



COMING MEETINGS
 30 October – District Governor Peter Ford
 6 November – Combined Services Meeting
 13 November – Peter D/Des Trute – Nancy Wake, the White Mouse
 20 November – Vocational
 27 November - Damien Kenneally, retired SMEC director

Rotary Club of Cooma
Theme:
Economic and Community Development Month
Robert Barnes

Meeting statistics:
Attendance:
Visiting Rotarians:
Guests:
 Johanna, Rob Barnes, Yvi Henderson, Qayyum & Aria Faizi (Club), Roger (Jan), Helen (Geoff)
Apologies:
 Peter B, Brad, Alan, Hass, Dave H, Nadine, Richard H, Claire, Tony S
Leave:

Rosters for October 2019
Attendance Mark JN / Nadine
Property Wolfgang / Dugald
Fellowship Glenys / Elaine M
Thought 30 Oct Richard H
3 Minuter 30 Oct Peter D
Intro 30 Oct Sue
Thanks 30-Oct Neil

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Attendance Hass / Elaine M
Property Mark JN/ Brenda
Fellowship Dave H / Liz
Thought 6 Nov **Combined Services**
 13 Nov Brenda
 20 Nov Brad
 27 Nov Mark C
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 13 Nov Ashley
 20 Nov Jan
 27 Nov Kevin
Intro 6 Nov **Combined Services**
 13 Nov Katrin
 20 Nov Hass
 27 Nov Dave H
Thanks 6 Nov **Combined Services**
 13 Nov Richard H
 20 Nov Mark JN
 27 Nov John K
Markets Liz, Hass, Peter D, Des, Elaine S, Wolfgang
Towing Mark JN, Peter D, Neil B,
Coffee Van Mark JN,

For apologies or guests for upcoming meetings, please advise Hass hassall.m@bigpond.net.au, Ph 0413 309 596. Failure to advise of absence will incur a dinner cost.

Significant Dates: October
Birthdays:
 25th Wolfgang, 28th Hass
Date Joined Rotary:
 15th John Ch, 17th David B, 31st Claire



Ashley

On Friday 8th November, a Rotary Motor Cycle group will be in Cooma and meeting with members of the Cooma Car Club for dinner there. All Cooma Rotary members are invited, dinner cost \$20/person.

Keep an eye out for the Men’s Health Caravan in November.

The Cooma VIEW Clubs are hosting the Combined Services Dinner on Wednesday 6th November at the Ex-Services Club, 6.30 for 7pm. Cost \$30. Guest speaker is Geoff Stokes, head coach of the Australian Invictus Games team. **Contact Hass to make a booking.**



John K

Remember Saturday 2nd November Cooma Motorfest is on at the Cooma Showgrounds from 9am – 4.00pm. If you have volunteered to help out please be on time.

Elaine S

The Duck Race was once again very successful. We floated over 500 ducks in very little water. There were plenty of children in attendance. Thank you to all who helped and we raised \$2,901.05 before costs.



Terry

It was a nice clear day with good attendance by stallholders and visitors. There were 38 stalls including 6 charity/community groups, with the SES, the swimming pool and the council being special invitees to promote water safety. Funds raised totalled stalls \$792 , food van \$853 and coffee van \$435.

Katrin

Thanks to everyone who helped at the Snowy event. There was about \$1,100 raised from the day.

Dugald

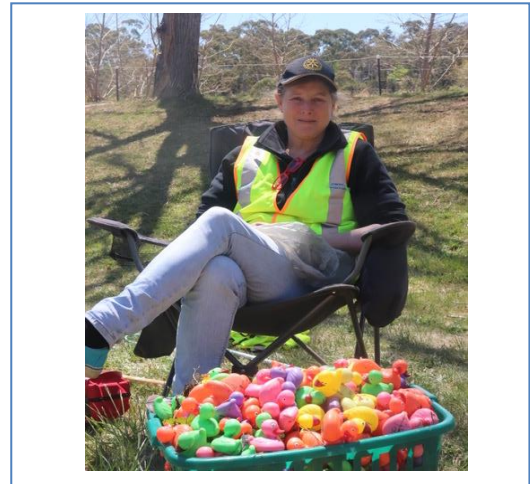
The Council is considering refurbishing the band shell in the Park. If you are interested, go to their web site for information.

Carlo

On Sunday 17th November, the Cooma Rotary High Country Markets will be hosting the 2nd Annual Cooma Roots and Blues Festival, from mid-morning until mid-afternoon. Performers are Stormcellar, Christina Crofts Band, PJ O’Brien’s Band and Dan Hanrahan’s Band. The food theme will be Southern American.



Rod Caldwell after his 300km flight around the Snowys, which he won as first prize in the Rotary duck race



3 Minuter – Peter D

A day in the life of an air attack supervisor. Peter is a volunteer with the Rural Fire Service and one of his jobs is to buzz around in a very fast aircraft organising aircraft during major bush fires.

A few weeks ago, he was asked to go to Richmond RAAF base in Sydney where he jumped into a twin engine aerocommander. They first went to Coffs Harbour to offload some passengers and then onto Tenterfield on the Queensland border where his job was to work with a 737 water bomber. Unfortunately they arrived just after a house had burnt down. The fire was still running hard and they put down a stripe of red retardant about 1km long along the line of the fire.

They returned to Coffs Harbour to reload and refuel and were then called back to Tenterfield and this time they saved a house. They encountered a problem in that by saving the house they dumped 15 tonnes of fire retarding chemicals on an organically certified property and also changed the colour of the roof. Peter had to fill out a 6 page report justifying the actions of the team.



3 Minuter – Yvi Henderson

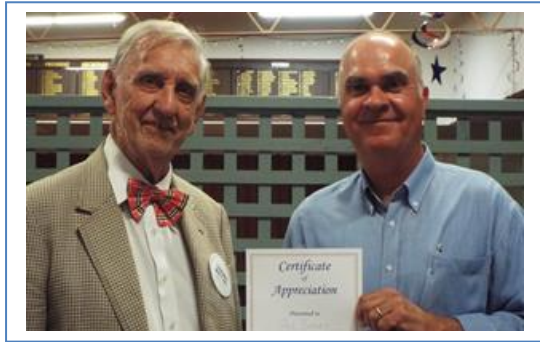
Yvi has been working with migrants & refugees for the last 13 years. Most of that work was as a volunteer. She is passionate to make sure that everyone can get a sense of belonging in our communities. She is a migrant herself and knows how difficult it sometimes is to fit in or have your professional qualification recognised or learn the language to be able to work in Australia.

After 9 months of working from her car, she has found a home again for the Cooma Multicultural Centre in Massie Street. The rent is not cheap and to offset some of those costs she would love to set up social enterprise where they can offer a place to learn, share and connect.

They have in mind a small multicultural teahouse where new arrivals can learn about hospitality skills, can share some of their craft and cooking knowledge and can meet with the wider community. To make this dream come true, they need funding to set up a small kitchen at their new home.

To help us make a difference and build a welcoming community for all please go to <https://startsomegood.com/magic-diversitea-connecting-cultures>

This fundraising model is “all-or-nothing”. This means donor pledges will not be processed unless they hit their fundraising target of \$20,000.00.



Guest Speaker – Robert Barnes

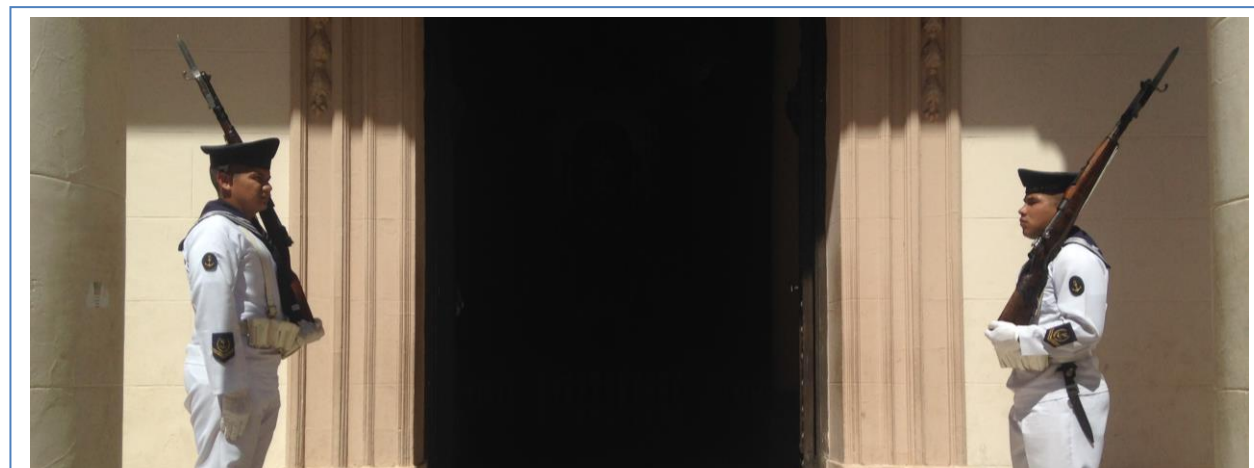
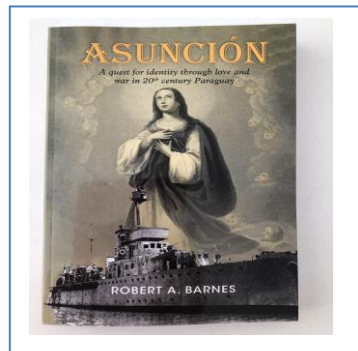
Robert decided to write a book as a personal project with the purpose of recording a story which had been in his mind for a while. Writing the book was a way to come to terms with a great experience that happened 30 years ago and to tell a story about a country he was introduced to by accident, through the mechanism of a love story. He was an exchange student in Argentina in 1982 and ended up in Paraguay because of the conflict between England and Argentina.

The story started in a little town and in the middle of the town was a war memorial. Having been in the military he has an interest in this type of site and likes to visit them, read the names and pay his respects. While he was reading the monument he noticed among the Spanish names was an English one, Douglas Gibson Kennedy and on another plaque were combined names like Enrique Jones.

These were the names of the first generation of Paraguay people who were of Australian descent, who had gone to fight in the Chaco War, between Paraguay and Bolivia. It was a war which had a great impact upon both countries with the war dead numbering more than 50,000.

These people were descended from a group of Australians who in 1890s were disillusioned following the Great Depression and the shearer's strike. These people, who were bible-believing teetotallers, decided to go to Paraguay to set-up a utopian society and make a better world, taking with them a number of shearers and wharf labourers. These people arrived at a time when 90% of the male population had been reduced due to another war and there were many single females. Robert had the opportunity to meet the son of one of the original settlers.

The book is called *Asunción* and is a story about a local heroine and an Australian hero, love, cultures and a gun boat from the Paraguay Navy. Yes, Paraguay is a landlocked country but has one of the biggest and strongest river navies in the world. The rivers needed to be protected because the county relied on them to communicate with the outside world. The boat is fictional but is based on two real boats, both of which are still in operation, one a museum/training ship.



Sailors guarding the tomb of the Unknown Soldier