



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Cooma Rotary Club Inc

Theme: Community and Economic Development Month

**29 September – Chartering of the Cooma Nth Public School EarlyAct Club
Dean Lynch – Snowy 2.0 update**

Coming Meetings and Social Events:

6 October – Zoom meeting due to COVID lockdown

13 October – Breakfast meeting

17 October – High Country Markets featuring the Annual Duck Race

20 October – Social Dinner

27 October - TBA

BIRTHDAYS in September – 5th Alan Dodd, 7th Jan Payne, 19th Clair Neumeyer – Best wishes

Guests: Adrian (Tricia), Roger (Jan), Sami Brooks, Charlton King, Natalie White, Kurik Nelson Dorahy, Lachlan, Jo, teachers and parents (Club), Chris and Gemma

Highlights of the Week:

This week saw the chartering of the Cooma North Public School Early Act Club. This club is the first in NSW. By becoming part of the Rotary Family, the EarlyAct Board, on behalf of their members, have agreed to uphold the values and responsibilities which come with being a Rotary Club. They understand their role is to work towards the betterment of their school, their community and the world. This will be done with the support of their Principal Jo Tozer, teachers Paul Schultz, Natalie Condolar

and Susanne O'Brien and Rotarians Mark John-Natley, Sandra Mortimer and Tony Barford.



Peter D

The International Services Committee sent \$200 to a small school in the middle of Papua New Guinea. This will help students get books and stationery.

Glenys

Duck race tickets are available. The money raised will go to support swimming lessons for local school children.

Tickets can be purchased online

<https://kaigi.eventsair.com/cooma.../ducks/Site/Register>



Guest Speaker – Dean Lynch – Snowy 2.0 update

At this point in time the project is up to digging a 27 km tunnel between the two major storage points of Tantangara dam and Talbingo reservoir. This tunnel is going to house a power station about 1km underground.

Currently there are approximately 1200 workers up in the mountains with about 450 living on-site and more will be living on-site once the accommodation is completed. There are 3 tunnel boring machines to do the tunnelling work, only 1 is in operation at the moment. This machine



is about 400 metres into the ground at the moment with the other 2 presently being assembled.

An interesting fact about the tunnel boring machines is that they have to be named after ladies. This originated in the 1500s, the miners of the day had a shrine to Saint Barbara, the patron saint of explosions, in their mines. These new machines are called Lady Eileen Hudson who was the wife of Sir William Hudson, Kirsten Banks, an Indigenous astrophysicist and science communicator and Florence McKenzie who was Australia's first electrical engineer.

In Cooma, the Polo Flat segment factory is producing the concrete segments which will line the tunnels. The factory is operating 24 hours a day and 50% of that workforce are Cooma locals. There are also 7 young high school students taking part in an initiative which gives them hands-on experience working on the project. This includes one day at TAFE and one day at the work, along with their usual schooling. Lockdown has provided an opportunity for them to undertake some full-time work at the plant earning money and gaining experience. The plant also provides an opportunity to become an apprentice. There are currently 50 apprentices and trainees on the project, with the oldest apprentice being 60 years old.

The Duel Ridge accommodation in Cooma, will have 127 beds for employees, which will hopefully be finished by Christmas.

Career opportunities are listed on the website

<https://www.snowyhydro.com.au/careers/>.

PLEASE ADVISE JANINE BY **TUESDAY 1PM BEFORE THE MEETING
IF YOU ARE A MEETING APOLOGY OR IF YOU ARE BRINGING A GUEST:
0401 164 280 or janffa@bigpond.com**



MEETING ROSTER

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

| Tasks | 13 October Breakfast Meeting | 27 October |
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| Meet & Greet | Glenys | Babu |
| Fines or Did You Know | | Peter D |
| Wine Raffle | | Liz |
| Jiggle the Joker | | Sally |
| Property | | Dave H |
| Banners | | |
| Toll Collector | Janine | Janine |
| Meal Service | | Mark |
| Vote of Thanks | | |
| Pastoral Care | | Dugald |

Market Roster 17 October 2021

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| Vans & BBQ towing | Terry Tony Barford Mark JN |
| Snag Experts | |
| Van Operators | |
| Photographer/PR | Nadine |
| COVID 19 policeman/Meet and greet | Nadine |
| Coffee Van | Mark JN |