



# Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

*Rotary Theme:*

*Rotary Fellowships*

**Meeting – 10 June 2015**

**Guest Speaker – Edward Thomas**

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## JUNE ROSTER

ATTENDANCE	Darrell, Tom S
PROPERTY	David H, Dugald
FELLOWSHIP	Danielle, Meg, Tony, John Clarke
MARKETS 21/6	John K, John Chapman, Alyson, Neil B, Katrin, Neil M, Brian, Meg
THREE MINUTER	3/6 Helen 10/6 Mark C 17/6 Kevin 24/6 Brian
INTRO	3/6 Tom S 10/6 Mark L 17/6 Brad 24/6 Graham
THANKS	3/6 John Clarke 10/6 Anne 17/6 Jim 24/6 Allan
SGT/THOUGHT	3/6 Mark JN 10/6 John Chapman 17/6 Marco 24/6 Joe

**MEETING STATISTICS:** Attendance – 59%  
Visitors – Tina Mayhew (Danielle), Edward Thomas (club), Joanne Thomas and Betty Small (Edward), Vivienne (Rob)  
Apologies – Geoff and Helen, John Cl, Brad, Anne, Kevin, Hass, John K, Mark L, Tom S, Allan S, Alyson, Ash  
Leave: Neil, Brenda, Joe

**NEXT MEETING:** 17 June: Stuart Burge, Project Manager for the refurbishment of Cooma Little Theatre



### THREE MINUTER – Mark Cooper

Mark spoke about a motorbike trip which was intended to get him down to Tuross Heads via Countegany and fire trails so that he could have a feast of fish and chips there. Knowing that his bike wouldn't be able to make the whole trip without refuelling, he planted some fuel near the Badja turnoff. Aiming for an early departure, Mark had to postpone the start of the trip because of the temperature of -8° and the heavy fog until 11am. All was going well until he started on the steep drop off the escarpment, the drop being a series of switchbacks. The last 5km of the road was covered in snow that had fallen six days earlier, so it was slow going. He encountered a biker who had collided with a tree and checked him out. That man's companions eventually came back looking for him. By the time Mark reached the bottom of the escarpment and followed the Tuross River for about 20 km, it was already 3.30pm and turning cold. Result – a decision to turn around and come home, trip not completed and no feed of fish and chips.

### JUNE DATES:

**Birthdays:** Joe 3<sup>rd</sup>, Kevin 6<sup>th</sup>, Brian 8<sup>th</sup>, Chris 12<sup>th</sup>, Marco 14<sup>th</sup>

**Anniversaries :** Graham and Helen 2<sup>nd</sup>, Meg and Tom 14<sup>th</sup>, Les and Jan 27<sup>th</sup>

**Joined Rotary:** John K and Elaine S (4 yrs) 1<sup>st</sup>, Graham (15 yrs) 16<sup>th</sup>





## NOTICES:

It is now time for Bowel Care, the campaign running over May and June. Kits, \$15 each, can be collected from Hooks Pharmacy and pharmacies in Jindabyne and Berridale. After sending the sample away, results will be advised both to the resident and the doctor concerned within a fortnight.

**Dugald:** There will be a public meeting re the upgrade of the band shell/park in the functions room of the Ex-Services Club on Thursday 16 July.

**Katrin:** A reminder to directors to complete their contributions to the annual report.

As this meeting was Peter's last as President because of his trek in PNG, Dugald thanked him for his commitment to and his enthusiasm for the club, as well as the way in which he had conducted the weekly dinner meetings.

An email has been received from Anna saying that she arrived home safely in Hungary.

Mark JN gave an update on the coffee van. It is now at the production stage: benches are being made, the lining for the walls is under way, the coffee machine and grinder have been acquired.



Thought of the week: John Chapman

## Sonnet 94: They that have power to hurt and will do none

BY [WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE](#)

They that have power to hurt and will do none,  
That do not do the thing they most do show,  
Who, moving others, are themselves as stone,  
Unmoved, cold, and to temptation slow:

They rightly do inherit heaven's graces  
And husband nature's riches from expense;  
They are the lords and owners of their faces,  
Others but stewards of their excellence.

The summer's flower is to the summer sweet  
Though to itself it only live and die,  
But if that flower with base infection meet,  
The basest weed outbraves his dignity:  
For sweetest things turn sourest by their deeds  
Lilies that fester smell far worse than weeds.





Ed was involved in preparing cake and fruit sculpture exhibits for this show. He entered the competition for Junior Rural Youth Ambassador and was runner-up, highlighted by the fact that he was presented with his award by Glenn McGrath. Since finishing school, Ed has continued attending the major shows. The Commonwealth Royal Agricultural Society, founded in 1957, fosters the interchange of knowledge of agriculture throughout the Commonwealth and encourages young people to follow their dreams. Ed was chosen to be a delegate at the Commonwealth Conference of the society in Brisbane. The conference gave him the opportunity to forge links with people in many parts of the Commonwealth.



**GUEST SPEAKER:** Ed Thomas, Cooma Youth in Agriculture Day Ambassador

Ed grew up in Camden, the heart of the Macarthur region, the birthplace of Australian wool. Ed has a history of family association with Rotary as members of his family have taken part in youth exchange visits.

His secondary education was undertaken at St Gregory's at Campbelltown, his final year, 2013, being marked by his appointment as school captain. The school has a strong program in agriculture whereby students have 'hands on' experience with cattle and sheep. As a boarder, Ed was able to visit his mates' farms in Forbes, Cooma, Nyngan, Hillston, and Griffith. He was a member of the sheep showing team, attending the Canberra Royal, the Sydney Royal Easter Show, the Dubbo Sheep and Wool Show and the Bendigo sheep show as a representative of the school. Within the next two weeks he is heading to the Bendigo Sheep Show in a bid to win a scholarship to travel to New Zealand.

The family has a long association with the Camden show society and from his early years,



Ed met members of the Green, Roach and Moon families at school and consequently he has been made very welcome here in Cooma. He is particularly grateful to Michael Green for his suggestion to apply for his current job at Jemalong, a two year traineeship in wool brokerage and auctioneering.

Ed was invited to be the Youth in Agriculture Day Ambassador, held at the Sydney Royal Easter Show this year. In this role he visited many exhibits, handing out 'I love Ag' material. He was able to speak with the many people who were in attendance.

