# Rotary Club of Coonabarabran





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## **Club Meeting**

Coonabarabran Meets at The Coonabarabran Club 54 Cassilis Street Coonabarabran, Time: Monday at 06:30 PM

### **Events**

September 27th
Meeting
October 4th
Meeting
October 11th
Meeting
October 18th
Meeting

October 24th
Coonabarabran
Races

### **Birthdays**

Hugh Raadgever September 24th

# Meeting 13 September 2021



This was our first meeting in our new venue, the Coonabararan Club in Cassilis Street where we will be meeting (whenever not in lockdown no doubt) for the next 3 months. Thank you to the Coona Club people, especially Bob Tootle and Robert Mathews for their welcome, and for speaking to us during the evening about their plans and ideas in offering their services to the Rotary club.

Some items of interest from the meeting:

Please remember that we need to log our apologies to Marie by Saturday morning.

It was great to have such good attendance for this first meeting and I understand that everyone enjoyed the meal and the venue itself. It was quiet and comfortable.

Thank you for the cake and for the birthday anthem, a considerable improvement on the rendering we offered to Laurie last Monday!

The District is moving to a new web site, and the data base (DACdb) is being completed at present. Be on the lookout for emails from **mailservice**. They will actually be from me, and later from the District, so please don't swipe them left or into the trash (at least before reading them!!)

Treasurer John has organised insurance coverage for our catering trailer.

He also unveiled the Four Way Test sign for the skate park, and the refurbished club meeting sign - well done!

It was decided not to proceed with the planting of shrubs in Charles street between Essex and Dalgarno Streets because of the likelihood of footpath traffic, but to look for another site that might face fewer such problems.

The Book Shop has re-opened and is welcoming everyone's lockdown sorted books!

# **Notes from the Board Meeting**

Thursday, September 16, 2021

With the town in lockdown for the past 4 weeks, there has been little action possible. It was especially good to have Jim back with us after several weeks indisposed.

However, in order to keep on top of any potential developments, a short Board meeting followed the inaugural Coona Club dinner meeting with the following highlights:

The \$500 we agreed to send to Macquarie House in Dubbo has not been sent as yet, since we are hoping someone from there will be a guest speaker before too long.

The Pony Cub will not be holding their camp so financial support will not be needed.

The Book shop flages are looking very faded. We need to investigate an altenative since these were very expensive.

Treasurer John has suggested moving \$500 into the Oak Foundation when this term deposit falls due. It could be used for candidates to RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) which will be held from 1-3 April 2022. This will be for 13-17 year olds.

We need to write to the Coona Club to seek permission to install our new sign after the 3 months trial period.

John has had little success in advancing the tree project in Neilson Park.

A meeting will be held shortly with representatives from the Town Beautification committee about working on the convent hill walking track.



### **District Grants 2021-22**

By Bruce Hemmett on Tuesday, August 31, 2021

The lifecycle of a Rotary grant



Applications will be opening soon for clubs to apply for a District Grant for 2021-22, closing on 31st October 2021 The budget is for US\$31,554 which converts to approximately AU\$42,900 depending on the exchange rate when applications close. A maximum of AU\$4,000 is available per project. However, if there is funding remaining in the District Grant Fund after the initial allocation, more money may be offered. Each club applying for a grant is expected to contribute some funding towards the project. For clubs to be eligible for a grant they must sign the Memorandum of Understanding as part of the application, have at least one club member complete the RI online grant management seminar (details to be supplied later), be current in payment of dues to RI and District 9650, and have completed their club's Foundation Goals on Rotary Club Central for the current year.

Over the next several weeks reports from last year's grants will be written up in the enews to demonstrate the benefits of previous grant applications for local communities.

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