Liz Apps addresses the meeting last Wednesday. (Right) Lou assists Liz to raise the microphone stand



A sneak view of the diners as they enjoy the chicken and pork dinner together with the delightful mushrooms and mushroom sauce.

# **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

of the

# **Rotary Club of Cooma**

"Rotary - Gateway to the Snowies"



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Igor and his host Bicky



Our first speaker was Igor Luzlkor, an exchange student from Russia hosted by North Ryde Rotary Club who gave the club a briefing of his home town and exchange so far. Our guest speaker was Rotarian Lis Apps who gave us most of the story of "Who Am I" Lis was born in London and migrated to Australia, with her parents at 3 years of age. They Lived and went to school in the North Shore area of Sydney, did ballet until her ankles gave out at age 14, went to Tech (not Uni) her dad's idea was that women got married, didn't go to uni, so she got

married had two children, husband was in the armed services, spent some time overseas in Malaya, returned to Australia lived in Townsville, worked in the canteen, then on transfer to Holdsworthy, was cook at the Golf Club, also worked with handicapped children, took a job with Westfields, then readyhire, her daughter Kate was badly burned, was touch and go if she would survive, but she did. in 1978 Kate and Lis moved to Canberra where Lis had a job in Defence pay centre and she started studying archaeology at ANU, in 1982 met Mike who was in the Navy, married in 1984, Lis worked with computers for a while, in 1988 Mike took up flying, had a trip to the Temora Air show, had a dabble in politics and learnt about dirty tricks, But Lis shared Mikes love of flying so she joined flying a Cessna 150 Airopat, joined the women's Pilots Association, enjoyed the fellowship, especially Nancy Bird, in 99 was part of the Warbirds fly over in Darwin, and was presented with a plaque from a Russian contingent that was there, Exchange Student Igor translated this for her. In 97 Lis left the Public Service to assist in the shop which they sold in 98 and brought the Polo Flat airport, its alpacas. In 2001 they started assisting disabled people to learn to fly, we have been joined by a few of their Wheelies with Wings students at our meetings, are still involved in teaching disabled people to fly. In 2003 moved house to opposite the golf club, where some of the alpacas also now reside. Mike is still giving flying lessons at Polo Flat. A very interesting life, and it aint over yet.

### **Duty Roster – JANUARY/FEBRUARY**

Attendance:

JANUARY: Elisabeth Apps, Coll Adams FEBRUARY: Monica Alcock, Tom Bellgard

Meeting Preparation/Property

JANUARY: Dugald Mitchell, Elaine Mooney FEBRUARY: Richard Warner, Des Trute

Fellowship: Margaret Echarri

Be early, if not at a meeting arrange a substitute. If meeting held at another venue arrange to bring property.

Markets -

FEBRUARY 19th: Robbyn Crooks, Lou Moore (C'Van), Les Sutcliffe

(BBQ), David Byrne, Des Trute, John Clarke

MARCH 19th: Wolfgang Laub (C'van), Alan Dodd (BBQ) Monica

Alcock, Geoff Bowland.

NOTE: Members rostered on and not able to attend are to make arrangements with another member to take their place. Those nominated to tow the caravan or chuck wagon are to be at the Rotary shed no later than 8am. Others nominated should be at the Park by 8.45am.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

# WEDNESDAY 25th January, 2006

Venue: Cooma Thai Restaurant

Apologies & Guests to Darrell Please - Phone 6452 3302

**PROGRAMME:** Ann Louttit **TOPIC:** Rotary Foundation

Introduction: Lou Moore Vote of Thanks: Graham French

6.00 for 6.30pm

#### Life's like that!!!!

There are two types of pedestrians in Sydney – The quick and the dead. Life is sexually transmitted.

# **ATTENDANCE**

43 members out of 50 = 86.% VISITING ROTARIANS: Bicky Rixon, North Ryde: GUESTS: Helen (Graham F), Roger Vanderstegan (Geoff B), Igor Luzlkor (Bicky Rixon),

APOLOGIES: Julie J, Sabine L, Marco R, Steve S, Richard W, Gordon H) LEAVE: Ed C.

# THOUGHT OF THE WEEK – Margaret Echarri Growing old is mandatory, growing up is optional! Next week: Tony Strong

#### HALF YEARLY SUBS PAYMENT

NEWS For those paying their subs 1/2 yearly your second installment is now due so you had better pay Scrooge Epstein to keep him happy or pay the penalty fine.

#### **ROTARY MARKETS**

Last Sunday there were 30 stalls which returned an amount of \$655. This means \$327.50 to Project and Market accounts. BBQ takings were \$776.65 with some expenses yet to be taken into account. This does not include the extra serviettes that some one kept giving away!!

<u>DISTRICT ASSEMBLY</u> 6th and 7th May in Yass – Make a note in your diary now and keep the date free.

#### WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

February is World Understanding Month. This is a special month in the Rotary Calendar. It also includes the anniversary of Rotary's first meeting held on 23rd February 1905, now designated as World Understanding and Peace Day.

Can we plan suitable programmes to coincide with this special month? Let us emphasise the understanding and goodwill as an essential for world peace.

#### RI PRESIDENT TO VISIT D9710

It is the intention of the RI President to visit D 9710 in March. RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar will be visiting Bega on Thursday 23rd March. This is a unique opportunity to hear the RI President speak. President Kevin will discuss this at the meeting on Wednesday.

St Patrick's Day anniversary which is usually held with Tuggeranong Club at Michelago will also be discussed at the next meeting. So please be at the meeting and have your suggestions handy when asked.