



# Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

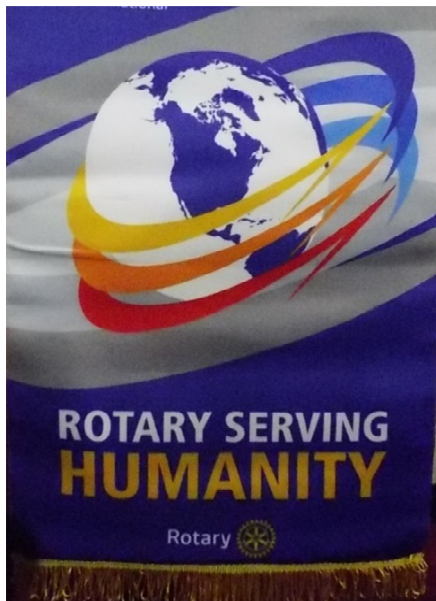
*Rotary Theme: Vocational Service*

Meeting – 5 October 2016

Guest Speaker – David Bottom

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## MEETING STATISTICS

Attendance: 66.7 %

Visiting Rotarians: PDG Arthur Devin, Thyrlene Devin (Fassifern Valley)

Guests: Anette, Sue and David Bottom (Club), Roger Wheatley (Jan)

Apologies: Geoff, Helen, John B, Dave B, Mark C, Marco, Sue, Danielle, Joe

Leave: Brad

We also missed: Erica, Richard L

Next meeting : Visit of DG, Steve Hill



## 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



## 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: 12/10 Danielle 19/10 .....  
 26/10 Katrin  
 Intro: 12/10 Brad 19/10 John Ch  
 26/10 Elaine M  
 Thanks: 12/10 Jan 19/10 John B  
 26/10 Sue  
 Thought: 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](mailto: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. **PLEASE BRING RAFFLE BOOKS TO THE NEXT MEETING.**

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 90<sup>th</sup> on **23 October** with a lunch at noon at the Ex-Services Club. **RSVP TO DARRELL ASAP.**

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







#### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK – Mark JN

The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.

**Annual subs** - Those members who have not yet paid their subs (of which there are 13) 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. Three members have arranged the direct deposit but have failed to put their name on the payment.



#### THREE MINUTER – Darrell

A car dealership in Canowindra that was closing down was the site of an auction of cars, spare parts and advertising material. Darrell attended and in the process bought a Vauxhall VX/490. The total proceeds from the sale amounted to \$1,026,000 plus an 11% premium. There is a lot of interest and a lot of money to be made in nostalgia!

#### COMING EVENTS:

**A Civic Reception** will be held at the Council Chambers on 12 October 5-6pm to welcome Steve Hill, our District Governor.

**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).

#### Christmas dinner with Bombala Rotary Club at Nimmitabel on 6 December.



**Busking:** Although the Australian National Busking Championships missed out on a community grant, there's a possibility that a grant may be received in the second round. All sponsorship pledges are in and there has been a good response from Cooma businesses to host a busking spot. Tom has been working on a Busker Dollar design while he and Meg have been working on a PowerPoint presentation that can be given to other groups. Facebook advertising is proving effective and Donna from the Visitors Centre wants to proceed with Canberra based advertising. Debra from Cooma Trophies will work on trophies for the occasion.







**John K:** A reminder that there are markets both on the busking weekend (5 Nov) and the usual markets on 20 November.

A show of hands indicated support for asking the Tuggeranong Rotary Club to help us cater for the dog show at the showground on 25,26,27 November. It is expected that the dog show will be well attended and the organiser of the dog show has guaranteed that all catering except the coffee will be exclusive to us. Tuggeranong will send at least 7 members to work with us.



**GUEST SPEAKER – David Bottom**

**South East Rural Supplies** is a family business, of which David is an active director; members of the family are employed, along with other people from the community. The business, originally Rainsfords Rural Supplies, was acquired by the family along with another partner who systematically embezzled \$170,000. This was a major setback as the company lost many customers as well as losing money and acquiring large debts. After extending their

premises several times, they have settled at 6 Commissioner Street, a much larger location and one which allows customers to drive through to collect their purchases. David believes that his business has been successful because of following these principles: employing quality staff, treating their customers well, having a wide range of stock on hand, using their 26 years of knowledge and experience, and having the drive to persevere, even through hardships. South East Rural Supplies is part of a buying group called the AIRR as a shareholder and member. AIRR has 180 members Australia wide, a 330 million dollar gross turnover, is the one of the top 100 fastest growing companies in Australia, and was given two state awards in a row by SER.



Arthur Devin, a Past District Governor, (Sue Bottom's father), a Rotarian for 50 years, spoke about the issues facing today's Rotary Clubs and the need for change, such as trying not to use acronyms. Rotary needs younger members, catering for their interests so that they are encouraged to join and then remain in the clubs as active members. Arthur and his wife Thyrlene are charter members of their club, Fassifern Valley, which began in 2010. Their township has a population of 500 people and, as a result, maintaining membership is always a problem.