

The Rotary Club of Cooma Inc.

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MEETINGS:

We meet every Wednesday

6 for 6:30pm next week at

The Alpine Hotel

Sharp Street Cooma

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 38 members out of 52 = 73%

VISITING ROTARIANS: DG Bernie Rodgers (Hall)

GUESTS: Lynne (Bernie R), Helen (Graham F), Carol (John G), Jan (Les S), Georgie (Ashley C), Pat Green (Margaret E), Susan (Dugald M), Yvonne (John M), Nattapan (Club).

APOLOGIES: David B, Allan D.

LEAVE Monica A, Lis A, John & Heather J, Prasan S, Elaine M. Sabine S.

WE ALSO MISSED: Kapila N.

Duty Roster August & September

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

Property	Introduction	Markets
August -Tom Bellgard & Sarah Woodhouse	TBA	August -John Clarke BBQ Dave Libauer C'van, John Gill PA, Kapila N, Pamela M-E
September -Kapila N. & Richard L.	Vote of Thanks TBA	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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DG Bernie visits Cooma

District Governor Bernie Rodgers addressed the meeting. Bernie is a former Welshman, who first flew with the Fleet Air Arm and then after migrating to Australia worked in the aviation industry. After a while he moved to Canberra and joined the Hall Rotary Club in 1998 where he soon became President, he has



DG Bernie "Enjoying Rotary" with President Cheryl & John Mercer

been involved in District as the Chair of The Polio Eradication program for 4 years. Bernie suffered from polio as a child and was upset he couldn't celebrate his 10th birthday due to this illness. He recently met a woman aged 81, who contracted polio at age 22, just after she had become engaged, she has been in an iron lung ever since. The woman canceled her marriage plans and told her fiancée to get a good life. Remember there is always some one worse off than you. Bernie promoted the District Annual Conference to be held at the Hellenic Club, Canberra 16 to 18 November 2007. Some of the guest speakers will be Barnaby Joyce, Father Chris Riley, and the UK High Commissioner and some special dancers. His theme is SHARE and ENJOY Rotary and he



Cheryl, Bernie and Liz

**NOTE: VENUE
NEXT WEEK IS
THE ALPINE
HOTEL**

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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DG Bernie's address continued

gave us an update on the Polio eradication program, which is still progressing, Statistics from worst effected countries are;

COUNTRY	CASES LAST YEAR	THIS YEAR
AFGHANISTAN	22	5
PAKISTAN	12	11
NIGERIA	598	138
INDIA	155	129

Bernie also promoted Rotary's clean water, literacy and education projects. He told us of an Indian housing project and shared with us the story of a 12 year old girl in an African country having to sell her body on the streets. A visiting Rotarian said "don't you know you can get Aids" to which the girl replied "Yes but with Aids I will live for 4 or 5 years, if I don't get money today my family may all be dead next week". That Rotary club arranged a shipload of supplies as soon as they returned home. It makes you realise how important literacy and education is. The newest Rotary club was recently chartered in Antarctica, (maybe Peter Davis might go there for a makeup after he finishes the PNG project). Bernie also advised that Rotary Clubs are banned in China, but there are 2 clubs there for the westerners who live there, the police regularly raid the meetings and arrest the attendees to show who's in charge. Bernie Also encouraged president Cheryl to try for a Presidential Citation, she has already achieved some of the requirements. A 1% increase in membership is reasonable but Districts desire for 15% of members under 40 will be challenging.

Bernie has been a visitor to our club on several occasions and complemented the club on its ambience, fellowship and community involvement. which was also mentioned at the Mayoral Reception for the DG by Mayor Tony Kaltoum.



Bernie addresses the club

Member Happenings

Wedding Anniversaries

Not till September

Birthdays

Saturday, 18 August Trish L.
Wednesday, 30 August Kym L.
Saturday, 2 September Alan H.
Tuesday, 5 September Alan D. & Heather J.



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



News from Papua New Guinea



Peter D with WW2 ordnance

Shown at left is Peter Davis holding a Bren gun magazine and a live grenade (unprimed). These items were picked up at the site of the original Myola hospital and untouched by white men since 1942. There were even half full medicine bottles amongst the hospital ruins. Over 400 Australians had to wait up to 11 weeks to be evacuated from here by foot, yet planes were landing regularly to deliver bosses like General Vasey. It was decreed by the military not to airlift the sick and wounded personnel to safety.

Thought of the Week-By Brian Jeffries

If you can find humor in anything, even poetry, you can survive it.

News Snippets

CHANGE OF VENUE: we have had our last dinner meeting at the Old Bank Cafe, next week's venue will be the Alpine Hotel and the Board will try to have negotiated a new permanent venue by then.

KEMABOLO WATER PROJECT Peter Davis gave us an update on this and he will be heading off on the 14th of October to complete this and would like 4 or 6 Rotarians to assist, so if you can, contact Peter ASAP to get the paperwork and all in order.

MOTORFEST: a combined Service Clubs event is on again on 10/11/07 and John Mooney will want two teams of 8 members for a morning and afternoon shift

FUND RAISING PROJECTS: Gail Eastaway reports that voting was:

Cooma Little Theatre night = 13 first choices

International theme ball = 8 votes

Cinema and progressive dinner = 7 votes

Paint ball was also given two votes...

Least popular were the fun run and the chocolate sales

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.

Next week's guest speaker: SURPRISE!!

TOPIC: SURPRISE!