

Duty Roster – MARCH/APRIL

Attendance:

MAY: John Clarke, Cheryl Mould

JUNE: Peter Davis, Darrell Gaukroger

Meeting Preparation/Property

MAY: Elaine Mooney & Dugald Mitchell

JUNE: Dave Holgate & Julie Johnston

Fellowship: Margaret Echarri & Claire Neumeyer

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

Markets –

MAY 21st: Maryanne Burgess, Tony Slater (C'Van), Kevin Dunne (BBQ):
Dugald Mitchell

JUNE: Graham French (BBQ); Les Sutcliffe (C'Van); Darryl Gaukroger;
John Gill

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. ENSURE YOU GET THE KEY TO THE SHED FROM ROBBYN 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 Robbyn before the event. Others nominated should be at the Park by 8.45am.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Monday May 1st – Dr Bob (Is he really 80?)

Monday May 1st – Claire Neumeyer

Congratulations to both from the Club Members

ATTENDANCE

38 Members + 2 makeups = 40 out of 50 = 80%

VISITING ROTARIANS: Ian Wilson & wife Jaclyn (Brisbane)

GUESTS: Bert Knowles & Freja (Club)

APOLOGIES: Monica A, Marianne B, David B, John C, Ashley C, President Kevin D, Alan H, Elaine M, Claire N, Sabine S, Tony Strong.

LEAVE: Richard W.

MAKEUPS: Ashley C & Sabine (Saleyards BBQ)

Des T & John G (Putting the *BULL* into *BULLETIN*)

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

of the

Rotary Club of Cooma

"Rotary – Gateway to the Snowies"



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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK – Kym L

"It's nice to be important, but it is more important to be nice."

Next Week: Graham F.

The guest speaker was Bert Knowles, who spoke on ANZAC. Bert was a Pommy who served in the Royal Airforce in WW2 then migrated to Australia came to Cooma was in charge of the Snowy Workshop, then worked for SMEC. His wife and he still occupy the Snowy House they were allocated at Cooma North. He joined Cooma Ex Services Club in 1951 and has been heavily involved in Veteran Affairs and Community organisations for which he was awarded an Order of Australia Medal and yesterday was named as Cooma Anzac of the Year. Bert informed us of the Historic Acrom for ANZAC, when boxes of records for the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps were stored at General Birdwood's quarters at Cairo and 2 sergeants had a rubber stamp made with the abbreviation ANZAC to replace the previous cumbersome title. He then went on review the real start of the ANZAC tradition at the Gallipoli campaign in 1951 when our countries were required to contribute to the allied war effort due to Turkey controlling the Dardenelles and the implementation of a very poor campaign which resulted in a very hazardous and horrendous Gallipoli campaign which did not achieve its objectives, despite the great fighting qualities and heroic deeds of the troops involved on 25/4/15 In this campaign Australia suffered 26,000 casualties and 7,500 deaths. But despite this the ANZAC's continued being involved in the conflict in France and the West Front. During WW1 the ANZACs lost over 60,000 killed and thousands wounded or gassed, probably the highest per capita basis when you consider the small population of Australia. He then gave us statistics of the commitment, casualties and deaths of ANZAC's in WW2 to stop Japan's invasion of Australia and our involvement's in other conflicts. Bert shared with us his activities in WW2 when he volunteered and joined the Royal Airforce at the age of 18 as part of the gun crew, and reminded us WE ALL OWE A GREAT DEAL OF GRATITUDE TO ALL THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES SERVING FOR OUR COUNTRY, AUSTRALIA.

He concluded with the ANZAC ode LEST WE FORGET.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY at YASS 6th & 7th MAY

Your President-elect has booked several members in for the above District Assembly, however it is disappointing that more of the new Board Members have not shown interest in attending.

Things change each year and there may well be changes brought about of which you may not be aware. This new approach by our new D.G. brings a host of new things to view and may give a whole new approach to Rotary.

Break out sessions are specifically designed to assist Directors with their Portfolios.

The Saturday night Dinner is for everyone, new members, directors and interested partners.

Sunday, the session closes with a BBQ lunch.



At Right:

Our guest speaker for the evening, Bert Knowles, as he addressed the meeting and advised the ANZAC message



At Left:

Our own Peter Davis as he thanked the guest speaker in his usual eloquent manner

WHEELIES WITH WINGS

We had the pleasure of having 3 of the members and their pilot with us last week and following this they went to Temora and had a successful fly in and also received another Sponsor, Steve S advised.

Secretary Brian spoke on the Otis Foundation for women with Breast cancer who have free use of a lodge at Thredbo from November to May, which also incurs some costs for laundry etc, and asked if anyone was interested in supporting this.

EXCHANGE STUDENT Freja has moved to her next host family – the Shirvingtons, but is going away on the Treckabout, so we won't see her for a few weeks.

KATIE ADAMS, a 17 year old from Nimmitabell, has been interviewed and nominated to District for interview as our next outward bound GYE student

COOMA MONARO COMMUNITY TRANSPORT requires volunteer drivers for their duties if you are interested you are invited to attend a Volunteers Orientation Course at the BEC on Thursday 4th May at 9.30am to 4pm. Please advise by the 2nd of May or see Col Adams for more information.

PRIDE OF WORK AWARDS: David B has been promoting the awards with press advertising. Nomination forms are available at Cooma Dry Cleaners and Cooma Colour Print. Have a sharp look around and see if you are able to suggest a suitable person/s who could fulfil this award.

10th MAY: Our guest speaker will be Gary Raymond ex Detective Sergeant of the Police Force who played a major part in retarding Terrorism activities.

NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY 3rd May, 2006

Venue: Cooma Thai Restaurant

PROGRAMME: Ken Casley

Topic: Jindabyne Dam Wall

Introduction: Geoff Bowland – Vote of Thanks: Alan Hall

Apologies & Guests to Darrell Please – Phone 6452 3302

Fellowship from 6 pm