#### Duty Roster – JUNE / JULY

#### Attendance:

IUNE: Peter Davis, lim Hatfield Tony Strong, Col Adams **IULY:** Meeting Preparation/Property

**IUNE:** Dave Holgate & Julie Johnston

Geoff Bowland, Howard Brown IULY:

PLEASE NOTE Change of Roster **Fellowship:** Margaret Echarri & Claire Neumever

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

#### Markets -

JUNE 18th: Graham French (BBQ); Les Sutcliffe (C'Van); John Gill, Kym Lloyd, Alyson Hulley-Jeffries.

JULY 16th: Col Adams (BBQ), Brian Jeffries, Alan Hall (C'van) +1 more! NOTE: Members rostered on and not able to attend are to make arrange-

ments 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.

> The District is currently seeking nominations for TEAM LEADERS for GSE.

This is the Group Study Exchange team for New Zealand and the USA. Applications close on the 7th July 2006. Howard Brown has the information on the application forms and any other information that may be required.

## DONATIONS IN KIND

Well, Steve S has been at it again having another Spring Clean. He has a truck load of furniture ready to go to Sydney. All it needs now is a spare truck (If Marco can arrange one, as he so generously always happens to find one somewhere.) So be prepared Lads for a short (?) working bee soon to load the big rig with Steve's "find" of a kind! It will be a Friday arvo time slot, and a "jockey" may be needed to keep the driver alert and assist unloading in Sydney.

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of the

# **Rotary Club of Cooma**

"Rotary – Gateway to the Snowies"

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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK - Dr Bob (Again)

"The art of Hospitality is making people feel at home,

when you wish damn well they were."

Next Week: Richard Lawson

### NEXT MEETING:

## WEDNESDAY 21st June, 2006

Venue: Cooma Thai Restaurant **PROGRAMME:** 

Guest Speaker: Freja Elbro

Topic: My Rotary Exchange in Cooma

Introduction: Tony Slater - Thanks: Steve Shirvington

PARTNERS' NIGHT

Apologies & Guests – Phone 6452 3302 Fellowship from 6 pm.

### **ATTENDANCE**

42 Members plus 1 Makeup = 43 out of 53 = 81.1%GUESTS: Freja (Club), Georgie & Ryan (Ashley C), Scott & Nicholas Vamvakaris. APOLOGIES: Marianne B, Monica A, David B, Jim H, Wolfgang L, John M. LEAVE: Liz A, Darrell G, WE ALSO MISSED: Allan H & Peter D. MAKEUPS: Darrell G (RI Convention)



## MARCO'S BIRTHDAY WISH (?)



As many may see from the photo above, is Marco blowing out the candles or thinking, "Heck I'll be sick if I have any of this after all the red Steve S has made me drink, and Julie J didn't help to stop him!! HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARCO AND MAY THERE BE MANY MORE. (Incidently the cake tasted absolutely fantastic)

Our other Birthday boy shared the same table and had the "big song" treatment which didn't upset Steve at all. Happy birthday to you both from the Club & Members.

### DO NOT FORGET THE ROTARY MARKETS ON SUNDAY.

Please try and be early to sell the extra cup of coffee to the cold stall holders. They would appreciate the effort, believe me!

#### BOARD MEETING NEXT WEDNESDAY

Time: 8.30pm Venue: PRESIDENT KEVINS' Home in North The new Board Members are invited to attend this meeting. Light refreshments will be served

### LAOKO EXPLAINED TO ROTARY



Carol Vamvakaris, who is President of LAOKO (LOOKING AFTER OUR KOSI ORPHANS) delegated her husband Scott to do the honors. Scott explained the what, how and why they do it. LAOKO started 20 years ago, based in Jindabyne, but in the last few years has expanded from a group of concerned friends to a credible rescue organisation of volunteers who survive with support from local businesses and generous

assistance from local vets. He said that studies have shown that culling of kangaroos does not increase economical performance of properties, as food preferred by sheep is only a minor component of a kangaroo's diet, they just don't eat the same things, but his experiment backfired when both ate his wife's roses when put into the house paddock.

LAOKO's most significant change is a 24 hour ANSWERED emergency help line, which has also increased their workload. Dec to March they responded to 213 calls, with the ski season the busiest. LAOKO is also exchanging information with other wildlife groups both state and nationally. Western Plains Zoo at Dubbo is offering free services for volunteers to update their training. He also gave us a comparison between Kangaroos and Wallabies (no Graham not the Rugby team). He told us of the raising of "Pinkies" little kangaroos that have not started to grow hair and are kept in a waterbed to allow them to develop, Volunteers raising injured kangaroos bear their own costs of about \$800 for specialist milk foods etc. plus vet bills, and it takes

about 18 months. Scott's final statement was that in regard to animals, everything you give them, they give twice as much back and that MACROPODS (or kangaroos as we know them) are the most affectionate creatures (lookout wives).

Elaine thanks Carola and Scott

