#### **DUTY ROSTER – JANUARY/FEBRUARY**

Attendance:

**MARCH:** John Mercer & Katrin Hackney **APRIL:** Ashley Constance & Tony Strong

Meeting Preparation/Property

MARCH: Tony Slater & Richard Warner APRIL: Geoff Bowland & Elaine Mooney



PLEASE NOTE
CHANGES

MARCH: Alan Dodd (C'van), Wolgang Laub (BBQ), Monica Alcock, Geoff

Bowland

APRIL: Gail Eastaway, Chris ADams, John Mercer, Marco Revelant (BBQ),

Steve Shirvington (C'van)

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: OLD BANK CAFE, Sharp Street WEDNESDAY 14th MARCH, 2007

Speaker: Ronald Hackney

Topic: Observing the Earth & Probing the Interior from Space

Plus Guests: Rural Medical Students

**Introduction: Dr Bob – Thanks: Steve Shirvington** 

Apologies to Darrell by 10 am PLEASE - Phone 6452 3302

PLEASE RESPOND DIRECTLY TO DARRELL ON 6452 3302

#### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK -- Julie Johnston

Time flies faster than the weavers shuttle

**NEXT WEEK: Monica Alcock** 

## **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

of the

# **Rotary Club of Cooma**

"Rotary - Gateway to the Snowies"

7th March, 2007

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#### Josh Kavanagh addresses the Club

#### MY EXCHANGE

Josh Kavanagh left for Michigan on 21st January last year with 30 other young people who were embarking on their Rotary Youth Exchange. This youth exchange programme would see them away from home for a year. Learning and studying the culture of the land they were to be in for 12 months.

Josh had grandparents for his first host family. He would

catch the bus to school at 6am in below freezing temperatures after walking quite a spell from his hosts home to the bus stop.

Another host family where he slept in the daughters room. (The daughter was away at College Josh was quick to tell us).

He went to Travis City West (school) where the school colours were green and gold. There were 2000 students in the school. They were captivated by his Aussie accent. He found ice hockey a very painful sport. However his host family at the time bought Vegemite for him as a special surprise. (which he hated!) He saw the National Cherry Festival which attracts a crowd of around 15-20,000.

He visited New York which he says is the busiest place ever, and everything is huge. Josh claimed the schooling was a lot easier in the States than here. He became involved with the ski team and sported a couple of their jackets to show the diners.

In all Josh says he has benefitted greatly from the exchange and thanked Rotary for the opportunity.

#### **POLISH FESTIVAL**

Graham French discussed the opportunity to be involved with the local and visiting Polish Community who plan to hold a Polish Festival in Cooma.

Support has been shown from the Visitors Centre and Council. Members of the Board have agreed to assist in the running of the event by supplying the caravan and BBQ where needed. Graham went on to comment this could be an annual event, bringing many visitors to the town from various parts of the country.



#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Tuesday 13th March – Margaret Echarri – Birthday Sunday 18th March – David Holgate (Birthday)

The Club extends best wishes to you both on your Special Day

### ATTENDANCE 7th March

45 members out of 56 = 80.%

VISITING ROTARIANS: Pat Green, Glasshouse Mountains (Sunshine Coast) GUESTS: Hanna, Josh Kavanagh (Club), Ben Berggraf (Geof B), Jan Sutcliffe (Les S), Allie & Kim Adams (Chris A), Irene Shirvington (Steve S), Maree Dunne (Kevin D), Jeanette Bailey (John C). Leanne Atkinson.

APOLOGIES: Claire N, Monica A, David B, Peter D, Richard L, Des T, Gail E..

LEAVE: Marianne B, Jim H. WE ALSO MISSED: Sarah W.

MAKEUPS:

#### HRD VINCENT MOTOR CYCLE TOUR

This event is on Saturday 17th March and volunteers are needed to man the BBQ and the Caravan. From 11 am set up time to approx 3 pm in the afternoon. There will be approx 100 riders plus onlookers, Please advise Robbyn if you are able to assist this fund raising opportunity.

#### **BOWEL SCAN**

Rob Simms advised that the Bowel Scan programme is on until the 31st March.

Kits are available from Hooks Pharmacy in Cooma and Jindabyne Pharmacy, cost is only \$8. If you are over 40 you need a test every year, as I in 21 people suffer with bowel cancer each year.

#### **URBAN URBAN NIGHT**

Our annual Urban Urban night is on again in Cooma on 18th April. Guest Speaker will be Peter Carlin, from the Credit Union. His topic is Modem Banking. Please try and bring a friend along and make this a great night for all.

#### ST PATRICKS NIGHT WITH TUGGERANONG ROTARY

Do not forget our annual get together with the Tuggeranong Rotary Club at Michelago on Wednesday night the 21st March.

This is always a great partners night. Make sure you advise Darrell G of your intentions that the bookings may be confirmed and transport arrangements put in place.

#### **MARKET DAY**

Our monthly market day is the 18th March. Robbyn will be away and Alan Dodd has kindly agreed to take control of the day in her absence. Dave Holgate has agreed to tow the van in place of Alan who will do the collections from the stall holders. An extra hand or two is always helpful, so if you are at a loose end, call in and see if you can be of assistance to the crew.

#### **DISTRICT ASSEMBLY**

Will be held in Cooma on 5-6 May 2007. Please keep this week end free as we will need assistance from most members. Contact Kevin Dunne if you are able to offer assistance.

## Do not forget the KIDS DISCO 13th April

Kym Lloyd has spent a lot of time organising the Kids Disco at the Ex Services Club on Friday 13th April. There will be a need of many helpers to ensure the success of this venture. Kym will be seeking volunteers at the next couple of meetings, so if you are able to assist please see Kym.

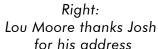
#### THE SERIOUS SIDE OF ROTARY?



Left:
Josh addresses the
meeting and tells of
his experiences
during his time
away



Hanna, our inbound
Japanese Exchange
Student
tells of her latest trip
away to the coast.





Lou and Josh in a joyful mood after the presentation



Kevin Dunne is presented with his "crown" on his apointment as Assistant District Governor



At right we have our youngest attendee, a member of the Adams Family and already a staunch visitor to our meetings. Shortly another young guest may be along too!



Congratulations Kevin from the members of the Cooma Rotary CLub

#### **ATTENDANCE**

THE ATTENDANCE OFFICER HAS
DRAWN ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT MEMBERS ARE
BEING TOO COMPLACENT IN THEIR ATTENDANCE.
IN PARTICULAR THE LACK OF ATTENTION TO ADVISE

OF THEIR INABILITY TO ATTEND A MEETING.
THE CLUB HAS TO PAY \$15 FOR THE MEAL MISSED.

MEMBERS WILL BE CHARGED \$15 FOR THE MEAL IF THEY DO NOT APOLOGISE ON TIME.

#### GOIF DAY

April 1st is the date for the big golf tournament. Shotgun start is 10am. at the "Royal" Gunning Golf Club (West side of the town just across the Hume Highway)

Team event 9 hole Medley Aggregate Stableford 4 to a team, 3 to count.

Each member will carry one putter and only three golf clubs

The prize is a PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP donated by the Rotary Club of Canberra, to be awarded to the winning team's Club to a member of the Community **who is not a Rotarian**. Surplus proceeds will go to the Drought Relief.

Team cost: \$100 including BBQ and soft drinks. (\$25 per team member)

#### **ROTARY GRACE**

O Lord Thou Giver of all good, We thank Thee for our daily food, May Rot'ry friends and Rot'ry ways, Help us to serve Thee all our days.





#### **Bowel Cancer Awareness Campaign**

A Program of the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund

# **Over 40?**

You need a Bowelscan Test Every Year!

Bowelscan Kits \$8

For a limited time from participating pharmacies
Saturday 3 March to Saturday 31 March 2007

Includes
Testing by accredited pathology
Notification of results (positives and negatives)

Return completed kits to participating pharmacies for pathology by Saturday 14 April 2007

# A simple test could save your life!



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