



Engage Rotary - Change Lives

Guest Speaker - John Gill - Cooma Community Radio

Intro: Mark J-N

Thanks: Brian J

Our guest speaker with week was John Gill from 2MNO, Monaro Community FM radio. Monaro Community Radio (MCR) was formed through a perceived need by a group of residents who wished for alternative radio entertainment compared to that presented by the mainstream. The purpose of the station is to have MCR recognised as a premier Community Radio Station in country NSW which is seen as assisting in the cultural, economic and social developments of the Monaro and Snowy Mountains region. The aim is the operation of a sustainable broadcasting service that provides the local community and visitors with entertainment and information, our members with recreational and learning opportunities and our sponsors with value for money. Their business structure is similar to many other associations in that they have a corporate structure with a full executive who are elected from membership at the AGM. The main sub-committees are production, programming, fundraising and sponsorship.

In 1996 the station was located in a ex-chook shed in the backyard of a home in Nimmitabel and 10 years later moved to Cooma to the old Express Building in Bombala St and they are now located in Commissioner St. There have 4 transmitters which are located at Bombala, Nimmitabel, Cooma and Jindabyne and the broadcast area extends to some areas of the coast and parts of Bega but the main coverage areas are Bombala, Delegate, Nimmitabel, Cooma, Jindabyne and Adaminaby.

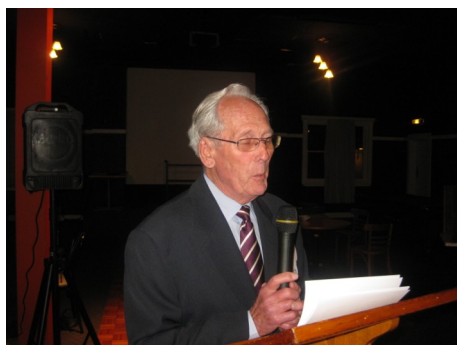
They are a not for profit organisation and survive by virtue of a very small but strong group of volunteers who work tirelessly to raise funds. Their fundraising methods are raffles, fairy floss, pop corn and iced slushie drinks at markets, fairs and shows around the region. There are 23 volunteer presenters, who have been taught and trained in broadcasting this includes 5 people from Workability and Challenge. There are always opportunities for new presenters to be welcomed and trained. Volunteers present their programs at various times throughout the week using their own music and creating their own programs. There is also an extensive library of CD's available for use also.

MCR currently has over 50 members, there are regular monthly meetings to discuss the business plan and current events that may need attention, these meetings are always followed by a cuppa and a chat.

John invited everyone to tune in to listen to the programs as there is something for everyone ranging from Jazz to Country, Popular to Classical and also local news.



Brian J & John



John



Claire N & John

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Engage Rotary - Change Lives**Rotary Theme of the Month - New Generations****This Week's News**

This year the District Conference is being held in Merimbula/Pambula from Friday 11th to Sunday 13th October - all are welcome to attend Pres Hass has a variety of information if you are interested in attending or further information is at www.rotaryd9710.org.au - you will have a Whale of a Time.

Dr Rob Wiles has sent a thank you letter expressing his appreciation of the support given to the recent visiting ANU medical students.

The current Cooma Little Theatre Production "Mixed Massages" is on 13th and 14th September at 8pm tickets available at the visitors centre.

Pres Hass has information on the Police Officer of the Year Award. Local clubs are being encouraged to nominate a local police officer to be considered at State level for this Award.

Ashley C said there are 2 candidates for RYPEN in September, one from Monaro High and one from St Pat's. He is desperately looking for someone who can collect them from Mogo on Sunday 15th.

The 2nd Annual Busking Competition will be held in Cooma on 2nd and 3rd November, details available from Allen Spencer at the Cooma Music Shop.

There was a discussions regarding moving to a new venue, all members present were encouraged to put forward their thoughts. Steve and Lisa are leaving Dodd's and moving to the Cooma Bowling in the near future which will require Rotary moving too. The board offered the option of moving to the Bowling club. The membership were also informed of the probable demise of the bar as it has been operating illegally for a number of years. This change will mean a slight increase in costs for members. A decision will be provided in due course.

Photo Gallery**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Elaine S**

**Never be afraid to try something new - remember amateurs built the ark
and professionals built the Titanic.**

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**WE MEET WEDNESDAYS 6.00PM FOR 6.30PM
AT DODDS HOTEL, COMMISSIONER ST. COOMA**

3 Minuter

The 3 Minuter this week was presented by Claire N and reflected on obtaining work.

In 1954 she got her first job through the Nun's at her school in Brisbane. She had an interview, got the job and started the following week. They were a Catholic firm and sent her to church at the cathedral behind the office every Friday. At the time she thought there must be more to life than working as a shorthand typist in a Queen St legal office. Her mother said to her 'a rolling stone gathers no moss' and to this day she disagrees. Claire left the law firm and went on to work in Darwin, Alice Springs, Mt Isa, Pt Moresby, Cairns, Sydney and after hitching a ride in a VW across the Nullarbor, Perth. All these jobs were obtained by a phone call followed by an interview, back in the day before resume's and applications in which you had to address selection criteria.

1985 saw her arrive in Cooma to a newly built house. She was devastated when she could not find any employment here so she had to look further afield to Canberra. She gained work in the typing pool at Defence, where she was adopted as "Mother Hen" by all the much younger female staff.

Commuting proved too much so she rented a caravan in a backyard during the week, returning to Cooma for the weekends. Eventually she gained a position at the Commonwealth Employment Agency as an employment officer and was later promoted to manager, where she enjoyed the last 10 years of her working life. This was the start of the era of submitting written applications and addressing selection criteria. She remembers how disappointed the job seekers were when they did not get an interview or at times even an acknowledgement of their application. She recalls offering comfort to many of them.

These varied places of employment bought some amazing adventures like swimming in the Daly River, finding out later crocodiles had been sighted there, shooting buffalo in Humpty Doo Park, visiting an Aboriginal mission island, assisting the Red Cross in PNG packing goods after a disaster, booking in fatigued American soldiers for their R & R and working underground in Mt Isa for a mine superintendant. The work in the hotel/motel industry allowed her encounters with the likes of Lib-erace, Johnny Farnham, The Ink Spots and the now ill famed Rolf Harris.

This Weeks Attendance: 70%

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: Rebecca , John & Carol Gill (Club)

Apologies: Neil B, John C, Kevin D, John K, Richard L.

Leave: Darrell G, Jim H, Dave L, Peter A, John V, John M.

We Also Missed: Ashley C, Brenda C-B, Ken P. **Make-ups:** None

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ROSTERS	September	October
Attendance	Dugald M Kevin D	
Property	Peter D Graham F	
Fellowship	Margaret E Claire N	Margaret E Claire N
Markets	John K- Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Dave H - Res Neil B Joe V Les S Tony S Robb S	John K - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA

SOME SIMPLE RULES ABOUT ROSTERS

GENERAL Members rostered on and not able to attend are to make arrangements with another member to take their place.

MARKETS

Those nominated to tow the caravan or chuck wagon are to be at the Rotary shed no later than 7am. Ensure you get the key to the shed from John King PRIOR TO THE EVENT so the equipment can be set up early. If you are unable to tow the van or chuck wagon PLEASE ASK SOMEONE WHO CAN, or advise Mark John-Natley before the event. Others nominated should be at the park by 8.30am.

Upcoming Program	Three Minuter	Thought of the Week
Guest Speaker: 11 Sept - Lucy Nesci - Feast of Poetry	11 Sept - Elaine M	11 Sept - Tony S
Intro: Katrin H	18 Sept - Marco R	18 Sept - Les S
Thanks: Peter A	25 Sept -	25 Sept - Des T

Upcoming Guest Speakers - 18 Sept - Oliver Cay - Farming on the Monaro Now & Into the Future
- 25 Sept - Maureen Manning - District Governor

MEMBER HAPPENINGS

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	JOINING DATE
Alan D - 5 Sept Claire N - 19 Sept Darrell G - 25 Sept Helen spouse of Graham - 2 Sept	John & Rosie K - 12 Sept Alan & Catherine D - 26 Sept	Katrin H - 13 Sept

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