis of equal rights.

The Probians were interested to know that a change has been made in the requirement to have weekly meetings. Every club is expected now to have at least two meetings a month. This style was trialled by Cooma by having the first week of the month off but it was the non-Rotarian wives who voted it down. They were missing their night off.

The Cooma club has 37 members. There is a great cross-section of people here with different talents and so when we are undertaking a project those different gifts can be put to good use: good organisers, others with a real flair for decor, and others who are just prepared to work hard, whether it is putting up decorations, sweeping or ensuring that the correct quantities of the necessary items are on hand. Today I did a bit of skiting about our club, some of the projects that it has completed, explained about the reason for film night, End Polio Now. Some people in Australia don't realise that Polio is still a problem. Certainly not in the incidence of new cases in Australia, but for those people were afflicted by it in their early days, they are now being plagued by Post-Polio Syndrome. The district conference here in Cooma at the beginning of October was a story of very hard work and worry and I will forever be grateful to all the people who contributed to the success of the conference.



I love the logo of the Rotary theme this year, Be the Inspiration. Our International President is Barry Rassin, an impressive man, who lives in the Bahamas. He has a strong affinity with the sea and we know the Bahamas, like many of the Pacific islands, are threatened with inundation with rising sea levels. Therefore, our International President feels very strongly about the environment. I love the scarf I was given when I went to Governor training in San Diego - the colours of the sand and sea are there.

One of the great joys of being a District Governor is meeting the many people who make up Rotary in our district. We have 45 clubs with 2 more in the wings as well as some Rotaract clubs, Interact and Earlyact. I have been privileged to come across Rotarians who are so creative and ingenious in developing projects to help people in need. Their generosity of spirit is a true reflection of the Rotary motto, Service Above Self.



Being in this role has meant that I have had the opportunity to meet some amazing people. Wearing my badge has been like 'Open Sesame' to a conversation. When I was in Parliament House at a function for World Polio Day, I was approached by the compere, Sabra Lane, whom you often hear on AM on the ABC. She was a Rotary Youth Exchangee and was delighted to tell me of her experience on exchange and how close she has remained with her host families. Julia Bishop is a real lady and when I said I was sorry she wasn't still our Foreign Minister, she said she was sorry too.

I am very grateful for my Rotary experience: the people I have met, the opportunities to work as a member of a team, being able to see and hear about wonderful projects within Australia and overseas, and enjoying the fellowship that our organisation offers.

