

Cooma Rotary Club Inc

Theme: Rotary Fellowship Month

2 June – Progress Association Update



Coming Meetings and Social Events:

9 June – Social Evening – Pha's Thai Kitchen

12 – 16 June – Rotary International Virtual Conference

16 June – TBC

23 June – Social Evening

30 June – **Changeover Dinner** – partners and guests welcome

BIRTHDAYS in June – 6th Kevin, 8th Brian J, 14th Marco, 15th Sally, 16th Tricia – Best wishes



This week's points of interest

Guests – Malcolm Rose, Elizabeth Laugh (Club), Lindy Rose (Dugald)

Judy – This week's Wednesday Night social evening will be at the Pha's Thai Kitchen from 6.30pm at the new location behind the Lott Café in Soho Street. Let Judy know if you will be attending on 0401 174 666 or j_n_lucas@hotmail.com
If you have any suggestions for upcoming venues, please let Judy know.

Glenys – Introduced the concept of having an EarlyAct group at the Cooma North Primary school for students in Year 4 to Year 6. They learn about running a meeting, caring for their community, respect, empathy, tolerance, compassion, friendship and leadership. The group raises money for local and international projects through their own initiatives with support from teachers and Cooma Rotary. It is anticipated the group will begin at the start of Term 3. The principle and teachers are excited about this project as they see it as a way to change the culture of the school. It will be on trial for the next 4 years. Mark JN is the contact point for this group with support from a couple of other Rotarians who will help with meetings.



Cooma North P.S. have asked if there are any Rotarians who would be interesting in assisting children with reading. A Working with Children number is essential.

Nadine – Cooma Rotary Club now have an Instagram page search cooma.rotary

Sandra – If anyone is interested in attending the Rotary International Conference next weekend let her know as they will be tuning in at their home.

In relation to the Red Shield Appeal thank you to all those who volunteered at the local collection tables and to anyone who donated.



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Guest Speakers – Cooma and Monaro Progress Association

Dugald Mitchell, Richard Hopkins, Malcolm Rose, Nadine Holland, Elizabeth Laugh

The Cooma Monaro Progress Association came into being about 20 years ago, over this time the group has undergone a number of name changes. Major issues of interest to the group at this time include the Canberra to Eden railway, the Cooma Bypass, Aged Care, affordable housing, the development of the former SMEC site and the NBN. Some of these issues will be discussed tonight. A Concept Plan for Canberra to Eden Railway was written in June 2018 by engineer and economist



Edwin Michell. It was straightforward engineering to plan a connection from Canberra Airport to the existing disused railway alongside Hume ACT; and to plan improvements to the existing disused line from Hume to Bombala and from the Monaro near Bombala to Eden. The design speeds were 160 kilometres per hour for tilting passenger trains and, for freight trains: 115 kilometres per hour maximum, slowing to 40 kilometres per hour on steeper gradients.

A feasibility study was carried out, in 2019 and the executive summary of the report was released in September 2020. It found that the project is not viable from a benefit-to-cost ratio perspective, claiming that there would be little, if any, return on investment.

A subsequent Review of this finding by CMPA was sent in submission to the NSW Government in March 2021. The *Review* contains four independent additional reviews by economic, engineering and rail specialists that, when combined, provide supporting evidence regarding CMPA's concerns. The Review can be viewed on the websites of the National Library www.nla.gov.au and CMPA www.coomansw.com.au. In May 2021, Edwin Michell, who had read the underlying feasibility report in the same period as had CMPA members and other nominees, published his own reviews at www.hotrails.net.

The aged care project is complex as it involves a changing age demographic which requires different needs. There are also funding and staffing issues. An important change will be viable structures relating to at-home care and full residential care for rural and regional areas as a one-size-fits-all approach may not be the best option. The recognition of family and volunteer carers needs to be elevated, especially in country areas. One of the aims is to develop good social outcomes and infrastructure. CMPA is supporting the Sir

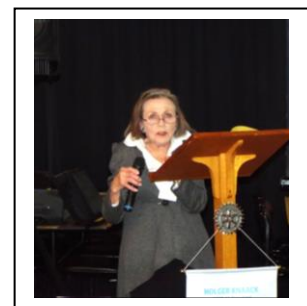


William Hudson Memorial Centre charities efforts with future solutions to meet care provisions in emerging needs areas. These include facility accreditation, needs analysis and facility requirements, including retaining, upgrading, designing, and siting of new additional capacity around the shire.

There is the opportunity to explore some aged care learning opportunities. The questions to consider in this area are, how can Cooma build its own aged care workforce, how does Cooma

become a desired learning location for future aged care workers and how do we make aged care sexy. It has been recognised that learning needs to start young. An example of this was the iview program 'Old people's homes for 4 year olds'. Other options are early high school career planning and vocational training options, industry traineeships and undergraduate university options. There should also be options for older people who want a career change. A further option could be collegiate approach through workplace sponsored cadetships which utilises on-the-job training along with TAFE or University studies.

At the end of 2016 SMEC closed its facility at Cooma but wished to leave a legacy in the region. The SMEC technical working group was formed with the aim of investigating the possibility of the fluid's laboratory being made into a space available for the community or other ways this iconic building could be put to good use to benefit the community. As with many projects it has moved forward and then backwards but now a draft business case and draft



constitution for the Hydro One Heritage Centre is now with the CEO of SMEC Australia and New Zealand. It is envisaged that the Hydro One Heritage Centre will become an Engineering Hall of Fame displaying equipment used in the research laboratories. Other plans include the development of an interpretation trail to assist in the understanding of the indigenous history of the area along with the geological history, natural history, early settlement within the European context, engineering

developments and role of the laboratory in the development of the original Snowy Mountains Scheme.

MEETING ROSTER

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

Tasks	16 June	30 June
Meet & Greet	Kevin	Kevin
Fines or Did You Know	Charlee (3 Minuter)	
Wine Raffle	Peter D	Peter D
Jiggle the Joker	Liz	Liz
Property	Dave H	Dave H
Banners	Dugald	Dugald
Toll Collector	Janine	Janine
Meal Service	Mark JN	Mark JN
Vote of Thanks		
Pastoral Care	Elaine M	

MARKET ROSTER

Tasks	20 June
Towing - Food Van - BBQ - Coffee Van	Terry Peter D Mark JN
BBQ Cooks	Peter D Neil B Ash
Food Order Taker	Dave H
Van Operators	Katrin Sally Judy
Photographer & PR	Nadine
Meet & Greet	Glenys
COVID 19 "Policeman"	Glenys
Coffee Van	Mark JN John Ch
Entertainment	