



Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Theme:

*Disease Prevention and
Treatment Month*

19 December 2018

**Peter Healy – Building a water park
in the desert**

COMING MEETINGS

**26 December and 2 January
No Meeting**

SIGNIFICANT DATES
Birthdays: Jeanette 8th, Mark JN 9th, John Cl 10th,
 Tony 21th,
Date joined Rotary: Neil 10th, Elain M 16th

ROSTER JANUARY 2019

Attendance
Property
Fellowship

Thought	2nd	No Meeting
3 Minuter	2nd	No Meeting
Intro	2nd	No Meeting
Thanks	2nd	No Meeting
Markets	20th	January
		Van / Bbq
		Coffee Van
		Mark J.N, Brian, ?

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: 26 of 35 –74.2%
Visiting Rotarians: John Mercer - Belconnen
Guests: Sacha, Peter and Kate Healy (Club), Mary Mitchell (Dugald), Steve and Irene Shirvington (Mark JN)
Apologies: John Ch, Carlo, Brad, Alan D, Neil, Allen S
Leave: David B, Brenda
We also missed:





ANNOUNCEMENTS

John K

The cricket nets at Nijong oval are going ahead. Turns out the Council wants the grass, which is going to be removed and used to repair the grass in Centennial Park.

We received a Christmas card from Margaret Echarri wishing all members and friends of the Club a happy and safe holiday season.

The garden beds for the Werri-Nina project have arrived and we will move forward with it early next year.

Darrell

The December markets raised a total of \$2,648.
 Food Van/Stalls \$2,317
 Coffee Van \$331

Penny

Here are video links to the videos which had some difficulties at the meeting (you will need to turn your sound on):

https://youtu.be/q_BBqG5DVDM

<https://youtu.be/7C9o4LopVnM>



Thought of the Week – Richard B

Everybody wants to go to heaven but nobody wants to die



Guest Speaker – Peter Healy

Peter spent many years working in Environmental Management in the coal fire industry all over the world including the Middle East, China and Australia.

One of the main by-products of burning coal is fly ash which he had to market to industry. Over 2 million tonne of fly ash gets recycled into concrete/cement.

In 1996 a canoe slalom event was held at the Atlanta Olympic games and the then Minister for Sport in NSW said the 2000 Sydney games would not be holding this event as it would cost too much to purpose build a venue – approximately \$13 million.

The news got out around the world and the International Federation of Canoeists were not very happy that the event would not be held in 2000.



Peter did some numbers and found a venue could be built for approximately \$4 – 6 million. So with petitions from the International Federation and European politicians the NSW government was approached with the proposal. It was agreed that a venue would be built with financial input from the NSW Government, the Penrith Council and from the International Canoeists Federation.

Building of the channel started in 1998 and completed in 1999 in time to host the World Championships. This was also a venue test event for the Olympics.

Shotcrete was used to create a smooth channel and six very large and powerful pumps were installed which move a large amount of water in a short time.

The canoeing was one of the most attended events at the Olympics and is now open to the public for use as a white water rafting venue. The costs of the build has now been covered though public use it is a beautiful place to visit. Many trees have been planted and there is a café, which provides a relaxing place to view the area.



From here, Peter's next stop in 2010 was the Middle East where he was asked to build a water park in the desert.

Originally, they wanted to build a glacier to compete with the Ski Dubai Park. The location is at the base of a mountain called Jebel Hafeet in Al Ain.



When Peter was at the location, there was not a large population but now there are about 10,000 residences.

Building these two structures was an amazing adventure which both worked.



On Friday 21st December, a delegation from the club travelled to Balranald to deliver the monies raised from the drought appeal fundraising events and personal donations.

It was a long drive but we were made to feel very welcome and it was an honour to help people who were so receptive to our intentions.



Everyone loves a giant cheque

