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MEETINGS:

We meet every Wednesday

6 for 6:30pm at

Dodds Hotel

94 Commissioner Street Cooma



Weekly Bulletin



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THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 40 out of 50 members = 80%

VISITING ROTARIANS: nil

GUESTS: Sangid Chowdrey (Tom B), Allison (Dave H), Georgie & Ryan (Ashley C), Nattapan (Club).

APOLOGIES: none listed

LEAVE: none listed

MAKEUPS: none listed

Duty Roster June & July

Thought of the Week	Fellowship	Attendance
Next Week—Prasan S	Claire Neumeyer & Margaret Echarri	June —Alan Dodd & Kevin Dunne July — Monica Alcock & Graham French

Property	Introduction	Markets
June —Brian Jeffries & Patrick Kwan	Dave Libauer	June —Tom B. (BBQ), Alan H. (C'van), John Clarke, Pamela ME, Alyson HJ, (PA)
July —Geoff Bowland & Chris Adams	Vote of Thanks John Mooney	July — No roster yet

SOME SIMPLE RULES ABOUT ROSTERS

GENERAL: Members rostered on and not able to attend are to make arrangements with another member to take their place.

MARKETS: Those nominated to tow the caravan or chuck wagon are to be at the Rotary shed no later than 8am. Ensure you get the key to the shed from John Mooney PRIOR TO THE EVENT SO THE EQUIPMENT CAN BE SET UP EARLY. If you are unable to tow the van or chuck wagon PLEASE ASK SOME ONE WHO CAN, or advise John Mooney before the event. Others nominated should be at the Park by 8.45am.

ATTENDANCE: For normal meetings **YOU** must advise Darrell (6452 3302) by midday Monday if not attending or bringing a guest. If you don't apologise then you must pay the dinner fee. Special meetings may require your apology or guest advice earlier.



Goodbye Nattapan

Hooroo Peter

Guest speaker was Rotarian Peter Davis who gave us a report on walking the Kokoda Track over which he has led teams on fourteen occasions. Peter opened his talk with the lights out and a **cooe** to emulate what it is like to be woken in a tent at 5.30am to start a trek on this trail which is about 96.5 km and very steep and hilly with mountains as high as Mount Kosciuszko. Each group has about thirty trekkers and eighty to ninety local porters. It is essential that you train to improve your physical strength before taking this on, but he said the major feature is about 90% mental strength. You sleep in uncomfortable tents, get wet from torrential rain, sweat profusely from the heat and the trail is often muddy and difficult to traverse. Trekkers get to share the history of this famous trail, see and hear the wildlife (including the noisy machine-gun bird) and put up with Peter's bad jokes. As a team leader Peter has to motivate the team, which consists of both male and female trekkers, and traverse backwards and forwards along the expedition. In fourteen treks he has taken 364 people and only one has had to be evacuated. He gave us examples of some of the challenges of getting caught in the tail end of a cyclone, crossing flooded rivers with no ropes, a woman's panic attack,

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Items of special interest:-

- June-Rotary Fellowship Month
- July-Literacy Month
- August-Membership
- September-Youth Activities Month
- October-Vocational Service Month
- November-Rotary Foundation Month

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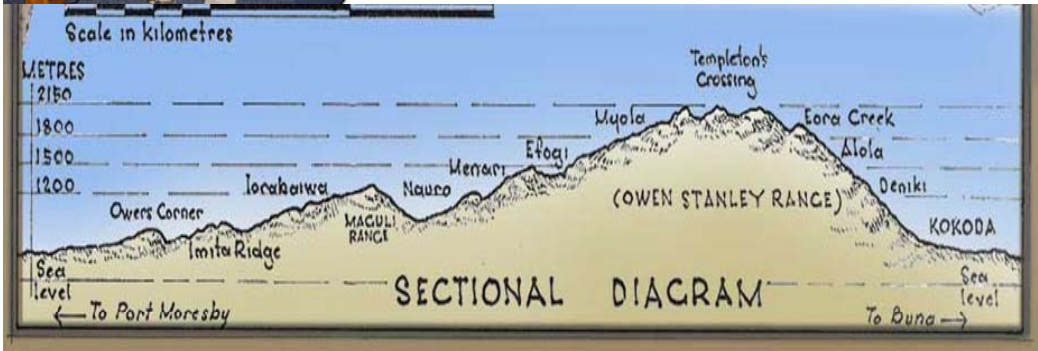
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Goodbye Peter cont.



motivating a crying army Lieutenant to keep going and coming down with Malaria on the trek. Finally he said his real pleasure comes from being in a position to change trekkers' lives by letting them learn what the "Spirit of Kokoda" really is and getting to know people in a way very few people do these days, through shared adversity. Peter's adventures into PNG have done a lot to enhance Rotary, our club and our town. He will be really missed, but no doubt will be welcomed in Orange. Another achievement you might not be aware of, about two years ago Peter was successful in obtaining a grant of \$5,000.00 to send three local teenagers on an Outward Bound experience.



Thought of the Week—by David Epstein

Wink at those who wink at you.

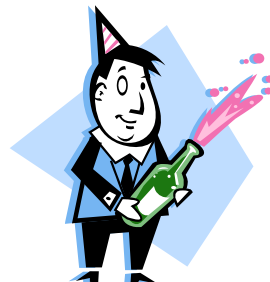
Member Happenings

Wedding Anniversaries

- 27 June-Les & Jan S.
- 28 June-Dave & Alison H.

Birthdays

- 8 June-Brian J.
- 12 June-Chris A.
- 14 June-Marco R.
- 18 June-Steve S.
- 29 June-Alan Mcphie
- 29 June-Alison Holgate



The Club extends our best wishes to you all on your special day.



Pride of Work cont.



Nattapan said thank you to the club for hosting his year and was presented with the club banner



Steve S presented 14 banners from the GSE trip



Lake Michigan from Seers Tower in Chicago and its all fresh water



The problem with too much water in Indiana!!! Too wet to sow.

News Snippets

SALVATION ARMY David B advised that it is now complete. Many thanks to all who assisted, especially Dave H and the ladies who supplied snacks.

CAMP QUALITY Rotary are again involved in this annual event at Jindabyne and will be hosting BBQ on Thursday 26 June. Volunteers contact John Mooney.

CARAVAN The old caravan is for sale on Ebay and to date there is a bid of \$1,000

Next week's guest speaker: Mark Gardiner

TOPIC: Walking the Path of the Murrumbidgee

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