



# Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

## Meeting – 7 May 2014

### Club Assembly



Items discussed include:

**Elaine S:**

Asked for ideas on local projects which Cooma Rotary could be involved with to spend money. This could be a small project now, to a much larger project in the future. Our main local project at the moment is the MEIS – Monaro Early Intervention Service. Our main income is from the monthly Markets. I wonder if someone, family/friends or neighbours, has an idea on other money making events which we could run to gain extra income for our Club. In September, I'm organizing a Rubber Duck Race in the Cooma Creek, with profit this year going to The Community Chest. If this is successful, it may become an annual event with money going towards a Rotary project. We need prizes of money, goods and/or services for this event. Maybe this is a way of promoting your business through a Rotary event. Please let me know asap if you can assist. Years ago, Cooma used to have a week of celebrations called "The Festival of the Snows." A couple recently asked if we could reinvent the Festival. Does anyone have any ideas of how we could do this.

**Richard L:**

The Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary International. This year Cooma Rotary has contributed \$2,340.00 to the Polio Plus program which is our current charity of choice. The Cooma Foundation has 2 Centurion members, these people donate more than \$100/year and 8 sustaining members who donate up to \$99.99/year. These donations are tax deductible, you might want to consider this form of donation rather than weekly donations.

**John K:**

The monthly market is still our major fundraiser and so far this year approximately \$8,500 nett profits has been given to the club.

The markets are changing and we need more volunteers on market day to cover the food van and bbq and people need to be there before 8am to ensure we are fully set up and ready to go. If you can't make your rostered time please organise for someone to fill in for you.

**Tracy A:**

Has information on how to get things in the media, what types of things they are interested in. She also defined a news story as "something that is unbiased, interesting and has a photo opportunity" and promotions paid or unpaid as something that promotes Rotary as an organisation.

**Dugald:**

In the last 2 years we have only attracted 2 new members. We currently have 37 active members previously the club has had a high of 56 active members. Rotary International is active about getting new members and have suggested ideas such as corporate, associate or flexible memberships. Options we need to consider include changing the way people come to Rotary, creating a taskforce to consider all ideas, looking at clubs who have made changes and increased membership. The main thing is we need everybody involved to promote Rotary as an option for community service.

**John C:**

The number of those clubs have a slightly different format to their meetings and in particular can I suggest consideration of the following:

**Directors Reports**

At each (you may choose to do it less frequently particularly for directors that do not have any current project) meeting each director gives a very short report about the activities they are responsible for.

**Guest Speaker**

Follows immediately after the President and directors have given the reports. In other words this would be occurring before the meal is completed. This allows more time for questions and for members to engage with the speaker.

**Fine Session**

This takes place at the end of the meeting. This means that if the meeting has gone on too long then the fine session will be shorter than usual.

**Time for ending of meeting**

Many clubs are not overly concerned about the time for ending and allow greater flexibility depending on the guest speaker and interest of members.

## Rotary Theme of the Month: International Convention Month

### Projects being supported by Cooma Rotary include:

- End Polio Now      - ROMAC      - Shelter Box      - Monaro Early Intervention Service (MEIS)
- New public seating in Cooma    - More trees at Rotary Oval      - Outdoor workout equipment
- Rotary Youth Exchange Program



May Rosters	
<b>Attendance</b>	Dugald M
	Ken D
<b>Property</b>	Des T
	Claire N
<b>Fellowship</b>	Margaret E
	Claire N
<b>Market</b>	John K - Co-ord
	David B - BBQ
	Jim H
	Dave H
	Patrick K
	Margaret E
	Tracey A
	Joe V
<b>3 Minute Talk</b>	
<b>14 May</b>	Neil B
<b>21 May</b>	David B
<b>28 May</b>	Joe V
<b>Thought of the week</b>	
<b>14 May</b>	Kevin D
<b>21 May</b>	Margaret E
<b>28 May</b>	Graham F
<b>Introduction</b>	
<b>14 May</b>	Les S
<b>21 May</b>	Marco R
<b>28 May</b>	Rob S
<b>Thank you</b>	
<b>14 May</b>	John K
<b>21 May</b>	Patrick K
<b>28 May</b>	Wolfgang

Upcoming Speakers
<b>14th May</b> - Judy Ford District Membership Committee
<b>21st May</b> - Craig Chilcott About Monbeef

## MEMBER HAPPENINGS May

### BIRTHDAYS

John K - 7 May

Alyson HJ - 19 May

Hans N spouse of Claire 1 May

### JOINING DATE

Peter A - 12 May

Margaret E - 24 May

Les S - 26 May

### ANNIVERSARIES

John & Sonja V - 12 May

Patrick & Joo Siew K - 15 May

**This Weeks Attendance: 78%**

**Visiting Rotarians:**

**Guests:**

**Apologies:** Tom B, John C, Patrick K, Elaine M.

**Leave:** Peter D, John V, Alyson HJ

**Make-ups:**

**We Also Missed:**

**The contact for making apologies and for notifications of guests for dinner meetings is  
Les Sutcliffe on 6452 7442 during business hours or e-mail leecooma@bigpond.com**