

The Rotary Club of Cooma Inc.

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THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 37 out of 51 MEMBERS = 72.6%

VISITING ROTARIANS: Jim Ryan Murrumburrah-Harden

GUESTS: Mike (Lis A), Jan Ryan (Jim), Kerry Borgeo Warn & Dong (Geoff B), Georgie & Ryan (Ashley C), Laura Buckle(Club).

APOLOGIES: Alan D, Gail E, Margaret E, John G, Alan H, Wolfgang L, Kapila N, Steve S, Kym L

LEAVE: Monica A, Robbyn C, Graham F, Sabine S, Elaine M.

WE ALSO MISSED Chris A.

MAKEUPS: nil

Duty Roster November & December

Thought of the Week	Fellowship	Attendance
Next Week— Colin Mould	Claire Neumeyer & Margaret Echarri	November-Gail Eastaway, Lou Moore

Property	Introduction	Markets
November – Chris Adams & Ashley Constance	David Byrne	December -Peter D. BBQ, Alan D. C'van, Margaret E, Alyson HJ, John Gill PA
December – John Clarke	Vote of Thanks Lou Moore	January -Lou M. BBQ, David E. C'van, Prasan S, Des T.

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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Guest Speaker - Laura Buckle

Our guest speaker was Laura Buckle (who is soon to change her name when she is married on Election Day), works at the Crisis Accommodation Centre, her job is to assist homeless people in our Community. Laura said the main cause of homelessness nationally, is Domestic Violence (DV) and 20% of her clients are due to DV. She deals directly with those who experience DV and this area of her work has become her passion. What is Domestic Violence, it is a crime, as it is illegal to threaten, intimidate, or physically harm another person. Predominantly effects women (90% of reported



Laura Buckle talks on domestic violence.

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Items of special interest:-

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

November is Rotary Foundation Month

Rotary was begun in Chicago by Paul Harris in 1905. It is now a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world.

The Rotary Centres for International Studies in Peace & Conflict Resolution are located in six selected university centres worldwide. The two year program provides these exceptional students with a Masters program in conflict resolution, peace studies, international relations and related topics. Graduates are already making their mark in international agencies world-wide. The program is now seeking major donations and endowments in order to become self-supporting.

For more details check the RI website: www.rotary.org

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Laura Buckle continued

cases) but also applies to men, women, children, gay people, all cultures and socio-economic backgrounds. It differs from other forms of assault because it is ongoing and a highly patterned behavior which is used to control and intimidate others in an enormous facet of the DV relationship. It is reversal of blame to the victim not the perpetrator, it's sneaky and subtle. An ABS survey in 1996 reported that 28% of women who had married or in a defacto relationship had been subject to DV. A police study in 1980/81 stated that DV was second only to traffic incidents in terms of police workload. Cooma Monaro Region statistics are close to state average and in 2004/5 there were 5 homicides related to DV. Also police attended to 68 cases of DV and 28 further cases were reported to the local station; in 49 of these cases a repeat offender was involved. DV is the leading cause of homelessness in Cooma Monaro, but these figures do not reflect the large portion of unreported/unrecognised cases. Laura said there is currently no existing local D V Liaison Officer, the nearest being at Queanbeyan, and this officer has changed seven times in the last two years, which has resulted in difficulties with working in Cooma. WHY DO THEY STAY? Because they honestly believe the situation will change; because people who use violence often are quite charming and convincing; because they worry about removing a parent from a child's life; because they have nowhere to go; because they are traumatised and feel powerless; because they are isolated from their families; because they have no money. 58% of women who had been subjected to DV have told a friend or a neighbour (this might be you). Laura concluded by her support for the programs Reclaim the Night, Black & Blue Campaign and White Ribbon day, and asked that we also support.

Thought of the Week—by Dave Holgate

By Shakespeare via Dave Holgate

"The quality of mercy is not strained, it droppeth like the gentle rain from heaven, it blesseth him that gives and him that takes. Tis mightiest of mighty, to the crowned monarch tis better than his crown " (for more go to 'The Merchant of Venice').

Member Happenings

Wedding Anniversaries

Wednesday, 22 November—
Monica & Doug Alcock

Birthdays

Wednesday, 22 November—Tom
Bellgard
Tuesday, 28 November—Peter
Davis and Maree Dunne.



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



President Cheryl welcomes John & Sonja to the club



Welcome to John Vucic, a former Member of Port Pirie Rotary Club was inducted into our Club. John is an economist from Melbourne University. He has advanced marketing skills and has been involved in major development and agricultural projects, and in the last seven years in Local Government administration in South Australia, Tasmania and now Cooma. John was accompanied by his wife Sonja, and he is of course on David Byrne's Committee.

PNG news

At right is a picture of our Peter Davis (aka Bullet and Leatherman) presenting Stanford Handu a pair of custom made boots for his daughter Helen who resides near Kokoda. The boots cost \$720 and were organised and paid for by Corrimal Rotary Club's Noel Causer. Great work and thanks to Noel for his generous contribution. Leatherman also advised that since returning from the Kemabolo project he has received applications for three more water tank installations.



News Snippets

SICK LIST: Graham French is out of hospital and back home. Helen has to keep him tied up as he is confined to home for a few weeks. Also, Col Adams and Kim Lloyd are on the list as well. The club wishes you a speedy recovery.

ROTARY FUND RAISING RAFFLE: This year it is bigger and better than ever with \$7,000 worth of prizes, including an 11 day premium coach tour of NZ for two. Tickets are \$5 and will be available at meetings.

COMBINED SERVICES DINNER: at the Ex-Services Club on 28 November 2007, a partner's night, \$25 per head. Darrell wants numbers by this meeting please.

GYE briefing 23-25 November 2007 - Ashley Constance is looking for volunteers for catering.

Next week's guest speaker: Jim Darrant

TOPIC: Impact of Weeds