



Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

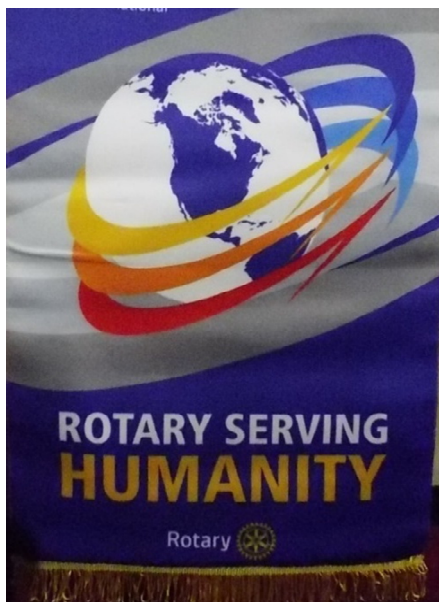
Rotary Theme: Foundation

Meeting – 9 November, 2016

Guest Speaker – Dr Rob Wiles

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NOVEMBER DATES

Birthdays: Rosie (John K) 12/11, 16/11, M
Graham, John M, Wendy (Bob K) 16/11, Maree
(Kevin) 28/11

Date joined Rotary: Joe 18/11, Allan S 27/11



MEETING ATTENDANCE

Attendance: 67%

Guests: Rob Wiles (club), Dawn Wiles (Rob), Gilbert
Wallace (Darrell), Ruth Petersen (Helen and Geoff)

Apologies: John B, Dave B, Brenda, Ash, Katrin, Tom,
Erica, Meg, Joe, Elaine S, John Ch

Leave: Carlo, Brad

Next meeting: Matthew Jacobs, Police Officer of the
Year Award

23 Nov: AGM

30 Nov: Peter Davis

6 Dec: Christmas dinner with Bombala RC at
Nimmitabel

14 Dec: Fiona Cooper

21, 28 Dec, 4 Jan: no meeting

The combined Christmas dinner with Bombala
Rotary Club will be held in Nimmitabel on 6
December, catering by Lions. Recess: 21, 28
December and 4 January; bowls night with Lions is
on 18 January.



NOVEMBER

Attendance: Peter, Katrin
Fellowship: Tony, Alyson
Property: Richard H, Wolfgang
3 minuter: 16/11 Tom 23/11 Danielle
30/11 Jan
Intro: 16/11 Alyson 23/11 Jeannette
30/11 Sue
Thanks: 16/11 Darrell 23/11 Wolfgang
30/11 Marco
Thought: 16/11 Elaine M 23/11 Brenda
30/11 John B
Markets: John K, Alyson, Ash (van), Brenda,
Brian, Joe, Tony, Elaine S, Elaine M
Coffee van: Mark JN, Danielle

DECEMBER

Attendance: Richard H, Hass
Fellowship: Jan, Darrell
Property: Mark JN, Danielle
3 minuter: 6/12 Christmas Dinner
14/12 Neil
Intro: 6/12 Christmas Dinner
14/12 Graham
Thanks: 6/12 Christmas Dinner
14/12 Brenda
Thought: 6/12 Christmas Dinner
14/12 Katrin
Markets: John K, Alyson, Peter (van), Carlo,
Dave B, Jan, Sue, Erica, Neil
Coffee van: Mark JN, Meg

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.



Dinner attendance: Apologies and guests notified to Darrell by Tuesday mornings. Email - dgcooma@bigpond.net.au Phone - 6452 1159 Mobile - 0407 411 422. Failure to notify Darrell of an apology will incur a dinner fee.

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



COMING WEBINAR

Focusing on retention: Strategies to enhance member satisfaction Tuesday, 22 November 2016, 8.15 am (AEST) Register:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3308538616889128707>

COOMA PROMS

A concert: by the Cooma District Band **(which includes a Rotarian and a Lion)** at the Cooma Ex-Services Club on 17 November at 7.30pm. Admission: adults \$15, concessions and Arts Council members \$10, under 18s free. Good music, bar service available.

There will be a membership meeting at 5.30pm on Wednesday evening (16 Nov).

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Richard B
Thank goodness we live in Australia, not in some other country.



BUSKING: Allan thanked everyone for the hard work that went into the busking day. With all of the entry fees, markets, barbecue, coffee van, and busking dollars, takings amounted to about \$20,000. Next year, there will be championships in Stanthorpe in February, Ballarat in March and Narooma in May. A request for help to help at Narooma resulted in six volunteers. There is also interest from Berry. Total service hours: 233
Next markets: 20 Nov, Dog Show: 25-27 Nov.
Members of the Tuggeranong club will be helping at the dog show. Some of them would like to stay with Cooma members.



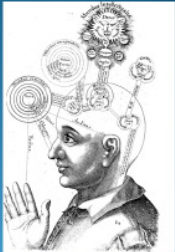
EARLY WARNING: The District Conference will be held in Cooma in October 2018. There will be many jobs to do and many people will be called on to help.

David H told us that Charlotte Wood, daughter of the late John and Felicia Wood, has won the Prime Minister's Award for Fiction.



The Mind-Brain Conundrum



Robert Wiles



Rob spoke about the brain as the most complex entity in the universe, with 100 billion neurons that each have 1000 connections which in turn have 150 neurotransmitters. He likened the brain to a computer so that the hardware, the material, is the physical brain and the mind, the non-material, is the software.

There has been much discussion among philosophers, psychologists, neurologists, neuroscientists on the mind-brain connection, including Rene Descartes and Marvin Minsky. No scientist has been able to explain awareness or consciousness in scientific terms, although it is recognised that consciousness is like the operating system in our brain. In humans, consciousness leads to self-awareness.

Brain vs Mind

Material vs Non-Material

The Material & Non-material

Hardware

- The Physical Brain




Software

- Mind
- Thoughts
- Memory
- Consciousness
- Self-consciousness
- Feelings
- Dreams
- Conscience
- Free Will

Hardware, software & Information

	Computers	Human Brain
Hardware	Computer chips & components	Nerve cells & supporting tissues
Software	Machine Language	Biochemistry
	Operating system	Consciousness
	Applications packages	Speech
Information	User input	Thoughts

Consciousness (awareness)



- Consciousness is not understood in scientific terms
- Can be imaged on an EEG – wave patterns
- Consciousness is like the operating system
- Insects are hard-wired instead; lack versatility (zombies)
- On dying, our stream of consciousness is lost from our bodies but the physical cells remain.
- Cell death result from physical damage to cells
- Brain death results from the loss of something non-physical as the physical body remains unchanged.
- No 'consciousness centre' – everywhere but nowhere

Mental attributes

Domains Dimensions	1 st -3 rd			2 nd				3 rd	
	Space	Time	Life	Thought & memory	Deep sleep	Hibernation	REM sleep/ dreams	Conscious reasoning	Self-awareness
Genus									
Rocks	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Viruses	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bacteria	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Plants	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Insects	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Crustaceans	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fish	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Amphibians	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Reptiles	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Birds	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mammals	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ (+/-)	✓	✓	✓
Primates	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Humans	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

