



# Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

*Rotary Theme:*

*Rotary Fellowships*

**Meeting – 24 June 2015**

**Guest Speaker – Lucas Cattell**

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## JULY ROSTER

ATTENDANCE	Dave B, Sue
PROPERTY	Jim, Richard H
FELLOWSHIP	Danielle, Meg, Dave H, John B
MARKETS 19/7	John K, Elaine S, John Ch, Alyson, Graham, Peter, Ken, Ash
THREE MINUTER	1/7 Changeover 8/7 Dave B 15/7 John Cl 22/7 Ash 29/7 Brad
INTRO	1/7 Changeover 8/7 Tom K 15/7 Wolfgang 22/7 Richard L 29/7 Dugald
THANKS	1/7 Changeover 8/7 Tony 15/7 Meg 22/7 Des 29/7 Tracey
SGT/THOUGHT	1/7 Changeover 8/7 John B 15/7 Ash 22/7 Brad 29/7 Marco

**MEETING STATISTICS:** Attendance: 64%  
Visitors: Lucas Cattell (club), Neil and Kathryn Russell (Southport RC), Jacob Bronkorst  
Apologies: Tracey, Ash, John Ch, Anne, Mark JN, Mark C, Neil M, Margaret E  
We also missed: Tom S, Geoff, Helen, Dave B  
Leave: Brenda, Peter



## JULY DATES:

**Birthdays:** Dave L 7<sup>th</sup>, Tony 8<sup>th</sup>, Helen 17<sup>th</sup>, Jan (Les) 11<sup>th</sup>, Christina (Wolfgang) 12<sup>th</sup>  
**Joined Rotary:** Peter 1<sup>st</sup> (11 years), Helen 6<sup>th</sup> (1 year), Jim 24<sup>th</sup> (18 years)

## NOTICES

Allan: He has been successful in obtaining the trademark, Australian National Busking Championships. A very successful 10<sup>th</sup> annual Cooma Music Competition held last weekend attracted over 60 musicians.  
2 July – The Dirty Red Digger (Griffyn Ensemble)  
5 August – Young at Art (SMAC)  
7 November - 4<sup>th</sup> annual Australian National Busking Championships  
Every Thursday 7-9.30pm – Thursday Night Music Club at Two Vaults Restaurant



Ken – a message from Claire: The Rotary Ball will be held on Saturday, 19 September.

John K: The last market was probably the coldest one ever. Thanks to all those who hung in despite the cold. Net profit was \$1686. The wishing well made just over \$44 for Cooma Challenge. A recommendation will be made to the board to add to that to make a total donation of \$250. Will we do catering for Weeds Conference Wednesday 14 October? It will consist of breakfast and barbecue lunch. There was an agreement from the meeting that we could do this job, so John will put in a quote. Nov 7 is the date for the Busking Championships and Motorfest. We will be working at the Motorfest (10am – 3pm) as well as having people selling busking dollars. 15 Nov our usual market. 27-29 Nov the district conference at Jindabyne and the dog show that we catered for last year. Damien Kwan rang John to say that



Patrick had organised a plaque to be put in place and unveiled at the July market.

A reminder that the changeover dinner next week will be 6.30 for 7pm. Cost is \$25.

Hass: \$180.00 was banked from the 5c collection. This will go towards the purchase of splints for the residents of the nursing home to prevent heel ulcers forming.



### THREE MINUTER – Brian

For 22 years, Brian worked for BP, both on the west coast and the east coast, his last position being chief chemist. There were four functions: research, quality assurance, marketing and environmental control. Brian was required to 'streamline' the number of employees, in other words reduce the staff numbers, including himself. In environmental control, the operations staff finally became responsible for any mess that was made. Brian was responsible for some innovations such as sludge farming and the planting of trees around the refinery. Sadly, the trees have been bulldozed recently.



### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: (Les)

The art of politics is the ability to extract the maximum amount of tax from those who support your opposition and divide it with those who support your own party. (Voltaire 1764)

### Future meetings

1/7: Changeover dinner

8/7: Games night (State of Origin)

15/7: Nicola Tamis – Why go into a bookshop?

22/7: Howard Charles – Nutfield visit to China



### GUEST SPEAKER – LUCAS CATTELL - Catcher & Co Distillery

Lucas spoke about his life and work. He has spent most of his life in the Newcastle/Central Coast area before moving to Cooma. He started his working life as a police officer in Sydney and the Central Coast and at the same time he bought into a Gloria Jeans franchise. One business became five and they were doing well until he suffered a severely broken leg while playing soccer. That began a downward spiral and eventually he lost the businesses and all of his money. He picked himself up again, joined the fire service and also went into security.

For ten years he talked about opening a brewery/distillery and a mate told him to stop making excuses as life is too short. That lesson was made all too clear when that mate was killed two weeks later.

He met his wife through a dating app and they moved to Cooma 18 months ago to start his brewing business. It took 15 months for all of the paperwork to be finalised and their grand opening on the June long weekend attracted 150 people.

He makes two types of beer as well as vodka and whisky and a couple of liqueurs. On a 750ml bottle of vodka, he pays excise and GST of \$32 plus \$3 for the bottle and label. At present his whisky is aged for 15 months using barrels from America and France. His goal is to make a three year whisky using barrels. He enjoys the process of distilling, finding it relaxing, as well as seeing people relish his product. He has found Cooma to be a friendly town. Lucas and wife welcome customers and are open Wednesday to Sunday from 12 noon until 6pm.



“At the Westinghouse laboratories in New York, an interesting experiment was conducted. A great bar of steel, eight feet long and weighing a half-ton was suspended vertically from a chain. Parallel to it on a stout thread hung a cord from an ordinary bottle weighing perhaps a half-ounce....Again and again the small cork was swung against that huge steel bar. For a long time the bar hung motionless but after 10 minutes a nervous chill seemed to go through the bar.

Another two minutes and the chill turned into plainly visible vibrations. Those vibrations increased in rapidity and in strength until after 25 minutes the great bar began to swing like the pendulum of a grandfather clock....Rotarians, you and your club projects may seem at times like the cork tapping against the bar, but tap you must, and if you tap long enough the bar will swing.”

— Address to 1964 Rotary Convention, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

