



ROTARY

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MEETING STATISTICS

Attendance: 85.2%

Visiting Rotarian: DG Steve Hill (Bega), Michael O'Connor (Narooma)

Guests: Anette (club), Roger Wheatley (Jan), Joe Nowak (Dugald)

Apologies: John B, Dave B, Brenda, Kevin and Joe

Leave: Brad

Next meeting: Mark John-Natley – travelling with the Youth Exchangees

Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

*January Theme: Peace & Conflict
Prevention / Resolution*

Meeting – 8 February 2017

Guest Speaker – Michael O'Connor



ROSTERS:

FEBRUARY

Attendance:	Elaine S, Richard B
Fellowship:	Katrin, Kevin
Property:	Tony, Peter
3 minuter:	15/2 Sue 22/2 Tony
Intro:	15/2 Mark JN 22/2 Ken
Thanks:	15/2 Meg 22/2 Jan
Markets:	John K, Alyson, Ash, Brian J, John Cl, Brenda, Jeannette, Elaine M
Coffee van:	Mark JN, Sue

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

25 February: Bombala markets (Bombala RC's first time running a market)

26 February: Fairies and elves fashion parade at the Cooma Ex-Services Club

26 March: Clean up of the path into Lambie Gorge

REMINDER:

Half-yearly subs are due now.



News of BRAD:

Brad has almost finished his 6 month stint in the Antarctic and should be back in about four weeks' time.

Don't forget donations of bottles of WINE for the wine auction at the Sir William Hudson Memorial Centre Fete.

A reminder that the Rotary Youth Volunteer Information and Declaration Form (Form 3) has to be completed. Please see email for a copy.



FEBRUARY DATES

Birthday: Elaine M 25/2

Anniversaries: Judy and Des 5/2, Claire and Hans 7/2, Kathy and David 27/2

Date joined Rotary: Meg and Tom 25/2/15



DG Steve Hill spoke about the district conference to be held in Cooma in October 2018. He asked for volunteers for the conference committee, the first meeting to be held on a Sunday afternoon in March.



ANETTE showed two short videos, one of her holiday when her father came to visit and they did some touring, and the other of some of the activities during the previous weekend at Tuross.



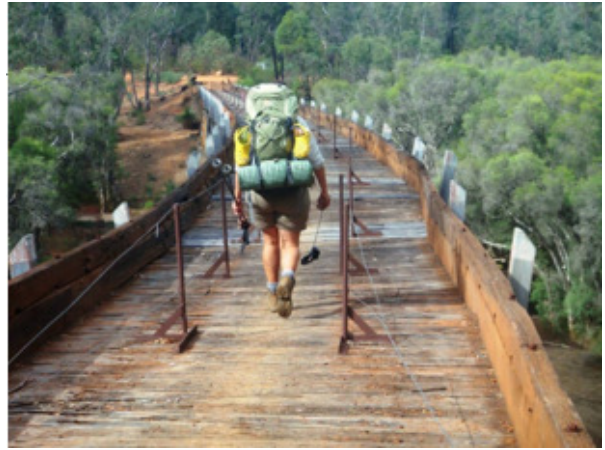


**GUEST SPEAKER: Michael O'Connor,
President of Narooma Club**

**Next month, Michael plans to undertake a
1000km walk from Albany to Perth, along
the Bibbulmun Track.**



**The first 250 km of the walk will be against
strong headwinds.**



**As a polio victim and now suffering post-
polio syndrome, Michael has designated End
Polio Now as one of the beneficiaries of the
fundraising that will benefit from his walk.**



**Since 1988, when there were over 350,000
polio victims world-wide, 2.5 billion children
have been immunised. The total number of
cases last year was under 30, limited to
three countries, Nigeria, Pakistan and
Afghanistan.**





The other beneficiary of the walk is to be the Friends of Rang'I who support the St Jennifer Hawthorne Samber Quality School in Kenya. Some 70% of children in rural Kenya are orphans, mainly as a result of AIDS.

At the SJHSQ School, the focus is to give the children the best education possible, provide a safe environment, cater for basic needs as necessary and to follow the children as they move into secondary and tertiary studies.

ST JENNIFER HAWTHORNE SAMBER
QUALITY SCHOOL



Michael with his 'coach', Murphy

As a result of passing around the donation bucket at the meeting, \$360 was raised to help Michael in the fundraising.

His message received on Thursday morning:
'I will try to do a story for the Narooma paper espousing what a wonderful generous club you are and a great bunch of people to boot....It has made me quite emotional just texting that. I will be thinking of you all as I walk the 1000km.'