

## The Rotary Club of Cooma Inc.

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**THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:** 31 members + 5 Makeups -36 out of 54 =66.6%

**GUESTS:** Far too many to mention

**APOLOGIES:** Ashley C, Alan D, Margaret E, Graham F, John G, Jim H, Patrick K, Kym L, Elaine M, Kapila N, Claire N, Tony Strong, Les S, Sarah W, Chris A.

**LEAVE:** Lis A, Monica A, Peter D. Richard L, Sabine S

**MAKEUPS:** Jim H, Kapila N, Gail E, Katrin H, John G (markets)

## Duty Roster October & November

Thought of the Week	Fellowship	Attendance
Next Week-Margaret E.	Claire Neumeyer & Margaret Echarri	<b>October</b> — Coll Adams & Prasan Sharp <b>November</b> -John Clarke

Property	Introduction	Markets
<b>October</b> — Chris Adams & Ashley Constance	John Clarke	<b>October</b> -Dave H. BBQ, Ashley C. C'van, Kapila N, Julie J, John Gill PA
<b>November</b> — John Clarke	<b>Vote of Thanks</b> John Clarke	<b>November</b> -Tony S. BBQ, David B. C'van, Elaine M, Kym L, John Gill PA

### 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.

### MEETINGS:

We meet every Wednesday

6 for 6:30pm at

Dodds Hotel

94 Commissioner Street Cooma



## Weekly Bulletin



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## Rural Urban Night in Bredbo

Guest speaker was Bruce Bashford who left Sydney to “go bush”, came to Cooma in 1963 worked with the SMA & SMEC to earn enough money to become a farmer. Bruce also supported his farming habit by working at Cooma TAFE and in 1993 was appointed Rural Financial Counsellor from which he retired earlier this year. Bruce's subject was to find the prospects for prosperity on the Monaro.



Bruce Bashford

The data for his presentation was sourced from ABARE & Boyce's study of a few years ago and relates to all Australian Agriculture, but he believes it closely reflects the trends on the Monaro. His first overview was The Farming terms of Trade, which is the ratio of prices received by farmers for their produce, to prices paid by farmers for goods and services. This graph indicated a downward trend of 2.38%pa over the period 1953 to 2001, and this decline indicates pressure for change in agriculture. Other ABARE data suggests: average farm size is increasing by 0.80%pa, total number of farms is declining at 1.05%pa, and the number of farm jobs are remaining relatively

### Issue

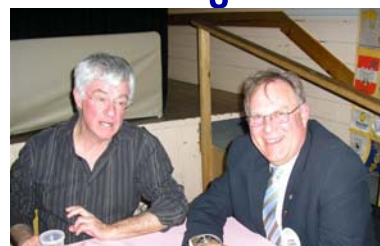
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### Items of special interest:-

- October -Vocational service month
- November-Rotary Foundation month
- December-Family month
- January-Rotary awareness month
- February-World Understanding

### Inside this issue:

## PE John gives Rotary Rundown



PE John & Mayor Roger

President Elect John Clarke gave a comprehensive overview of Rotary International and the benefits of its world wide international programs and achievements; followed by our own clubs achievements over past years.

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## Bruce Bashford talks on farm prosperity

fixed putting relative employment out of kilter. A big concern is the increasing average age of farmers. To achieve farm business prosperity Bruce strongly advocated that land owners plan, plan and plan some more by: developing a business plan and succession plan; create, maintain and refer to a complete set of farm records; Develop and monitor a cash flow budget; Seek and consider professional advice, then apply it; Keep up-to-date with new technologies, attend short courses and keep abreast of the latest trends; Copy the successful leaders in your industry locally, he mentioned Boyce's comparative analysis.



Lou gave the vote of thanks

Bruce said smart questions (to successful operators) might provide smart answers. He mentioned the Enclosed Lands Act which changed the face of farming, hampered Agriculture. Today farmers have ready access to advances in knowledge and technology, which facilitates sustainable and profitable farm practices including soil and fertility analysis. Review of Farm business structures could include share farming and part time farming.

Bruce concluded with the view that he suspects that to achieve prosperity, agriculture on the Monaro may have to undergo the degree of change that has been experienced by the pig, poultry and dairy industries and it will need to be ongoing.

## Thought of the Week—by Marco

*To solve a problem takes a greater level of thinking than to create it*

## Member Happenings

### Wedding Anniversaries

Wednesday, 18 October-

Marco & Marjorie

Friday, 20 October— Wolf-  
gang & Christina

### Birthdays

Monday, 2 October-Helen F.

Tuesday, 3 October-Gay E.

Tuesday, 10 October-Sabine S &  
Richard L.



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



## Kemabolo 2005



Lunch with the village leaders



School at Kemabolo



Teachers homes at Kemabolo



Something for lunch!



Bola & Family (Peter's key contact)



Household water storage





## More on Kemabolo



The tank is loaded at the docks



The tank is unloaded at Kemabolo



The tank will reduce the need to take water from these sources



The drive in to Kemabolo



The Church at Kemabolo



## Latest PNG News



Tank is loaded at Port Moresby



Tank is unloaded at Kemabolo



**P**eter arrived back in Cooma about midnight on Wednesday. His excuse for missing the Rural Urban night was blamed on difficulties hitching a ride back to Cooma. The real truth though is who among our readers would have passed up a delicious fish and Tree Kangaroo barbeque at Kemabolo to come home to an equally delicious three course CWA home cooked meal at Bredbo Hall. I guess we now know what style of cooking Peter prefers!!

## News Snippets

**ROTARY POLO SHIRTS:** John Gill is running another batch of those unique Cooma Rotary shirts for the PNG adventurers. Any member who doesn't yet have one then now's the time to give John a call and get your's at a bargain basement price.

**ROSE TAMBANIS EXHIBITION:** Will commence at the Raglan Gallery on 29 September and run to 21 October. The exhibition will be opened by Rotarian Rob Simms at 4pm on Saturday 29 September and is highly recommended to all.

## Next week's guest speaker: Kevin Hambly

**TOPIC:** Energy Centre, a unique approach





## The Rural Urban Pictorial



Bredbo Hall was crowded with members and guests



Nattapan gets Shanghaied by Bredbo CWA ladies



Dugald introduces Bruce



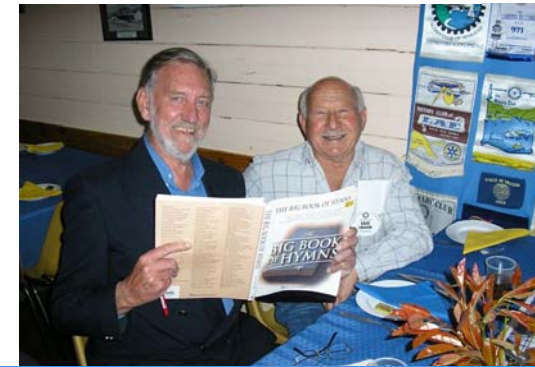
A few words from President Cheryl



## The Rural Urban Pictorial



Heather throws in the towel!



Geoff & Dave at choir practice



The Presidential table



Luxury Travel to Bredbo



Who needs a flash with all this reflection

**M**any thanks to Darrell G. for arranging such plush transport to and from Bredbo Hall. Darrell's organising and logistics skills came to the fore once again as club members were carried in grand style by coach to the Rural Urban night.