



COMING MEETINGS
 6 November – Combined Services Meeting
 13 November – Peter D – Nancy Wake, the White Mouse
 20 November – Annual General Meeting
 27 November - Damien Kenneally, retired SMEC director
 3 December – Christmas Party with Bombala Rotary club at Nimmitabel

Rotary Club of Cooma
Theme:
Economic and Community Development Month
30 October – District Governor Peter Ford

Meeting statistics:
Attendance:
Visiting Rotarians:
Guests:
 Johanna, Peter Ford, Siobhan & Tanya West (Club), Roger (Jan), Helen (Geoff)
Apologies:
 Neil, Brad, Jeannette, John Cl, Peter D, Alan, Nadine, Sandra, Claire N
Leave:
 Darrell

Rosters for November 2019

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
3 Minuter	6 Nov Combined Services 13 Nov Ashley 20 Nov Jan 27 Nov Kevin
Intro	6 Nov Combined Services 13 Nov Des 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: November Birthdays:
 3rd Katrin, 8th Johanna, Ashley, 28th Peter D,
Date Joined Rotary:



Ashley

On the 5th and 6th November the Men’s Health Van will be in Cooma. It can be found in the Park, near the Visitors Centre. Come down and get your health checked; this will include blood pressure and glucose levels.

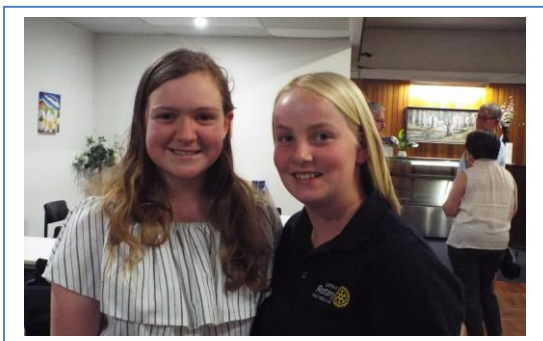
On Friday 8th November, a Rotary Motor Cycle group will be in Cooma and meeting with members of the Cooma Car Club for dinner at the Car Club. All Cooma Rotary members are invited. The start time for this event is 6pm and dinner will cost \$20/person. PLEASE NOTIFY HASS IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING ASAP.

Proceeds from this year’s Duck Race will assist more than 300 Cooma Primary School children learn to swim.



Siobhan

She is going to Italy in January 2020 for her Rotary Exchange Year. She shared the presentation she will give to her host club after she arrives.



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.



Guest Speaker – Peter Ford

Peter James Ford is the 9710 District Governor for 2019/20. He was born near Portsmouth, England in 1951. He is the son of a soldier and attended school at The Duke of York military boarding school in Kent. These boys were known as 'The Sons of the Brave'. He met his wife Judy in England when they were both undertaking teacher training. Judy is an Australian. They moved back to Australia where he applied to join the Officer Cadet Training School at Portsea. He graduated as a Second Lieutenant in the Australia Army. His main course of study was as an Ammunition Technical Officer meaning he dealt with ammunition, explosives and bomb disposal. He has a claim to fame of being a member of 12 different Rotary clubs, due to many moves.

Peter is currently on his road trip around District 9710 introducing himself to all the clubs. By the time he has finished he will have visited 45 clubs and some Rotaract clubs. He timed his visit to the Hall club to coincide with their 30th Anniversary celebrations where he met and chatted with our current Governor General, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd). Peter had previously met the Governor General at Government House as part of the Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards. He also had the privilege of presenting the Governor General with a Sapphire Paul Harris Award and a Paul Harris Award to Mrs Hurley.



This is the final year of District 9710 before the merger with District 9700 to form District 9705. All is going well but there will be a few changes. These include more than 80 clubs for incoming District Governor Michael Moore to visit and the Assistant Governor title is changing to Area Governors.

In January, Peter and Judy were in San Diego, California where Rotary International President, Mark Maloney spoke about this year's theme - Rotary Connects the World. Rotary is all about connection. When you join a club, you connect with the business leaders in your community. Rotary connects you and clubs and districts for service around the world. The whole basis of The Rotary Foundation is to connect Rotary clubs in one part of the world with Rotary clubs in another part of the world, typically Rotary clubs from a developed country with Rotary clubs in a developing country, to undertake a humanitarian service project. Rotary connects the world on a less formal basis internationally. "Rotary - the original social network."



Peter praised the Cooma Rotary club for their involvement in a wide range of activities including youth activities, the markets and Rotary Oval and encouraged the club to keep up the good work.

He spoke about the District Goals for this year which include:

- The Rotary Foundation – Rotary's own charity
- Club Development – all the things which mean a really health club
- Public Image – advocate all the things which Rotary does, not just fundraising
- Youth Programs – youth exchange, RYLA, RYPEN
- Community Service
- Friendship

He emphasised the need to attend Rotary led courses like the President Elect Training, District Training Assembly, Foundation Services or the Club Development Seminars. These are important occasions, where you might actually learn something new about Rotary.

His wife Judy, is the Chair of the Children's Emergency Medical Fund. This fund provides assistance to families of children with serious medical issues. There is money available, so if you know a family who might benefit from some assistance contact Judy (her contact details are in the Directory).

Judy also is a long-term volunteer with the St John's Care charities who operates out of Canberra but are able to assist anyone in the area who may be homeless, couch surfing or in other difficult situation. If you would like to help, you can donate food, emergency rations, money, or the club can invite someone to come and speak about the charity or you could volunteer.

Finally, Peter promoted the annual District Conference, On the Crest of a Wave, which is being held on the 6th – 8th March in Ulladulla. Keynote speakers include Sarah Brown from the Purple House, Dr Ross Walker, Dr Issy Whirling, Director of Qualitative Research, The White House Washington DC, and Mark Tedeschi AM QC. The special guest speaker at the Foundation Breakfast on the Sunday is Jessie Harman member of the Rotary Club of Wendouree Breakfast in Ballarat. Currently, she is Chair of the Membership Committee for Rotary International.

Bookings are now open through the website <https://conference.rotaryd9710.org.au/> There is an early bird rate for those who book early.

It is also worth noting that this is a long weekend for Canberra so it is suggested that you start booking accommodation as soon as possible. A wide range of accommodation choices can be found at www.shoalhaven.com/visitor-information