



Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Rotary Theme: New Generations

Meeting – 28 September 2016

Guest Speaker – Carlo Botto

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Katrin: The organisers of the Snowies Bike Festival which is being held 25-27 November are asking for hosts for elite athletes, some international, for b/b for 3-7 days. Please let Katrin know if you can help with billets as the organisers would like to have all arrangements in place asap. Check the website:

in2adventure.com.au

MEETING STATISTICS

Attendance: 71 %

Guests: Anette

Apologies: Jacob, Brenda, Ash, Geoff, Helen, Erica, Claire, Danielle, Joe

Leave: John Cl, Brad, Dave B, Graham

Next meeting : 5/10 Visit to South East Rural Supplies at 5pm, 6 Commissioner St; David Bottom – guest speaker



PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF ROSTER WITH THE NEW MONTH

OCTOBER – Thanks to Mark JN

Attendance: Darrell + ONE
Fellowship: Carlo, Sue
Property: Erica, Neil
3 Minuter: 5/10 Darrell 12/10 Danielle
19/10 Jacob 26/10 Katrin
Intro: 5/10 Hass 12/10 Brad
19/10 John Ch 26/10 Elaine M
Thanks: 5/10 Elaine S 12/10 Jan
19/10 John B 26/10 Sue
Thought: 5/10 Helen 12/10 Carlo
19/10 Marco 26/10 Danielle
Markets: John K, Alyson, Peter (van),
Graham, Allan S, Jeannette, Danielle; Coffee:
Mark JN, John Ch, trainee

A reminder from John K: if you are rostered on to work at any function, please attend, or else arrange a substitute. THIS ALSO APPLIES TO DUTIES AT CLUB MEETINGS. PLEASE CHECK THE ROSTER EACH WEEK.

If you are unable to attend any meeting YOU SHOULD CONTACT DARRELL GAUKROGER by LUNCH TIME THE TUESDAY before the meeting. Failure to do this will mean that you will be asked to pay for the meal. Darrell's contact details are: Email - dgcooma@bigpond.net.au
Phone - 6452 1159 Mobile - 0407 411 422

ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE THE WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK. Tom will help anyone who is having difficulty with the application.

Elaine S: The duck race is on again on the market October day. Ticket books have to be finalised asap; funds raised for Snowy Hydro helicopter service.

Rob's address is the BUPA Centre, 142 Carrington Rd, Waverley, his phone number: 83059219.

Bob King, one of the club's original members, will be celebrating his 90th on **23 October** with a lunch at noon at the Ex-Services Club. **RSVP TO DARRELL ASAP.** Please keep these dates in mind. However, if you are down at the coast on that weekend, *'there will be a wing ding at the Tilba Winery on Saturday afternoon 15th October. This is basically for my family but friends will be welcomed.'* (Bob's message)



DISTRICT CONFERENCE - GOULBURN:
27-30 October. Everyone is urged to attend.
Check it out on
<http://conference.rotaryd9710.org.au/home.html>



OCTOBER DATES

Birthdays: Richard L 10/10, Bob King 13/10, Erica 14/10, Leslie (Allan S) 16/10, Marilyn (Darrell) 17/10, Kathy (Dave B) 22/10 Wolfgang 25/10, Hass 28/10
Anniversaries: Wolfgang and Christina 20/10
Date joined Rotary: John Ch 15/10, Dave B 17/10, Claire 31/10



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK – John K: We should aspire to inspire before we expire.

Neil spoke about the YOOfube finalists, the videos being shown on Monday night at the Snowy Hydro Information Centre. Those who attended the screening agreed that it was a worthwhile project for the club to support.

Annual subs - Those members who have not yet paid their subs (of which there are 18) are advised that as 28 days have passed since the subs were set you are no longer financial members of the club. This means you are not entitled to vote on any club business.

It is important that subs be paid as the Club has already paid subs on your behalf to District and RI - and these are considerable. Subs are \$250; direct deposit can be made BSB 062523, account no 00905107, details that were on the accounts that were handed out by the Treasurer. Dues can be paid in two instalments of \$125. If you wish to donate to Rotary Foundation in order to acquire a receipt for tax purposes, you can add that amount to the dues. Thank you to all who have already paid.



THREE MINUTER – Hass

The Four Way Test originated in Chicago when it was adopted by a businessman, Herbert J Taylor, who set out to save the Aluminum Cookware Distribution Company from insolvency. He decided that the 250 employees needed a simple yardstick to guide them in all they thought, said and did. He came up with 24 words which we know as the Four Way Test. Through the adoption of these principles the company was saved and went on to be extremely successful. Rotary International took on the Four Way Test in the 1940s.

Christmas dinner with Bombala Rotary at Nimmitabel on 6 December.



Busking: Allan thanked the Rotarians who attended the photo shoot publicising the sponsorship of the Busking Competition by the Cooma Hotel. 30 entries have been received, half of them local. Regional competitions: Stanthorpe – February, Ballarat – March, Wangaratta – April, Cooma – May (TBC), Noosa – July.



Civic Receptions at the Council Chambers: 10 October – in recognition of Renew Cooma and the main organiser, Suzanne Dunning; 12 October – to welcome our DG, Steve Hill, who will afterwards attend our club dinner meeting. It is important to advise the council of the numbers attending. Please let Hass know if you intend to be at either reception.



Combined Services Dinner – 2 November, hosted by CWA. Cost \$32, 6 for 6.30pm at the Ex-Services Club; numbers attending to Mark JN. Guest speaker Susan Walter of the Stephen Walter Foundation (beneficiary of the Snowy Ride).

John K: A reminder that there are markets both on the busking weekend (5 Nov) and the usual markets on 20 November. John has been approached to run the feed van/bbq at the dog show on the last weekend in November (25, 26, 27). As it is a busy month and there would need to be two shifts on the busking weekend and also on the dog show days, club members need to decide if they can support the catering at the dog show. There would be an opportunity of involving the Interact kids. A decision will have to be made next week.



GUEST SPEAKER – Carlo Botto

Electricity: how the market works and how our bill is determined.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ELECTRICITY MARKET (NEM) - some facts

The NEM commenced operation as a wholesale spot market for electricity in December 1998

Full retail competition in 2002 (NSW)

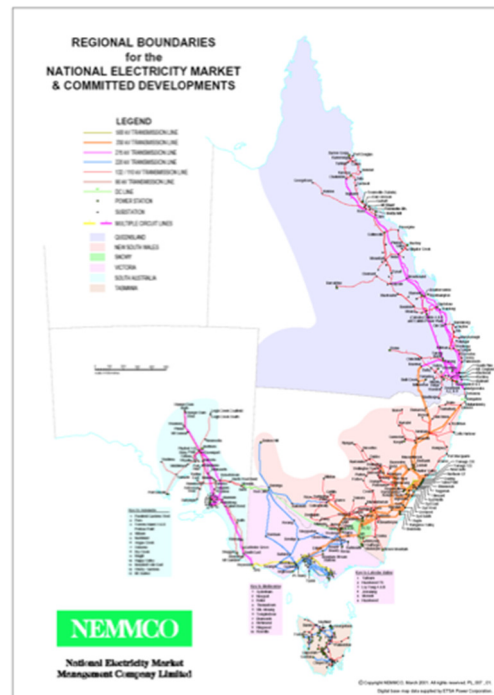
Removal of retail price cap in 2014 (NSW)

NEM: stretches 5,000 km with 51,000 km of transmission lines and cables; supplies about 200,000,000 of MWh each year; supplies approx 9,000,000 customers; has a total electricity generating capacity of around 45,000 MW (as at August 2015); links up Qld, NSW, Victoria, Tasmania, and SA.

\$10.1 billion was traded in NEM in 2013-14.

Most of Australia's electricity comes from the use of fossil fuels: three quarters of electricity comes from coal fired stations; brown coal produces the most carbon dioxide, with less from black coal and gas.

Households consume a quarter of the electricity, commercial businesses and services another quarter, manufacturing a quarter, the remainder being used by agriculture, mining and service business.



Once electricity is produced it is transformed into a suitable voltage to go into the transmission grid (330,000 volts in NSW), and when it gets to a locality it is transformed down to a distribution voltage, eventually 240 volts.

Retailers and generators can go to futures exchanges (eg ASX) or to traders, such as banks, to acquire futures contracts.

Transmission and distribution lines are provided through a monopoly service, controlled by the Australian Energy Regulator.

Consumers can go to any retailer to get a competitive price for the supply of electricity.

Our electricity accounts have to cover costs of fluctuations in prices, the price being set every half hour; other costs to be covered are for the transportation system: our account then has a competitive component as well as a regulated component. Our total bill is approximately 30c. a kilowatt hour.

