



**COMING MEETINGS**

31 July Darrell Gaukroger –International Conference

7 August – To be advised  
 14 August - ANU Medical Students  
 21 August - Business Meeting  
 28 August – To be advised

**Rotary Club of Cooma**

**Theme:**

**New Leadership Month**

**24 July**

**Further Family Anecdotes**

**Meeting statistics:** 22 of 39 = 56%

**Attendance:**

**Visiting Rotarians:**

**Guests:**  
 Shelby (Nadine), Liz Martyn (John CI)

**Apologies:**  
 Geoff, Peter, Neil, Brad, Peter D, Alan, John K, Terry, Marco, Sally

**Leave:**

**We also missed:**

**ROSTERS FOR July 2019**

<b>Attendance</b>		Darrell / Nadine
<b>Property</b>		Dave H / Mark J N
<b>Fellowship</b>		Neil / Elaine S
<b>Thought</b>	31st	Richard H
<b>3 Minuter</b>	31st	Wolfgang
<b>Intro</b>	31st	Darrell
<b>Thanks</b>	31st	Sue

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**Rosters FOR August 2019**

<b>Attendance</b>		Darrell / Tony
<b>Property</b>		Dave Holgate
		Brenda
<b>Fellowship</b>		Sue
		Elaine Schofield
<b>Thought</b>	<b>7th</b>	Des
	<b>14th</b>	Geoff
	<b>21st</b>	Hass
	<b>28th</b>	Marco
<b>3 Minuter</b>	<b>7th</b>	Dave Holgate
	<b>14th</b>	<b>ANU Medical Students</b>
	<b>21st</b>	<b>Business Meeting</b>
	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	Nadine
<b>Intro</b>	<b>7th</b>	Kevin
	<b>14th</b>	Elaine Mooney
	<b>21st</b>	<b>Business Meeting</b>
	<b>28th</b>	Mark J.N
<b>Thanks</b>	<b>7th</b>	John Clarke
	<b>14th</b>	Sandra
	<b>21st</b>	<b>Business Meeting</b>
	<b>28th</b>	<b>Katrin</b>

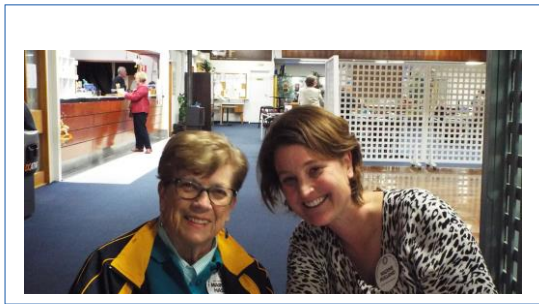
**Markets 18<sup>th</sup> August** Terry, Tony, Sue, Robyn  
 Van: Ash, John K, Jeannette Glenys  
 Coffee Van: Mark JN, Brian, ?

*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:**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Peter D



## **Announcements**

### **Tony**

The markets were a bit quite this month due to the weather. The profits from the day are Stalls \$554, food van \$958.10, coffee van \$227 and wishing well \$12.

### **Jeannette**

The board has approved the Stroke Presentation event. The event is on Saturday 7 September and will replace the usual Rotary meeting on Wednesday 4 September. There is a guest speaker from the Stroke Foundation and a stroke survivor. Afternoon tea will be served.

### **Mark JN**

Johanna, our next exchange student who is from Germany, arrives in Canberra on Friday 2 August. She will be met by her host family (Ash and Brenda), Mark and hopefully Katrin. Attendance at her first meeting is dependent upon jet lag.



### **3 Minuter – John CI**

We are all aware of the circumstances which lead to abuse, the victims being the weak and vulnerable members of society. The forms we regularly hear about include child abuse, domestic violence, physical and sexual abuse. For many victims, they are unable to speak about it for decades, if ever. Newer forms of abuse are scams for financial gain. Studies show men are more likely to be targets of direct financial scams and women experience romance scams to deprive them of money, family members can also perpetuate financial scams. These scams are more likely to be carried out against older people and are one form of elder abuse.

This is a new epidemic, and lawyers are now regularly seeing people who are victims. These scams are usually detected by a family member who try to rectify the situation. An example is where Mr S came into the office with Young Miss and wanted to change his will so Young Miss would be a major beneficiary, they were not married at this point. A family member found out about the plan of Young Miss to marry Mr S to support her claim. Steps were taken and Mr S' access to his finances were changed. A call was made when Mr S was in hospital to see if the Will had been changed, and if so how could it be changed back. The question was asked 'Did the marriage take place?' It hadn't, the arrangements were reversed and she was nowhere to be seen. Another example was where a grandson had been granted Power of Attorney and would only permit supervised visits to his grandfather, it was determined that is was because he didn't want the rest of the family to know what he was up to. The tragedy of this type of abuse is it is sometimes carried out by someone close to the elderly person.

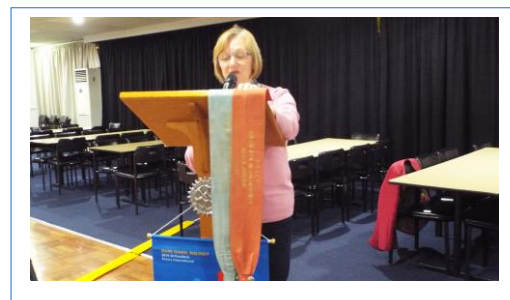
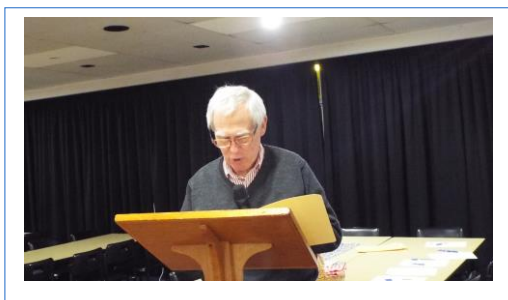
## Parental Profiles – a selection of stories from the past

**Richard H** – Edna Hopkins was born in 1920 in Brisbane, married in Jerusalem in 1941 and died in Canberra in 1996.

In 1939 just prior to the beginning of WWII, Edna was recruited to teach a group of Jewish refugee women who had no understanding of the ways of Australia; she had no teaching experience at all.

In 1941, Edna went to Palestine and she said of the experience, *“I had not a word of Arabic or Hebrew so very quickly experienced what it was to be a non-person and I had to begin to make my way, learning the two languages in order to survive. I will never forget what it was like having to live at a primitive level, going shopping and pointing to things. This experience will live with me all my life, and remains the mainspring of my activity and understanding.”* Her level of resilience was so great, she was working with the Palestine administration in 1942.

An outcome of this experience was that in 1976 she received a government grant which allowed her to open an Introductory English Language Centre in Canberra. She organised and administered the centre, and arranged for two teachers, who were qualified to teach English as a Second Language, to work there to assist people who were new to Australia and had no English language. This they learned and therefore made their way in society.



**Jeannette** – Her dad was an exceptional road cyclist as a juvenile, a junior and a senior. He won many pennants and medals. He usually started races from scratch and would come in with times regularly first or second fastest. He was a great hill climber and completed the Goulburn to Wiley Park race in a time of 5 hours, 15 minutes and 24 seconds. This was at a time when bike were heavy, with no gears and the route was the old way from Goulburn to Sydney over Razorback Mountain.

He loved planes and would have like to join the air force in WWII but as he was already a ship's plumber and his job was considered an essential service he couldn't leave the ship. While working he suffered burns to his eyes and ended up in Sydney hospital where he met his wife-to-be, they married in April 1948. He had already qualified to compete in the Helsinki Empire Games but during what he called a training run he suffered a major accident and was not able to attend. Eventually he moved off the ships and became a well respected civilian plumber who brought through many young apprentices.



**Elaine S** – John Murphy was her great grandfather who married her great grandmother Bridget Bishop in Braidwood in 1861. John was a widower but had no children. History shows a lot of families came through Braidwood on their way to the Monaro.

Following their marriage they lived 5 miles out of Bungendore but the family moved to Adaminaby just before the birth of their fifth child, as there was more work for a stockman/labourer. The whole family travelled by horse and sulky down the Bobeyan Road, which probably wasn't more than a goat track at that time. A further two children were born in Adaminaby, one of which was Elaine's grandfather. The family then moved to Greenhills on the banks of the Numeralla River. This property was purchased by the Lange family who renamed it Carlaminda. There were 5 generations of Elaine's family who worked on this property and when she was there she walked through ruins some of which could have been the home of her family.

John Murphy's death certificate stated he was born in 1823 in Kilkenny, Ireland to James Murphy and Mary Mahoney, he was 75 years old and had lived in Australia for 49 years.

**Elaine M** – was born in the Cooma Maternity Hospital, which was located where the Bunkhouse Hotel is now. Her first ancestor in Australia was a convict from County Galway in Ireland. When he was released he went to live at Rock Flat, where he already had some relations. He started to farm some land and when free settlement was declared he was able to buy the property.

From a young age, Elaine was interested in sheep and cattle and learnt to ride. Apparently her first long ride was from home to Nimmitabel and back, her father rode his horse and led hers. Her first few years of schooling was done at home via correspondence, the lessons would arrive on a Monday and she would get them done quickly so the rest of the week could be used for riding and other fun. The family had to move to town so all the children could attend school properly for their later years. Elaine was meant to go to boarding school for her final years but due to the death of her father it didn't happen but she still managed to do her Leaving. After leaving school she went to work and eventually went back to study law by correspondence. In 1974 following the completion of her studies she was admitted as the 263<sup>rd</sup> woman solicitor in NSW.



This week the Cooma Community Interact Club held their changeover dinner at the Ex-services club. The event was well attended by Interact members, family, friends and members of the Cooma Rotary club. In her farewell speech outgoing President, Zara Farrell said the desire to serve the community in some form came after she attended the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) camp. She left the camp inspired to put her new leadership capability into practice. Starting up a new Club was scary as she was worried that not enough young people would be willing to give up their time to serve the community. Her fears were unfounded and the year has been a resounding success.

There are 15 active members who have undertaken fundraising events such as having stalls at the Rotary High Country markets, running the canteen at the Snowy Monaro Regional Council holiday program, volunteered for face painting for the Cooma Lions, assisting with the set-up of the Christmas Toy Drive for the Salvation Army. In conjunction with the Monaro High School's Environmental Club they helped organise Clean Up Australia Day, and they held a 'Shrek in the Park' movie night and some members participated in the Youth Parliament and the Snowy Regional Youth Council. Also Zara was a guest speaker at the International Women's Day afternoon tea, organised by Rotary. Because of their many activities they were finalists in the Community Participations Awards sponsored by the Snowy Monaro Regional Council. In closing Zara thanked all those who supported the Club during the year, including the Cooma Rotary club, Monaro High School, the Salvation Army and the Snowy Monaro Regional Council. She also said she was proud to leave a legacy which will continue to flourish and grow under the incoming Board. In addition, she said that the community should be proud of the youth of the Cooma region.

