



COMING MEETINGS

17 July Short Family Anecdotes from Members

24 July Further Family Anecdotes

31 July Darrell Gaukroger –International Conference

Rotary Club of Cooma

Theme:

New Leadership Month

10 July

Business Meeting

Meeting statistics: 25 of 35 = 71%

Attendance:

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests:
Anette, Tove & Oystein Saetrang (Club), Roger Wheatley (Jan P), Nima (Neil)

Apologies: Geoff, Brad, Kevin, Alan, Marco, Sally, Peter

Leave:
Mark C, David B

We also missed:

ROSTERS FOR July 2019

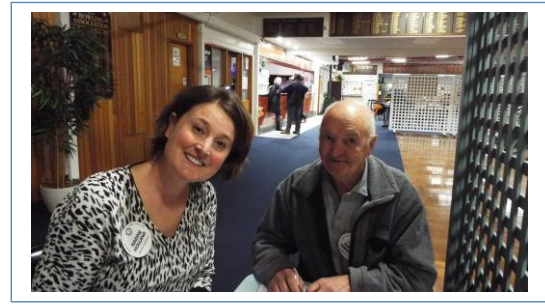
Attendance		Darrell / Nadine
Property		Dave H / Mark J N
Fellowship		Neil / Elaine S
Thought	17th	John K
	24th	Geoff
	31st	Richard H
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	24th	John Cl
	31st	Wolfgang
Intro	24th	Marco
	31st	Darrell
Thanks	24th	Elaine M
	31st	Sue
Markets	21st July	Terry, Sue, Robyn Van Ash, Neil, Brenda, Nadine Coffee Mark JN, Brian ?

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.

Significant Dates:

Birthdays: July
Nadine

Date Joined Rotary:
1st Peter D



Announcements

Ashley

Last Saturday Ashley, Brenda and Margaret H attended the Bombala Rotary Club changeover dinner. They were both interested to see how clubs differ in the way their meeting are hosted.

Incoming President Grantley expressed an interest in undertaking a drought relief project for the area and was interested in how the Cooma club undertook the Balranald project. He also said he was keen to strengthen ties between both the clubs and said he would like to be involved in the mental health seminar under development by our club.

On the topic of the mental health seminar, Ashley has received a number of phone calls from people in the community who are interested in or provided names of other people who would like to be involved in the seminar.

Margaret H

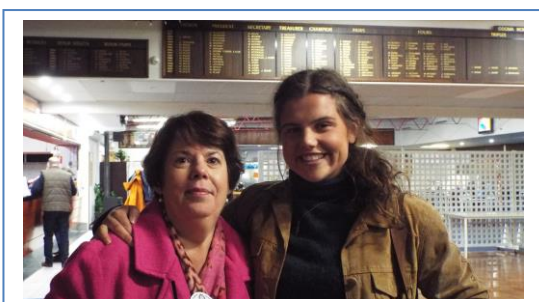
As outgoing District Governor, Margaret has attended 15 changeover events, and has also noticed how clubs differ in the manner in which they conduct their meetings. Every club does things which suits them best like not having a toast or a fine session or having them if they want.

One club which really stood out was a south coast club who have a total of 10 members; in many instances this club would have closed. The outstanding point with this club is they are happy to continue as a Rotary club as long as their community is willing to support and assist with projects they are undertaking.

Jan P

Jan is participating in the Dry July funding raising event. The funds raised through Dry July will provide invaluable services to cancer patients, their families and carers, whether it's a lift to a life-saving appointment, guidance from a specialist nurse, connection to an informative voice, access to therapy programs or a bed close to treatment. All funds raised benefits the cancer patient and their families and carers. The aim is to make a difficult time, a little easier for those affected by cancer.

To support this cause Jan suggested adding a couple of dollars to the fine container as it goes around and perhaps at the end of the month the club can make a donation to the cause.



Donation from the June Dead Red Event

On a chilly Friday night in June, the second Dead Red fundraising event, organised by Glenys was held at the Altair Motel. The amount of \$465.00 was raised from the night and a cheque for this amount was presented to the President of the Cooma Hospital Auxiliary, Sue Litchfield.

Sue said they were a small group of people who work hard to raise funds to assist with the acquisition of equipment, which is not funded by the Department of Health, for the hospital. As the hospital is currently undergoing redevelopment the funds will be banked until these works are completed and the Auxiliary know what is needed to help patients get the best health outcomes possible. Sue advised the donation is greatly appreciated and will certainly be put to good use.

The Dead Red event was enjoyed by those who braved the cold, and the worst bottle of red wine older than 10 years of age was provided by Mark John-Natley. We are looking forward to the next event which will be held later this year.



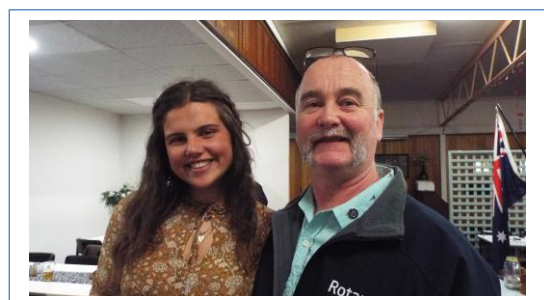
Anette and Oystein Saetrang – daughter and father exchange students

In 2016/17 we had the pleasure of hosting Anette who chose to enjoy her Rotary Exchange year in Cooma. On Wednesday night, she along with her parents came back to the club for a visit during their recent trip to Australia.

In the two years since Anette returned home, she completed her high schools studies, with a focus on science, maths and physics and plans to undertake tertiary studies to become a high school teacher. She has been involved in youth group activities and cross-country skiing, as there has been plenty of snow in Norway. One ski trip involved a seven hour car trip to get to the slopes.

Before she starts her tertiary studies, Anette will enlist in the Norwegian Armed Services to undertake a year of service. She will be located near the Russian boarder in the north of the country, where temperatures can drop to minus 40 degrees Celsius, and we thought Cooma was cold.

Anette ended her talk by thanking the Cooma Rotary club for being her host club where she made new friends and learnt many life lessons.



Anette's father Oystien was also a Rotary Exchange student who spent 1982/83 in Gosford. He visited his Australian friends when he came on a short trip during Anette's exchange year. He is delighted to have his wife Tove along on this trip so she can see where her family spent their respective exchange years and to meet the friends they made during that time.

Oystien said the exchange program is a great way to make friends all across the world, as you don't only meet Australians you get to meet students from other parts of the world also. He encouraged the Cooma Rotary club to continue to send students on exchange and to accept students in return.



The Rotary year ahead

Mark JN – New Generations/Youth Director

This year there will be a focus on:

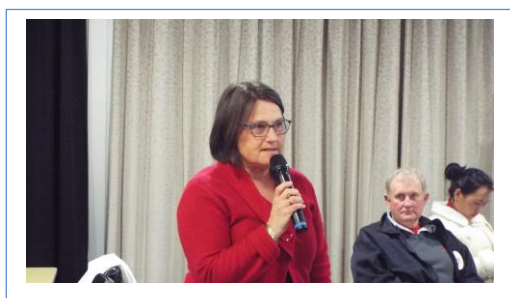
- Youth exchange with one student arriving in August and a student going overseas in January 2020.
- We will continue to provide information to high schools in the area about the program.
- Katrin is to continue in the role of Counsellor for both the incoming and outgoing students.
- The Interact club is continuing and have two new members for the upcoming year. They will be a changeover event later this month being held at the Cooma Ex-services club, and all club members are welcome to attend.
- The Interact club is an autonomous group, who develop and run their own projects. Their current project for which they are raising funds by being sponsored is the non-use of soft plastics.
- A new idea is to attract 18 – 35 year olds to join the club and have them become a sub-group who can run their own projects, in line with Rotary tenets. This idea is because, in town, we do not have enough young people to have a Rotaract club. Nadine is joining the youth committee as she has contact within this age group.

Glenys – Vocational Services Director

The committee held their first meeting and kicked around a number of ideas for the upcoming year.

This includes:

- A calendar of events, so club members know what is happening when so they can prepare to provide assistance where and when they can.
- Events include stroke awareness week in September, the duck race, Motorfest and the blues and roots music event at the November market.
- They would also like further event/project suggestions.



Richard H – Vocational Services Director

Planned vocational activities include:

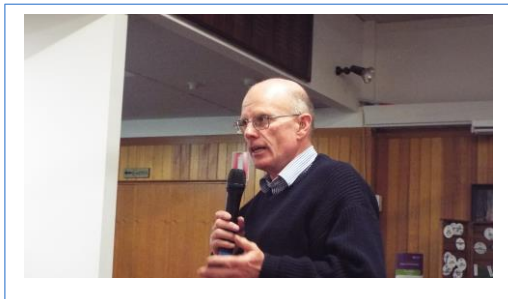
- Sponsoring attendees at the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards.
- Coordinating the Pride of Workmanship Awards.
- Covering costs for guests who are invited as part of a vocational activity.

Peter D – International Director

For many years the Cooma club has been involved in hands-on projects in Papua New Guinea including nine separate water supply projects, all of which are still working. In the last couple of years support has been provided to the Mama Wimbi project.

For a variety of reasons we are no longer in a position to jet off to other countries to undertake on-site projects and are therefore considering partnering with other Rotary clubs who are in a position to undertake the on the ground work. If you have any ideas in which we could participate, please let Peter know.

The new committee will be formed in the near future.



Tony B – Market Director (with assistance from Terry M)

The markets are to continue as per usual for the time being but some changes will occur moving forward.

- The markets are becoming a destination event for Cooma, therefore we need to find ways to strengthen this.
- We need to find ways to bring more people and more stallholders to the markets, particularly in the colder weather.
- We need to support a broader range of products.
- We will need to work with the Cooma community to promote the markets, including advertising in the newspaper and on radio.

John Cl – Rotary Foundation and Membership Director

The **Rotary Foundation** is the powerhouse behind Rotary projects. They are currently providing the support for the Polio Plus project and have used the leverage of the foundation to get the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation on-board to support the project. This has resulted in a donated monies being doubled in a two for one arrangement. All money donated to the Polio Plus project goes directly to the project, with nothing being diverted for administration. The outcome from all the hard work which has gone into the eradication of Polio has resulted in 9 wild cases in 3 countries.

The Foundation also supports the Rotary Grants Program. This program is in place for Rotary clubs to apply for grants to undertake local or international projects. There is also the benefit of every three years a proportion of monies donated by clubs is returned to them for use as they see fit.

Unlike other charitable organisations, only 8% of donations are diverted for administration costs.

Membership

- Our club needs to encourage new people to join so we can remain a viable club.
- All members need to be advocates for Rotary.
- As many people as possible need to be involved in club projects.
- Current members need to engage with potential or new members in a positive manner so they can become the next wave of committee or board members.
- Current members need to educate others about the programs and projects the club undertakes.
- There needs to be a social aspect as many people join organisations like Rotary to make friends as well as to become involved in the local community.

Darrell – Treasurer

- Subs are currently being set for the coming year, they will be payable in full or by two instalments.
- Members who are part of a couple will receive reduced rates for one partner.
- It is also suggested, if you can, make a one-off donation of \$100 to the Rotary Foundation, for which a receipt will be provided and you can claim it on your tax return.

Katrin – Secretary

- Emails containing information about local or international Rotary events or projects will continue to be forwarded to you, if you are not interested in them just delete them.
- If you are going somewhere interesting or doing something interesting consider inviting our exchange student to go with you, this may enhance their exchange experience. It doesn't have to be a big thing, for example a family gathering can allow them to experience a different family environment.



Ashley – President

- Wants every member to feel they are an important and valued member of the club.
- To this end please think about what committee/s you would like to be a part of, this means you can have direct input into the activities of the club.
- An idea to increase the profile of the club in town and elsewhere is to wear clothing with the Rotary logo on it.
- The Port Macquarie club has chosen to have red clothing with the rotary logo on it. They chose red because it is a colour that stands out and is a means of generating conversation of who Rotary are and what they do.
- This is something we could do to attract new people to become club members.

Janine – Bulletin Editor

- My hope for this year is that the Bulletin is interesting enough for you all to want to read on a regular basis.
- If you go anywhere which may be of interest to members, please drop me a short email with details and photos.