

## MEETING CANCELLATION

The meetings of the 26th December and the 4th January have both been cancelled due to the Christmas season. Our first meeting for 2006 will be on the 11th January 2006. Please note these dates in your diary.



Elaine Mooney, our PR person, thanked Vivien and presented her with a Certificate of appreciation for her presentation.



### Annual Christmas Party at the Marlborough Motel

21st December. Cost per head is \$25.  
This is a partners night. Please advise Darrell of your intention to attend and if you are bringing a partner.

LAST WEEKS MEETING was attended by our outward bound GYE students, Haley who is headed for Norway and Josh who is bound for Michigan USA both leave next month. They proudly displayed their new blazers.

ROTARIAN AND PAST PRESIDENT Graham French, has accepted the position of District Coordinator for Overseas Projects. Well done Graham.

#### NOTE FROM THE CHURCH BULLETIN:

The Ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon!

ROTARY CENTENNIAL SILVER COIN: Perth Mint has produced a coin to celebrate our 100th year. Secretary Brian has all the details. Discounts apply for quantity. Order now as orders have to be in before the years' end.

**Des T & John G** (The Guys putting the *BULL* into *BULLETIN*)

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

of the

## Rotary Club of Cooma

*"Rotary – Gateway to the Snowies"*



**SERVICE Above Self**

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Vivien Chelen was the guest speaker, born in Hong Kong but raised in her parents Home country of South Africa. She shared a slice of her life with us. Vivien commenced with overviews and told us of the scenery, sounds and smells of her home country, which she finds hard to explain and harder still to forget. She also told us of Durban a middle income country with an emerging market, abundant supply of natural resources, well developed financial, communications and energy

system with a modern infrastructure. The school she taught at was elaborately equipped with specialist classrooms sporting swimming and other facilities, very different to other schools she described.

On a whole South Africa has a high unemployment rate and faces daunting economic problems, and had overviews of Homes, Holiday homes and squatter camps. Vivien decided to leave after a friend who was waiting to pick up a child was shot. This was the 9th friend who had lost their life in violent crime and dashed their dream of a Democratic South Africa, free of apartheid. So the the family decided to migrate to either Canada, NZ or Australia and chose Australia after much checking on the Internet. After a lengthy wait for acceptance migrated to Adelaide then Husband Brian secured a Job at the Water Treatment works at Cooma

Vivien's parents farm is subject to land claim, even though they have lived there for 30 years, and patience is running out. One night recently she got a phone call from her sister informing her that her parents had been attacked in their home, father stabbed 9 times, mother tied up and assaulted several times, and died of brain haemorrhage 12 days later aged 71. One sister and her family are trying to migrate to Australia, the other sisters home has been burgled several times and now has electric security fencing. Farm attacks in 1977 were 433, and during the last 10 years there was at least 1 death in 9720 attacks. The life expectancy in South Africa is 43

So Vivien and her family have decided to call Cooma and Australia home and were naturalised last Monday. They hope to be joined by the 3 children from Brian's first marriage shortly. A big thank you and Welcome to Vivien and her family.

## Duty Roster – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

### Attendance:

DECEMBER: Julie Johnson, Wolfgang Laub

JANUARY: Elisabeth Apps, Coll Adams

### Meeting Preparation/Property

DECEMBER: Richard Lawson & Dave Libauer

JANUARY: Dugald Mitchell, Elaine Mooney

### Fellowship: Margaret Echarri

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

### Markets –

**DECEMBER 18th.** Robbyn Crooks, Les Sutcliffe, (C'van), Tony Strong (BBQ), Julie Johnson, Margaret Echarri

**JANUARY 15th:** Robbyn Crooks, Lou Moore (C'van), John Clarke (BBQ), David Byrne, Des Trute

**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 meet Robbyn at the Rotary shed no later than 8am. Others nominated should be at the Park by 8.45am.

### NEXT MEETING:

**WEDNESDAY 21st December, 2005**

**Venue: Marlborough Motel**

Apologies & Guests to Darrell Please – Phone 6452 3302

## CHRISTMAS PARTY Partners & Guests Invited

Cost: \$25 a person

6.30 for 7.15pm

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**Never be the first to arrive or last to leave a party, and certainly not both!**

**Next Week – Cheryl Mould**

### ATTENDANCE

43 members out of 49 = 85.9%

**GUESTS:** John Mooney (Lou M) Robbyn & Ian Dormay (Liz A) Hayley Josh, Freja & Vivien (Club)

**APOLOGIES:** Robbyn C, Margaret E, Darrell G, Julie J, John M, Tony Strong. **LEAVE:** Mr Ed C.



Our outward bound exchange students pictured in their new blazers. Both are quite excited over their selection and spoke well of their plans for the future.



Josh addresses the club and outlines his plans for the Exchange and thanks the Club for his Nomination

**BOARD SNIPPETS:** The board last night decided to invest the balance of the Markets bank account less 10% for working capital to be utilised for the markets

**ROTARY MARKETS;** This Sunday will see the Chocolate Wheel in operation. Donations are needed for prizes. To date we have a pillow, Bike Helmet, 2 bottles of wine, a sports bag and tee shirts. Further donations are urgently needed. Can you help to make this show a success by donating something?