

COMING MEETINGS:
13 February - Geoff Bowland,
Small Towns of Italy
20 February - Sandra Mortimer
following the
Site Visit at 5pm
to Salvation Army Store
27 February - TBA
Tuesday, 5 March - Michelago visit
with Tuggeranong club

Rotary Club of Cooma
Theme:
Vocational Service Month
6 February 2019
TRIVIA NIGHT

Please advise Darrell (Ph 0407 411 422, 64521159, dgcooma@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: 28 / 34 = 82.3%
Visiting Rotarians:
Guests: Roger Wheatley (Jan), Sacha Gilbert (Club), Varboo (Geoff), Christina (Wolfgang), Georgie (Ash)
Apologies: Richard B, Brad, Alan D, Mark J-N, Mark Co
Leave: David B
We also missed:

ROSTERS FOR FEBRUARY 2019

Attendance	Darrell Sandra
Property	Jan Dave Holgate
Fellowship	Ash Penny
Thought	13th Jan 20th Kevin 27th Marco
3 Minuter	13th Tony 20th Glenys 27th John Chapman
Intro	13th Penny 20th Ash 27th Neil
Thanks	13th Katrin 23rd Dave Holgate 30th John King
Markets	20th February Carlo, Terry, Sue, Alyson, Van / Bbq Ash, John Clarke, Brenda, Jeanette Coffee Van Brian, John Chapman, Tony, ?

COMMUNITY SERVICES MEETING
NEXT WEDNESDAY, 13 FEB at 5 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JOHN K:-

NIJONG CRICKET NETS

The earth works have been completed but there is a delay. Volunteers to help with the concreting are still need. Let John K know if you are available and he will let you know the date you will be needed.

WERRI NINA GARDEN BEDS

Carlo is set to go and work will start as soon as Manager, Tabitha, can organise a date. The materials have been donated and Burke's Transport will provide transport and dumping. Inmates from Cooma Correctional Centre will then load the garden beds.

NEW BARBECUE

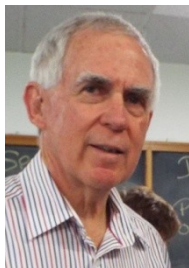
Mark John-Natlley will discuss our needs with a company near Melbourne which is a specialist barbecue manufacturer.



SANDRA

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

For 'FebFast; Pause for a Cause' Sandra is going sugar free for February. You are encouraged to sponsor her so that Sandra can raise funds to help young people with addictions.



RICHARD H

PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP - SPREAD THE WORD!

Nominations for this prestigious award are open. One of your employees or someone who regularly provides excellent service deserves to be recognised. Nominations close on 11 March and the Presentation Night will be on 10 April.

VOCATIONAL SERVICES SITE VISIT - SALVATION ARMY STORE in Sharp St.

Meet there at 5pm on 20 February for a tour of eth facility. Sandra will then be our guest speaker at the meeting. Bring your friends, partners and anyone who may be interested!

SACHA'S HOLIDAY

Christmas and New Year were very unique experiences for our 'Girl from Canada'. Instead of snow and cold, she celebrated with the Henderson family on their farm in heat and dust. But it was a special time for her and her host the family. She spent a lot of time during the holidays watching movies with her host siblings as well. Later she was invited by Rob Uhl, District Youth Exchange Chair, to travel with another exchange student to Newcastle, Nelson Bay, Red Head Beach, etc. They had the chance to pat and play with sharks and sting rays and to sail remote controlled boats. They had a wonderful time at the beach and checking out the sites up north.



PETER & PENNY

MAMA WIMBI PROJECT

Photos were circulated of children who have benefited from this project. Those photos with a Smiley are of children whose fees have been paid from bunting sales. After sponsorship for their first year, 19 children will progress into second year. There are 44 buntings available for sale. The top Penny is wearing was made by her Mama Wimbi 'team' to say thank you for her support and hard work.



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK - TERRY MADDREN

"Holding onto anger is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die" Buddha



INSPECTION OF LONG PLAIN AREA - KEVIN DUNN

Thank you to John and Jeannette Clarke for organising this trip. A group of 40 people, including four Rotarians, drove to Long Plain Hut to inspect the northern area of the park. The group included an expert in shrubs, grasses and terrain as well as Dave Darlington, ex-manager of Kosciuszko National Park and some of his ex-employees. Richard Swain explained the purpose of the trip, after which the group walked to near the source of the Murrumbidgee River. The damage done by wild horses was very evident in this area with river banks destroyed and the two metre deep peat fields damaged. It was very obvious that something needs to be done as the number of wild horses are destroying this unique environment, especially the sensitive water ways.



THREE MINUTER - PETER DAVIS **THE LATEST FIRE FIGHTING TECHNOLOGY.**

We all know how much Peter loves to play with new toys and we were very interested to hear about his fire experience recently. Lightning strikes start many fires. In the past these fires were often spotted from fire towers and it would take half a day or more for fire fighters to get into remote sites to start fighting them. By this time the fires have invariably spread to become larger, more dangerous and harder to extinguish.

Recently Peter noticed a fire from his helicopter in a very remote area and with modern technology he called for an Aero Response Bucket on another helicopter which dumped 600 litres of water onto the tree that had been struck. While this was not enough to put out the fire, it cooled it down enough so that a RAFT (Remote Area Fire Team) could be winched into this remote place. Four specially trained fire fighters were winched down into the fire site with their special fold up equipment and chain saws. They chopped down the tree and cut it into sections lengthwise. Burning trees often act like chimneys and this way the RAFT was sure they could totally extinguish the fire. While the exercise cost about \$ 10,000 it prevented the fire spreading and potentially developing into a \$ 20 million fire.

Peter is very excited about this wonderful step forward for technology.

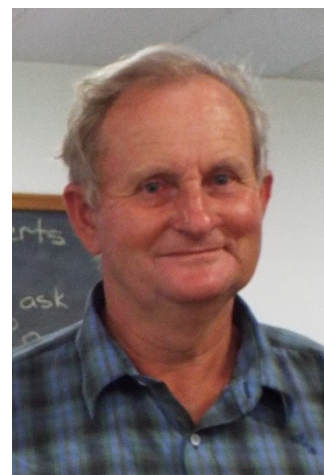
A \$10 HAPPY FINE!!!!



It's not surprising that Neil is \$10 worth of happy. He is one step closer to bringing his bride home to Australia.

CONGRATULATIONS, NEIL.

We hope things go a little more smoothly now and that you two will be reunited soon.

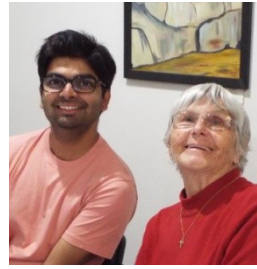


PROGRAM - TRIVIA NIGHT

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT!

- A bride wears red in China! Wow.
- The world's most southerly capital is Wellington in New Zealand! Really?
- And the zoological term 'ruminant'? There was quite a bit of cud chewing going on at times!
- Even Sacha didn't know that Canada has the most coast line but we forgot all about all the islands, etc.
- Did a couple of the tables have an unfair advantage or did we all know that the Salvation Army produces the War Cry?

The range of questions was very good. Thank you to Richard Brown for organising the questions and answers and to Richard Hopkins for being such an able Trivia Master. It was a fun night.



Record keeping and timing are important



Anyone have a clue about that one?????



I know, I know, I know!



We're relying on you, Marco!

