

Cooma Rotary Club Inc

Theme: Basic Education and Literacy

14 October 2020

Peter Bascomb: The Future for our Shire



ATTENDANCE: Guests: Bianca Padbury, Jeff Morgan, Fiona Corby, Carolyn Connor, Colin Mellor and Roger. Members: 33



BIRTHDAYS in October – Bob King, Wolfgang Best wishes!

This week's points of interest

Informing about your absences from general meetings:

If you are unable attend rotary meeting please phone or email Liz MARTYN by 4pm Monday evening so correct numbers can be given to caterers. Failure to inform Liz will mean that an invoice for the prepared meal will be sent to you. Our club cannot afford to keep paying for meals when caterers prepare them for people who decide either they are not coming **OR** that they do not want a meal that night.

If you are coming to Rotary and are choosing not to eat this too needs to be rung into Liz MARTYN by 4pm Monday. Please do not notify the Bowling club or the president.

Combine Services Dinner

CWA are organizing this this year for the 4th November, Wednesday. RSVP must be in by 21st October please email or phone Glenys Maddren 0408653038 so the correct number of Rotarians going can be sent to the CWA by no later than Tuesday 20th October.



Russell Fox – Lions Life Membership

Jeannette has suggested writing a letter of congratulations to Russell on the auspicious occasion of being awarded a life membership for Lions from the International Lions President.



Steve Barker from Indiana GSE 2007

On hearing of the passing of Rob Simms. Really sorry for the Cooma loss. He was a good man. I remember the breakfast mornings w Rob the most. Simple, rolled oats every morning. Routine but nourishing, healthy. Something to take note of as we age, and cholesterol levels rise. And I also remember when he sternly reminded about the supper club dress code. I tried wearing jeans as my only pair of khakis / dress

pants were air drying outside. Jeans didn't happen to say the least. Anyway, sending my best to Rob's family and his extended Rotarian fellows in Cooma.

The 5 cent Collection

From the 5-cent collection we have donated two over the bed tables to Yallambee Lodge. We thought this would be a good donation as there are times when Kevin goes to feed Maree or one of his friends goes to feed Maree and they can't get her proper table so we donated on the understanding that there will always be a table available when she is being fed. Thanks to everyone who has donated to the collection.



Rotary tour of the historic Brigidine Convent- St Pats building, Wednesday the 21st October, meet at 5.30 PM by the historic steps from Vale Street and the imposing front doors of the old convent

This is a rare opportunity to see behind the scenes of one of the most imposing and important buildings in the religious, educational and social history of Cooma and

the Monaro. We also have the great privilege of being guided by Hass who not only worked at St Pats for 39 years [more than two life sentences] plus 8 years as a relief teacher. For the past 30 years Hass organized ex-student reunions. Kevin will also provide assistance, he joined the staff in 1981 as the first assistant principal and in the late 80s became the principal.

Guest Speaker – Peter Bascomb



At the meeting this week Peter spoke about the vision for the Snowy Monaro region. He started with a bit of Local Government 101, then shared the Council's vision and the stages of the Organisational redesign and the leadership restructure and the key themes and deliverables for the 2021 financial year.

The Council consists of elected councillors who provide the policy framework, set strategies, monitor performance and consider the allocating of resources. A councillor cannot direct council staff to undertake any tasks, that is the job of the General Manager. The General Manager and the council staff implement the strategy and policy, ensure compliance, provide advice to council on strategies and report to council on activities and outcomes.

One of the visions of the Council is to become a trusted community partner. Work is currently being undertaken to achieve this. The organisation is also undergoing a redesign the first stage is the restructuring of the leadership team. The second stage is to introduce Australian Business Excellence Framework, the third stage is the consolidation of policy, ensuring there is an evidenced based decision-making system, undertake service reviews to see what is being provided and if it is being done in the best possible way, and finally ensuring long term financial viability of the council. Stage 4 is to do this all again and ensure we are getting better in performing as a council.

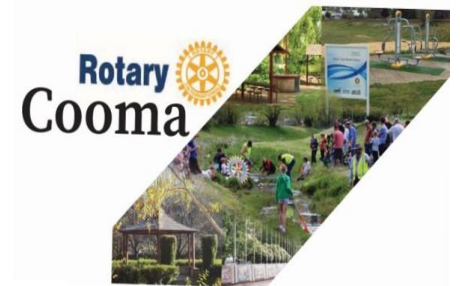
The leadership restructure sees the term General Manager changed to Chief Executive Officer who oversees five senior staff who have responsibility for six different areas. This will allow for the council to be better situated to work towards the goal of long-term financial viability. Part of this restructure includes the role of the Chief Communications Officer. A function of this role is to ensure better communication with the residents of the region so make sure there are no surprises for resident in the future.

Key deliverables for the 2021 Financial year include:

- Review Development Assessment and Building Certification customer service provision
- Upgrade bike path surface, install 5 additional seats and install 84 solar lights along Cooma Creek
- Bobeyan Road: sealing over three years
- Water meter replacement program
- Reviewing strategic waste options for region
- Detailed design Snowy Monaro Regional Council civic centre

Peter's personal goal for the evening was to have everyone attending to download Snap, Send, Solve app which allows the easy reporting of community issues.

ROSTERS	28 Oct	11 Nov
MEET & GREET	Neil	
FINES/DID YOU KNOW?	Mark C	
RAFFLE	Hass	
JIGGLE THE JOKER	Peter	
KEEPER OF THE PROPERTY	David	
KEEPER OF THE BANNERS	Jan	
TOLL COLLECTOR	Liz, Neil	
SERVICE	Terry, Alan	
VOTE OF THANKS		
PASTORAL CARE	Dugald	



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Coming Speakers:

28 Oct – Club Assembly (members only)



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