

Cooma Rotary Club Inc

Theme: Rotary Foundation Month

28 October 2020

Club Assembly



BIRTHDAYS in November – Katrin, Graham, Peter D Best wishes!

This week's points of interest

Plant Sale

There will be a Spring plant sale at St Andrews Uniting Church on Saturday 7 November from 9am. You can get additional information from Claire.

Hass Update

Best wishes to Hass not only for her birthday but also as she recovers from her surgery. She will be starting chemotherapy in the near future.

Vote of thanks

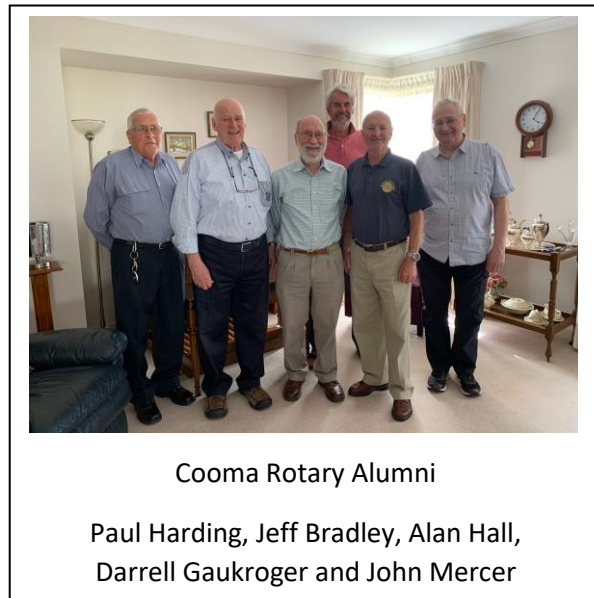
To Kevin Perry, locksmith for providing locks for the Rotary BBQ, which will all now open with the same key.

To Alan Hood, Prowater (Cooma Rural) for providing a new water pump for the Feed Van.

Visit to Brigidine Convent Cooma

On Wednesday 14 November, Hass conducted a tour of the Brigidine Convent, the place we now know as St Patricks school.

During a parish meeting on 23 July 1882, a committee was formed and became known as the Convent Building Committee. One thousand pounds was raised, and the building started using locally quarried stone. The building was completed in 1884.



Cooma Rotary Alumni

Paul Harding, Jeff Bradley, Alan Hall,
Darrell Gaukroger and John Mercer

Initially the Sisters of Charity were invited to come and occupy the premises, but their plans changed, and they went to Melbourne instead. In 1887, the first of the Brigidine Sisters arrived, coming from Ireland via Coonamble and the building itself was blessed by representative of Cardinal Moran in 1891. At first it was known as the Holy Cross Convent, then St Brigid's Convent and finally the Brigidine Convent. At one time there were 21 members of the order in residence. The last sisters left the building in 1986.

Originally the lowest floor housed the kitchen, the sister's dining room, the boarders dining room and the laundry. School was conducted on the first floor until a change in 1929 when the now Primary Department of St Patrick's was opened, it was named St Thomas' School. At that time there were two schools. School fees were the only means of income for the sisters. After the school in the convent closed, part of the area was converted into the convent chapel, which is now part of the Parish Centre.



Boarders were part of the school from at least 1914, their dormitory being the wing that is parallel and closest to Murray Street. The boarding facility was closed in the late 60s or early 70s. During WWII, many students were sent from Sydney to board in Cooma. At times it was quite cold and there were no electric blankets, but hot water bottles were used. Hot water was available through chip heaters and there were no flushing toilets but there was access to chamber pots.



Club Assembly

Community Service – Glenys Maddren

Goals/Projects

- Cemetery Pavilion - build gazebo at the current cemetery
- Wangie /Walgarra Park - Design a park on the corner of Wangie and Walgarra St East Cooma get locals and Council on board
- Seeds for Schools - Dugald Mitchel: Growing seeds at schools with pupils and gardener (Cooma North approached) distribute seeds for students to grow own vegetables at home
- Art Gala & Car Rally

Membership – John Clarke

Goals/Projects

RETENTION

Provide members with information on:

- the work of Rotary Foundation generally
- Rotary's Polio Eradication efforts
- Rotary Foundation contributions to district grants
- Rotary Foundation partnerships e.g. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation 2:1
- Rotary Foundation cost & charity ranking

RECRUITMENT

- our meetings need to be:
 - interesting and engaging
- our projects need to be relevant
- we need to be interested and engage with new members
 - if we are not interested in them how can we expect them to be interested in us
- we need to be proud advocates of Rotary



Foundation – John Clarke

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- Encourage members to contribute to Rotary Foundation half yearly/annually at the same time as subs are invoiced

New Generations – Mark John-Natley

Goals/Projects

- Earlyact - Develop club for primary school students at Cooma north Primary school
- Monaro high school Scholarship - Book scholarship for a year 12 student going on to further education. \$500 to \$1000 annually
- Youth exchange student interviews - Interview past exchange inbound and outbound students on how youth exchange affected their lives
- Garden project for primary Schools - Plant vegetable gardens within school grounds involving students

- Interact Club - Continue to grow club within the community
- Rotary Youth Exchange - Continue to support our outbound student Siobhan West and engage with her upon her return



Vocational – Bob Jesudas

Goals/Projects

- Pride of Workmanship Awards – possibly be presented at a market
- Business Awards/Business of the Month – promote local business at the markets
- Liaising with the Cooma Chamber of Commerce
- Vocation visits

Market/Public Image – Terry Maddren

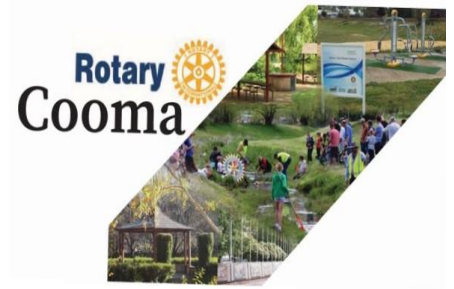
- Steve Shirvington is managing the Cooma Rotary public image via the Facebook page

Market Report

Approximately \$2,000 was raised at this month's market. There were 24 stalls, 2 of which were charity stalls. The pumpkin carving was a success. The Covid Safe Plan was implemented utilising sign-in sheets, QR codes and roving Covid Marshals.



ROSTERS	11 Nov	25 Nov
MEET & GREET	Wolfgang	
FINES/DID YOU KNOW?	Sandra	
RAFFLE	Katrin	
JIGGLE THE JOKER	Charlee	
KEEPER OF THE PROPERTY	Dave H	
KEEPER OF THE BANNERS	Elaine M	
TOLL COLLECTOR	Liz & Dugald	
SERVICE	Neil B & John Cl	
VOTE OF THANKS	Sally	
PASTORAL CARE	Tony B	



PLEASE ADVISE LIZ IF

YOU ARE APOLOGISING FOR NON-ATTENDANCE BY MONDAY EVENING BEFORE
THE COMING MEETING: 0401 174 666 or lizmartyn@bigpond.com

Someone has to pay for the meals ordered!!!

Coming Meetings:

4 November - Combined Service meeting

11 November -



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