



# Rotary Club of Cooma

Meeting - 21 August 2013



## CLUB ASSEMBLY

### Reports by Board Members:-

#### **Katrin Hackney - Secretary**

*Membership fees* of Cooma Rotary Club are \$265 pa (not \$165 as was reported in the last Bulletin) and are now due. For direct deposits into the General Account, in the name of Rotary Club of Cooma Inc:-  
BSB 062 523      Acc No. 0090 5107      **DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME** so that Marco knows it's you who has paid.

*Service Hours* - Please remember to let your Director, or the secretary, know if you have engaged in any club service so that we can add it to our Service Hours register.



#### **Peter Davis - Club Service Director**

*Thank you* to Robbyn Crooks for the donation of a box and a half of wine for our raffles.

*A new venue* for our meetings is being investigated. Cooma Bowling Club is the probable destination.

#### **Elaine Schofield - Community Service Director**

Claire Neumeyer is organising a *Hat Parade for Melbourne Cup Day* with hats owned by the Governor General to be paraded.

Claire is also organising a *Light Up Cooma with Christmas Lights* display with prizes to be won.



## Other Announcements by Members:-

**Margaret Echarri** - Dave Libauer has been in hospital and is not well. Phone calls and cards to cheer him up are welcome. If you would like to visit, phone first and keep your visits short.

During the Club's visit to the Cooma Correctional Centre, it was stated that foreign language books are needed. Can you help with donations of books in Serbian, Italian, Spanish, Greek, French, Chinese, Mandarin. Margaret is happy to organise delivery.

**John Clarke** - Janet Douglas was an exchange student 37 years in Japan in 1976. Following her year there the Yamaga Student Exchange with Monaro High School began and is still continuing. Her stepfather, David Holgate, received an email from her recently regarding these exchanges. Janet mentioned that her experiences as an exchange continues to shape her life and she is very grateful to Rotary for this.



**Alyson Hulley-Jeffries** - gave updates on exchange students with whom she has contact on Facebook:- Marte Disse from Germany was here in 1990 and is now a teacher. Carsten Wulf from Norway has his own internet company, is a Taekwondo champion and has three sons.

**Mark John-Natley** - reported a profit of \$ 1228 for Sunday's markets and expressed his appreciation for the work done by David Holgate in organising it all.

Mark also expressed his thanks to club members for their sympathy and best wishes following the recent passing of Jan's brother.

## Potential Project - Collecting furniture and goods for homeless people

**John Clarke** - The Hub helps homeless people and is often in need of furniture, kitchen equipment and goods to assist these people to settle into accommodation. John often deals with deceased estates where a large amount of these goods are just thrown out. After discussion with Cathy Guion, John suggests that we organise delivery to the Hub where these goods can be stored until needed.



David H and Wolfgang have offered to assist with transportation. David B asked how all members can be involved. Ken stated that an inmate at the Cooma Correctional Centre is training in upholstery and may be able to assist with improving donated furniture. Alyson suggested putting together kits / boxes of kitchen goods, etc so that they are ready at a moment's notice. Geoff suggested that homeless people should be assisted with their resumes.

## Membership and Rural /Urban Nights

John C stated that membership is one of our main issues as we are all getting older and will, in ten years time, have difficulties in performing our duties. David H feels our club needs to be more attractive to potential members. Mark J-N asks why we don't advertise and encourage community members to approach Rotarians if they are interested in becoming members.



The Rural / Urban nights need to be re-invigorated according to Tony. David H thinks they are worthwhile as they connect our club with the rural community. Ken would like us to have meetings in our villages and to sell ourselves to these communities. Elaine S felt that travel may be an issue for



out of town people becoming members. Dugald stated that it is important to take Rotary into the region and that this can be achieved with Rural /Urban and Urban / Urban nights.



### **Presidential Allowance**

Geoff asked that the board consider an allowance for Presidents and Past Presidents. This has been discussed at length by the board and a decision was made that the Incoming President will receive assistance to attend the compulsory President Elect training. If the president requires money for any other project or activity, he or she can include it in their budget at the beginning of their year and / or apply to the board in the same manner as other director.



### **Strategic Planning**

John C would like President Hass to form a committee to review our existing Strategic Plan and to discuss and decide our future direction. With presidents only having one year for their projects, John feels it is important to plan more strategically and decide on our future vision.

### **Thought of the Week - Marco**

Unfortunately neither Hass or I wrote down the exact words but it went something like this.....

*"It's better to buy old masters because old mistresses aren't as cheap and much harder to buy."*



### **For 28 August Meeting**



**Program - Simon Allen; Cooma Monaro Arts Council**

**Introduction - Des Trute**

**Thank you - Joe Vescio**

**Attendance - Claire and Ken**

**Property - Patrick and Geoff**

**Three Minuter - Rob Simms**

**Thought of the Week - Brian Jeffries**

## PROGRAM FOR NEXT WEEK:-

**4 September** - John Gill; Community Radio

## ROSTER FOR SEPTEMBER!

*If you cannot do your roster, please remember to swap with someone*

Attendance	Property	Markets	Fellowship
Dugald M	Peter D	John K - co-ord.	Margaret E
Kevin D	Graham F	Alyson H-J - PA	Claire N
		David H - res	
		Neil B	
		Joe V	
		Les S	
		Tony S	
		Rob S	

Date	3 Minuter	Thought of the Week	Introduce Guest Speaker	Thank Guest Speaker
<b>04-Sep</b>	Elaine M	Elaine S		John V
<b>11-Sep</b>	Claire N	Tony S		Peter A
<b>18-Sep</b>	Ken P	Les S		Tom B
<b>25-Sep</b>	Marco R	Des T		Geoff B

To apologies or to book in guests for our dinner meetings, contact Les Sutcliffe no later than 10am on the Tuesday before the meeting. Phone - 6452 7442 Email - leecooma@bigpond.com

