



**COMING MEETINGS**

24 July Further Family Anecdotes

31 July Darrell Gaukroger –International Conference

**Rotary Club of Cooma**

**Theme:**

**New Leadership Month**

**17 July**

**Short Family Anecdotes from Members**

**Meeting statistics:** 27 of 39 = 69%

**Attendance:**

**Visiting Rotarians:**

**Guests:**  
Mark Van Ommen (Margaret H)  
Jo Heise (Alan), Nima (Neil)

**Apologies:** Geoff, Brad, Nadine, Kevin, Sally

**Leave:**  
Mark C, David B

**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>	24th	Geoff
	31st	Richard H
<b>3 Minuter</b>	24th	John Cl
	31st	Wolfgang
<b>Intro</b>	24th	Marco
	31st	Darrell
<b>Thanks</b>	24th	Elaine M
	31st	Sue
<b>Markets</b>	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:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Peter D





## **Announcements**

### **Ashley**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> year ANU medical students will be undertaking their rural rotation in Cooma for a week, starting Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August. We will be hosting them at the club meeting on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August.

A note of thanks was received from the Cooma Hospital Auxiliary for our recent donation. These funds will be put towards the purchase of a pre-school language scale. This is an interactive play based assessment of language skills from birth to 7 years of age.

We received a note from Ken Dane's family, thanking the club members for the kind words and support following Ken's passing.

We also received a note from Margaret E wishing the new board all the best for a good year. She still enjoys reading the bulletin to keep in touch with what the club is doing in the community and internationally.

### **Neil**

At the last Dead Red event we showcased two bottles of Australian Cabernet Shiraz selected by H.G. Brown & Sons Pty. Ltd to commemorate the official opening of the Sydney Opera House by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. These bottles were donated by Pat Hain and are to be used as a fundraiser for the club. They may not be drinkable but they are collectable. Does anyone have any suggestions what the fundraising effort could look like?

### **Margaret H**

Village Ski Hire is collecting plastic bottle tops which will be recycled and used for the 3D printing of prosthetic hands. You can drop the tops off at Village Ski or bring them to meetings for Margaret to deliver to them.

### **Elaine S**

A rundown on how the Duck Race operates. The ducks are hired from the Adaminaby Easter Fair committee. They are washed and sorted into bags of 25 to correspond with ticket books. Prizes and donations are collected or organised by Rotary members. Posters and tickets are printed. Ticket sales start in early October at the supermarkets and in the Centennial Plaza. Over the past five years an average of 702 tickets have been sold at \$5 each, this has raised approximately \$3,513 after minimal costs. This means approximately \$17,565 has been raised and donated to the Community Chest, South Care Helicopter and the Learn to Swim Program.



## Mark JN

I received a text from Megan Anderson on behalf of Gracie, Mason and Renae from the Snowy Mountains Performing Arts Academy, who have been competing at the Kids Artistic Revue Competition in Anaheim, California. Mason came first in Singing in the Rain, Gracie earned two 1st's for her two solos, 1<sup>st</sup> overall in musical theatre and 6<sup>th</sup> overall in Lyrical. Renae came first in her solo. Gracie and Leah came first in the student/teacher duo. Mason won Title Dance and is National Champion Mr Petite, which is the biggest win you can get in the competition.



## Thought of the Week – John K

You can please some of the people some of the time but there is no way you will please all of the people all of the time.

## Special Presentation – Paul Harris Fellow to Elaine S

John K was pleased to present a Paul Harris Fellow to Elaine in recognition of many years of hard work for both the Cooma community and for Rotary. She joined Rotary in 2011, where she and John embarked on the installation of Viatalcalls for elderly members of the community. After this Elaine undertook other tasks including becoming Community Services Director in 2012, assisted at various events with catering, started the duck race in 2014, contributes market theme ideas, such as the teddy bears picnic, the pet parade, and this year hosted the International Women's Day afternoon tea. She also works in the community volunteering with senior citizens card games, old time dancing, the seniors club along with the community chest and the country music muster. Heartfelt congratulations from all the club members.



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

**Des** joined the police cadets at the age of 17, the cadet sergeant asked where do you come from. Des said Nimbin, the sergeant said no your family comes from Scotland. A family member travelled to Scotland and England and returned home with the Trute coat of arms and the information that one branch of the family used to be called Barnyard but dropped the 'y' when they got to Australia to become Barnard – the things you never knew about your relatives.

**Richard B** shares a birthday with his mother, Nina Mara who was born in 1917. Her father died young and his brother moved his mother and sister, Richard's mother, to Sydney where she completed her schooling during the depression. Her grades were so good she received a teaching scholarship which had to be deferred. Mother instead got a job with MCL insurance where she met his father. He was a PMG technician who had come in to fix her phone and liked the look of her. They were married in 1944. During the war years his father served in New Guinea and Borneo. When he got home he entered into a

number of ballots to get a Soldiers Settlement Grant, which he won and they moved to Buckenderra, which is how they came to be on the Monaro.



**Peter D** grew up in an old 23-room farmhouse, with the dining room in the centre which was only used for Christmas dinner, as it was too cold in winter and too hot in summer. In this room there was a cabinet which held a variety of items. One lot of items was some medals, these were his grandfather's. His dad said grandad was recommended for a Victoria Cross. Peter grew up, had children of his own, and thought he could make up better stories. It turns out the truth is better than fiction as Grandad was not recommended for a VC but he did receive every other award for bravery in the British Empire. Also it turns out Dave H's grandfather and Peter's grandfather both served in the same battalion at the battle of Fromelles. Happily both men came home.



**Jan** shared a story about her family. Where the Canberra road joins the Hume Highway a little bit south of Goulburn, there is a sign which says the Old Yarra Schoolhouse and her grandparents had a grocery shop opposite the school. They had three boys, two of which went to war and the other was a teacher, so was exempt. The boys went to St Pat's School in Goulbourn and her dad has a couple of anecdotes from his time there. The first was if you can't get any alcohol in town come to the school as the 'mad micks' will always have some. The other was, "Poor old Simmo he is no more, what he thought was H<sub>2</sub>O was H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>."

**Marco's** mum's dad was a character and quite cunning. Back in Italy he grew grapes and produced wine. When you make wine you have left over skin and pulp which he used to turn into grappa, even though he already had good wine. To make the grappa he would locate the town drunk, as in villages in Italy it was the drunk who always had a still. So to get to use the still he would make a deal with the drunk to go 50-50 with him in what they made. Now back in Italy at that time, there were very large fines if you were found to be making illegal alcohol. To get around this they would set the still up on church land or on council land, and if the authorities came along the still would be kicked over, the maker would hightail it out of there and not be caught.

