

The Rotary Club of Cooma Inc.

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THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 43 members out of 55 =78%

GUESTS: Nola Hancock (Darrel G) Alison (Dave H) Kim Houghton (club)

APOLOGIES: Lis A, Geoff B, John C, Peter D, David E, Julie J, Richard L, Sarah W & Tony Slater

LEAVE: Monica A, Sabine S. Robbyn C.

MAKEUPS:

MEETINGS:

We meet every Wednesday

6 for 6:30pm at

Dodds Hotel

94 Commissioner Street Cooma



Weekly Bulletin



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Duty Roster November & December

Thought of the Week	Fellowship	Attendance
Next Week-Prasan Sharp	Claire Neumeyer & Margaret Echarri	November-Gail Eastaway, Lou Moore

Property	Introduction	Markets
November – Chris Adams & Ashley Constance	Gordon Haylock	November -Tony S. BBQ, David B. C'van, Elaine M, Kym L, John Gill PA
December – John Clarke	Vote of Thanks Les Sutcliffe	December -Peter D. BBQ, Alan D. C'van, Margaret E, Alyson HJ, 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.

Guest Speaker Dr. Kim Houghton

Guest speaker was Dr Kim Houghton, although he doesn't have a medical degree, Kim and his introducer John Vucic, found common ground whilst talking at the top table. Both Kim and John have assisted with the birth of babies. Kim his own and John with a perfect stranger. Kim is well acquainted with both his introducer and the vote of thanks' provider, John Mercer. Kim spoke on business analysis and the census and how they are relevant to a small community like Cooma. He said there are 4 drivers relevant to businesses in a small community like Cooma:

1. Wealth driven "niche" markets
2. Active & affluent retirees
3. Quality driven consumers
4. Experience seekers.

The latest census results in relation to Cooma Monaro Shire show there has been a slight recovery in population since the previous census (which fell due to the closing of the gaol), since then the gaol has now reopened and expanded. There are 1,600 residents over 65 (16%), and this is forecast to rise



John thanks Kim

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Items of special interest:-

- November-Rotary Foundation month
- December-Family month
- January-Rotary awareness month
- February-World Understanding
- Polio eradication Month

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Malcolm Owen Scarlett



Malcolm Owen

Congratulations to Sabine and Dave Scarlett and the Laubs on the birth of Malcolm Owen
Born 6:41pm Friday, 19 October.
Weighing 9lb 4oz or 4.190kg
Length: 19.75 inches or 50cm



Dr. Kim Houghton cont.

to 2,700 by 2026 (28%), NSW will rise from 14% to 21%. Baby boomers in general are wealthier than previous generations of retirees. The average net wealth of 45 to 61 year olds is \$381,000 almost triple of that of 10 years ago. Most equity is in the family home and only half will be comfortable in retirement. Quality driven consumers are downshifting to rebalance work, family, friends and interests, making time for relationships, their lifestyle choice is not just about making money, they do however still want the goodies. 23% of 30-59 year olds have downshifted in the 10 years to 2004. Many to the South Coast and the Snowy's; WHY? - This tree change is for the quality of life.

Skate Park Opening

President Cheryl and several Rotarians were present for the opening of the extensions of the Skate park. The opening was carried out by Gary Nairn. All those organisations who contributed to this scheme were acknowledged, including Rotary. Special mention was made of Rotarian Dave Holgate, the work and valuable assistance he and his team had in completing this project. A plaque will be placed on this structure to acknowledge this (if it can be recovered from Dave).



Dave and his Plaque

Thought of the Week—by Elaine Mooney

The place for a knocker is outside the door

Member Happenings

Wedding Anniversaries

Wednesday, 22 November—
Monica & Doug Alcock

Birthdays

Wednesday, 1 November—David Epstein
Tuesday, 7 November—Jan S.
Wednesday, 8 November—Ashley Constance



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



PNG Pictorial R&R



At the Beer Stoa



World record, 18 in a dual cab ute!



Yep, that's a fish head



Kevin in night footy mode



Coconuts for lunch



A dip in the Coral Sea



PNG Pictorial day by day

WELCOME back to our PNG team who installed the water tank and supply line in Kemabolo village, with many thanks from the residents. Steve S gave us an update on this. Well done fellows!!



Day 1, Wheelchair delivered



Day 2, ready to go



Day 3, load up the truck



Day 3, tank assembly



Day 4, almost done



Day 5, Bye to Councilman Jack



More News



64 attended Amazing Grace



Gordon updates the GSE program



Indiana GSE Civic Reception



Dedication of Kemabolo water supply

News Snippets

MARKETS: An excellent market day with 57 stalls, gross income \$2,896.75 Expenses \$860 Profit \$2035.90. Great work to the team on duty.

INCOMING GSE TEAM arrived in Cooma on Friday, 26 October to a civic Reception at the Council Chambers at 5PM. For more information on their programe or if you wish to join in, contact Gordon or President Cheryl.

AMAZING GRACE: Congratulations to Kym Lloyd who hosted an excellent turnout at the Savoy Cinema on Thursday night when 64 moviegoers enjoyed a moving historical story.

Next week's guest speakers: Indiana GSE Team

TOPIC: Group Study Exchange



Whale Watching Weekend



At the wharf



Underway

YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD by Dave Holgate

When president Cheryl asked the club for interest in a whale watching excursion to Eden the response seemed to me to be pretty luke warm and likely to be a fizzer.

My own preconceived notion about whale watching was seeing a lot of sea, sometimes seasickness and sunburn or cold wet and uncomfortable boredom.

I imagined that those marvelous photos of whales leaping out of the sea, great tails sliding back and pectoral fins slapping the water were achieved by adventurous professionals spending enormous amounts of time and energy scouring the sea to catch single moments of magic on camera.

I offered to go, partly to support our new president and believing it takes courage to offer oneself as a Rotary Club President and partly believing there was a fair chance of enjoying the experience.

The drive to Eden, on a quiet Friday afternoon via Bemboka, Candello was a real pleasure. The temptation to exceed the indicated speed signs on bends is quite compelling, as Tony Strong would know, not to mention the excitement of Brown Mountain.



A cheque to Ed for drought assistance



Awaiting the first sighting

The television reception in the motel was atrocious so we had an early night.

We arrived at Eden wharf with seasick tablets, spray jackets and The Weekend Australian expecting it would help fill in the anticipated hours of boredom.

The air was still and Twofold Bay was a millpond, the tour cat was sparkling and spotless as were the crew. After the welcomes and safety briefing, the skipper took us quietly out to the mouth of the bay.

It was not more than about 20 minutes later that somebody yelled 'THERE'S A POD AT SIX O'CLOCK' and there it was, and for the next two and a half hours there was not a minute when whales were not in view. There they were in front of us doing all the displays we'd seen in photographs, blowing, slapping, rolling, diving.

Adding to this excitement there was a scientist, claiming many years as a student of whales, clearly and expertly describing the maneuvers and identifying the performers as mother and calf, male or female.

It was two and a half hours of unforgettable experience.

The day was rounded off with a beaut lunch at the Merimbula wharf restaurant followed by the exciting drive up Brown Mountain.

