

Cooma Rotary Club Inc

Theme: Maternal & Child Health Month

**7 April – Siobhan West
Her Youth Exchange Year**

Rotary



Coming Meetings and Social Events:

14 April – Social Evening, Cooma Ex-services Club

18 April – Market – Kids Day in the Park

21 April – TBA

28 April – Social Evening

5 May – Sandra Mortimer – What the funds from the Red Shield Appeal do in the community



BIRTHDAYS in April – 6th John Ch, 15th Des, 17th Geoff Best wishes

This week's points of interest

Guests – Siobhan and Tanya (Club), Chiara and Caitlin (Katrin), Nick (Peter B), Vivienne and Peter, and Jessica (Peter D), Roger (Jan P).

This week we remembered long time Cooma Rotary Club member Rob Simms. Along with his outstanding service to the Club, his generosity of spirit extended to continue to serve the club even after his passing. His daughter Vivienne, along with her husband Peter, joined our meeting this week. Vivienne spoke of her father with much love and shared how much Rotary meant to him. On behalf of Rob she presented the Club with a legacy which will



assist with future Cooma Rotary Club projects. She also said Rob had provided a gift to Australian Rotary Health.

A further highlight from this week's meeting was the induction of Trica Hopkins to the membership of the Cooma Rotary Club. Congratulations and welcome Trica.



Jan P – This week's social evening is on Wednesday 14 April 6.30pm at the Ex-services Club. Please respond by midday Monday 29 March ring 0429 707 792 or email jeanpayne24@yahoo.com.au

If you have any suggestions for upcoming venues, please let Jan know.

Mark JN – The Cooma Rotary Coffee van was taken to the Adamidaby Easter fair and raised over \$800 in profit. There was a small issue with the water filtration system for the coffee machine, but Seven Mile Coffee has stepped up and donated a new filter.



PLEASE ADVISE LIZ IF YOU ARE COMING TO THE MEETING AND WANT A MEAL, IF YOU ARE BRINGING A GUEST OR ARE APOLOGISING FOR NON-ATTENDANCE, BY MODAY EVENING BEFORE THE COMING MEETING: 0437 233 377

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Guest Speaker – Siobhan West

Siobhan was sponsored by the Cooma Rotary Club to go on Exchange to Italy in 2020. Her year was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, but this changed her year into a different exchange adventure.

She arrived in Italy on 18th January 2020 to be met by her first host family. She was very tired and looking forward to a shower but the first thing her host family did was take her out for pizza. She was located in Lecco, which is on the south-eastern shore of Lake Como and not too far away from Milan and Switzerland. When Siobhan arrived it was snowing, and she had only taken one jacket. Her host Mum was constantly handing her jackets before she went outside. One of the first activities they took her to do was skiing. Siobhan had told they family that she could ski, and they were very surprised when she showed them that she could. The snow was so soft which is very different to snow in Australia. She also went to many churches in the area.



Then the pandemic hit! Schooling was done online and you were only allowed to go outside for essential reasons. In mid-May, the lockdown finally finished and it was school holidays so she went to as many churches and galleries as possible. It was great because they had so few people in them. A highlight was being able to go to the Biblioteca in Milan which includes the Ambrosiana art gallery. Having the opportunity to see all the old artwork without fighting

hundreds of tourists was amazing. This was also the time when she got the bad news that she was going to be sent home to Australia.

After a bit of finagling, Siobhan was able to go to Switzerland and she spent some time with her Godfather. She did many touristy things, which again were great due to the lack of people around. Her take away was that Switzerland is wonderful but very expensive.

After about a month she was able to go to Germany to finish her exchange. A lovely host family was found and she had a host sister her own age. Her hometown was Gelesenkirchen which is in western Germany. The town had a local football (soccer) team called Schalke, which she decided to follow while she was there. She felt the team was not the greatest as they didn't win a single game while she was there (and to date they haven't won any games). She did some schooling in Germany with English being her favourite class.



Her German host Rotary Club were wonderful and ensured that she was able to go places including a boating tour and trips to other towns to meet up with other Rotary Exchange students. It ended up being a really amazing experience.

MEETING ROSTER

If your name appears on the roster and you are unable to be there please organize an alternative for your role

Tasks	21 April	5 May
Meet & Greet	Des Judy	Charlee Bob
Fines or Did You Know	Mark JN	John Ch
Wine Raffle	Jeanette	Mark JN
Jiggle the Joker	Janine	Nadine
Property	Dave H	Dave H
Banners	Hass	Hass
Toll Collector	Liz	Liz
Meal Service	Peter D Neil B	Sandra Peter D
Vote of Thanks	Charlee	Terry
Pastoral Care	Dugald	Elaine S

MARKET ROSTER

Tasks	18 April
Towing - Food Van - BBQ - Coffee Van	Terry Peter D Mark JN
BBQ Cooks	Kevin (from 10am) Peter B Bob
Food Order Taker	Dave H
Van Operators	Nadine Judy Peter D
Photographer & PR	Charlee
Meet & Greet	Glenys
COVID 19 "Policeman"	Terry
Coffee Van	Mark JN Kiara
Entertainment	Kid's Day

