

The Rotary Club of Cooma Inc.

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MEETINGS:

We meet every Wednesday

6 for 6:30pm at

Cooma Thai Restaurant

161 Sharp Street Cooma

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: + 1 makeup -36 out of 53 =67.9%

GUESTS: Rewa Nolan, Nikki Rabbitte & Nattapan (Club), Gai (David E), Ian Morgan (Pamela M-E), Pat Green (Margaret E).

APOLOGIES: Geoff B, Peter D, Gail E, Alyson H-J, Lou M, Colin M, Sabine S, Claire N
LEAVE Monica A, Lis A, John & Heather J, Prasan S, Elaine M.

WE ALSO MISSED: Alan D.

MAKEUPS: Darrel G (Kiama)

Duty Roster August & September

Thought of the Week	Fellowship	Attendance
Next Week-Brian Jeffries	Claire Neumeyer & Margaret Echarri	August -Kevin Dunne & Prasan Sharp September -Colin Mould & Sarah Woodhouse

Property	Introduction	Markets
August -Tom Bellgard & Sarah Woodhouse	President Cheryl	August -John Clarke BBQ Dave Libauer C'van, John Gill PA, Kapila N, Pamela M-E
September -Kapila N. & Richard L.	Vote of Thanks President Cheryl	September -Tony Strong BBQ, John Mercer C'van, John Gill PA, Katrin Hackney, Gail Eastaway

SOME SIMPLE RULES ABOUT ROSTERS

GENERAL: Members rostered on and not able to attend are to make arrangements with another member to take their place.

MARKETS: 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 John Mooney 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 John Mooney before the event. Others nominated should be at the Park by 8.45am.

ATTENDANCE: For normal meetings **You** must advise Darrell (6452 3302) by midday Wednesday if not attending or bringing a guest. If you don't apologise then you must pay the dinner fee. Special meetings may require your apology or guest advice earlier.



Weekly Bulletin



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Guest Speakers Nikki & Rewa

Guest speakers were Nikki Rabbitte & Rewa Nolan.

Nikki, who has a background in midwifery and is a youth Health Worker for the South East Division of General Practice Limited opened and provided an overview of the Cooma Young Parents Group (Also known as MAD-Mums and Dads). The group was established in 2004 to support a wide range of needs for pregnant teenagers and teenage parents. The services include education, recreation, health and well-being not only in Cooma but also in Bombala and Jindabyne. The Cooma group meets at Cooma Family Support every 2nd Thursday and has a small budget for food and activities, between 15 and 24 mothers and fathers participate.

Most of these young parents are referred to her by local doctors and she strives to identify their achievements and future goals, then develops a pathway to meet these. A lot of these young persons were brought up in a similar position. They were lucky to have Rewa Nolan, a film maker, in their midst, and received a \$2000 grant to produce a film in which these young persons tell their stories.



Rewa Nolan & Nikki Rabbitte

Issue

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Items of special interest:-

- August-Membership month
- September-Youth activities month
- October -Vocational service month
- November-Rotary Foundation month
- December-Family month

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Happy Birthday to Nattapan



Nattapan celebrated his 17th birthday on Tuesday this week. The Editor can assure you that even though he seems a little "blue" in the picture he had a happy day and appreciated the club singing a rousing rendition of "happy birthday" on the night.



Nikki & Rewa continued



Kim gave the vote of thanks on behalf of the club

Rewa then previewed a short compilation of the many many hours of stories and interviews she and Nikki had gathered from the mums and dads. The video highlighted some of the difficulties these young people have.

It is hoped to obtain a further grant to expand this production for distribution to community groups and schools so that similar young people can be helped to understand the complexities of parenting and assist them in making informed choices about their future. There is definite potential to get television stations such as the ABC or SBS interested which would further

spread this message and benefit a far wider range of young people across Australia.

Dugald's Note!

The four elements of an effective Rotary Club are: **S**ustain and increase membership, **I**mplement successful service projects; **S**upport Rotary Foundation and **D**evelop leadership beyond club level.

Thought of the Week—by Les Sutcliffe

Enjoy when you can, endure when you must

Member Happenings

Wedding Anniversaries

Not till September

Birthdays

Tuesday, 14 August-Rob Simms

Wednesday, 15 August-David B.

Saturday, 18 August Trish L.



The Club extends our best wishes to you all on your special day.



New Member-Ken Prendergast



President Cheryl welcomes Ken

Welcome to new (or recycled) member Ken Prendergast, classification Caravan Park Management. Ken was a former member of this club for 21 years. Ken holds innumerable positions on committees and boards across our area that provide advice and assistance to environmental and agricultural interests. Ken is also a Past President of the Lae Rotary Club in Papua New Guinea.

Des' Laws of the Universe

LAW OF MECHANICAL REPAIR;

After your hands become coated in grease, your nose will begin to itch or you'll have to pee.....

News Snippets

ROMAC The club received a thank you from ROMAC for the donation of \$620, **WELL DONE CLAIRE**

KATRIN HACKNEY'S grand daughter, Talia has been nominated in New Idea magazine's 20 most beautiful babys contest. So she would like you to ring 1902 555711 and vote for No.7 (Talia of course).

FUND RAISING PROJECTS, Kim L read out a list of possible fund raising projects for this year. The list will be circulated next week so members can choose the ones they prefer.

MARGARET ECHARRI informed the club that Claire N heard of an 18 month old baby Grace Packnam at Cootamundra who needed treatment for a brain disorder. Claire then organised a morning tea which raised \$185.

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH RACEDAY being held on Saturday 3/5/08 at Rosehill Gardens So If you wish to get a group together to attend and support see Secretary John M for all the details.

2008 SUBSCRIPTIONS don't forget to pay on time, due dates are on the tax invoice, they can be paid in full or by two installments of \$110 in September 2007 and January 2008. Remember, late payments attract an additional fee.

Next week's guest speaker: DG Bernie Rodgers

TOPIC: Rotary!!!