

Duty Roster – AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

Attendance:

NOVEMBER: David Byrne & Cheryl Mould

DECEMBER: Steve Shirvington & Rob Simms

Meeting Preparation/Property

NOVEMBER: Kapilla N and Monica Alcock

DECEMBER: Chris Adams & Richard Lawson

Fellowship: Margaret Echarri & Claire Neumeyer, with power to add

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

Markets –

NOVEMBER 19th: Jim Hatfield (BBQ), John Jacoby (C'Van), Heather Jacoby, Claire Neumeyer, David Byrne, John Gill

DECEMBER 17th: John Gill, Sabine Laub, Elaine Mooney, John Mooney (BBQ), Peter Davis (C'van) 2 more volunteers are required for this busy month)

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.

NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY 1st NOVEMBER, 2006

COMBINED SERVICE CLUBS' DINNER

Cooma Ex Services Club – 6.30 for 7.00 pm – Partners Night

Guest Speaker: Suzie Balough Gold Medalist Olympic Shooter

Organised by Combined View Clubs

Apologies & Guests MONDAY AM to Darrell – Phone 6452 3302

ATTENDANCE

41 members plus 11 makeups + 52 out of 55 = 94.54%. (PORT President)

GUESTS: Hanna, Vin Good, Max Talbot, (Club), Alison (Dave H), Christina (Wolfgang), Gail Eastaway (Julie J)

APOLOGIES: Monica A, Sabina S, Howard B, Marianne B, John C, Margaret E, Alan D, Graham F, John M, Elaine M.

LEAVE: Liz A, (Sick), Patrick K.

MAKEUPS: Brian J & Alyson H-J (GSE), Allan H & Kevin D (SK8Park), Graham F (GSE2), Robbyn C (GSE2), Mark R (GSE)

Des T & John G (Putting it into the Bulletin)

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

of the

Rotary Club of Cooma

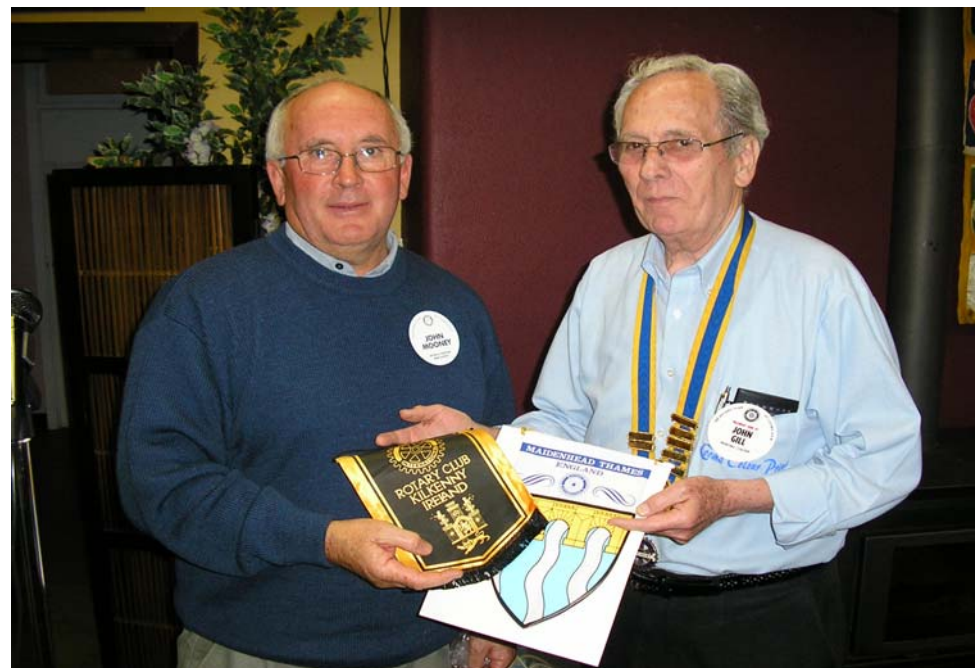
"Rotary – Gateway to the Snowies"



25th October, 2006

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BANNER PRESENTATION . . .



Rotarian John Mooney presents President John with two banners from his recent trip overseas. John explained to the Club the difference between the Irish Rotary Club and the English Rotary Club he had attended.

John said that the Irish Club had made them feel most welcome, despite the difference in Sportsmanship. "They were a most hospitable, friendly Club and made us feel more than welcome", John Mooney said.

On the other hand the English Club wore suits, collar and ties for the lunch time meeting of exactly one hour. However after the meeting many were prepared to stay for a chat and exchange pleasantries. John also suggested that our banners should be in cellophane or similar for protection when travelling.

Guest Speaker . . .



Vin Good addresses the Club

The guest speakers were Vin Good, who has been with the Snowy for 23 years, admin. & Max Talbot, who has been with Snowy for 24 years-engineering. Both gave us a different view to the previous proposed privatisation of the Snowy Hydro given by Terry Charlton when he addressed the club a few months ago. Vin opened his address and said that while they both supported corporatisation of the Snowy they were against privatisation. It was their view that the Snowy should remain in long term government ownership in the public interest and certainly prevent the scheme going into foreign ownership. The only thing that privatisation can do that corporation can't, is raise more capital.

A reduction in the % owned by the 3 governments giving a capital of \$1b - \$1.5B and Vin said this would have been privatisation by stealth. But as most Aussies were opposed to the sale of the Snowy, The PM reversed the cabinet Decision, followed by the Vic & NSW Gov. Vin said privatisation of the Snowy would have seen the the Snowy controlled by an overseas identity liked to Altina-AGL and potential Wal-Mart/Coles Take-overs. DON'T SELL THE GOOSE THAT LAYS THE GOLDEN EGG. Since corporatisation in 2002 the Snowy has retained earnings of over \$300M and increased it debt from \$615M to \$915M through the construction of two gas powered stations, and a retail company. Pretty reasonable growth he said. Those who cant come to terms with the the peoples verdict that they want the Snowy Scheme kept in Government ownership Perpetuity should consider moving to greener pastures. The Snowy had a revenue of \$500m in 2002/3 before tax of \$50M and still financed scheme upgrades and constructed 2 gas plants at about \$200M each and has been assessed as ability to borrow a further \$500M. Max then spoke on and answered questions on the water licence and its part of the scheme. He also mentioned recent articles in the Express -Especially the one maintaining that vertical integration (ie The purchase of retailers) is essential to its survival - is certainly not doing this. He finished with a quote from Jack Welch (Chairman and CEO of the worlds most valuable corporation) "Resisting a deal/decision no matter how scared, confused or angry you are is usually suicidal to your career not to mention your emotional well-being- don't act like a victim-"get behind the deal/ decision, think of ways to make it work, adopt the biggest, most can-do attitude you can muster. — Reporter Des Trute



Steve Shirvington thanks the guest speaker on Wednesday night

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 15th November,
Lions Night, Yamaga Japanese
sister City and Dinner Meeting

Do not forget the forthcoming
Citizen of the Year nominations.
Also the Pride of Work is coming
up shortly.

LITTLE THEATRE FUND RAISER

Planned for 24th November, this should be a great night out for all. Cost is only \$25 per head. Names on the list are very helpful for catering and establishing a great night .

A list will be circulated shortly showing members names, addresses and phone numbers, together with partners names. There will also be a list of all the Committees and the members of each Committee circulated for each member to have. Club Service Director Cheryl has this in hand and should be finalised within the next 5 or 6 days.

Rotary Club of Box Hill are seeking to sell 1000 raffle tickets at \$25 each for a trip to New Zealand Fly Fishing. Prize includes flight both ways to South Island of NZ and Accom. More from Brian J.

German Proverb

A man who tries to kick all the stones out of his life's journey will have not any shoes left.

Donated



CONGRATULATIONS

Wednesday 1st November – David Epstein (Birthday)
The Club extends best wishes to you on your Special Day

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK – Katrin H

A diamond is a piece of coal that kept trying.
Big trees are just nuts that stood their ground!

NEXT WEEK: President John