

# The Rotary Club of Cooma Inc.

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**THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:** 32 plus 3 makeups out of 51 MEMBERS = 68.6%

**VISITING ROTARIANS:** Jim Ryan Murrumburrah-Harden

**GUESTS:** David Dawes (club) and many more

**APOLOGIES:** Ashley C, Alan D, Alan H, Alison HJ, Brian J, Julie J, Patrick K, John M, Kapila N, Marco R, Tony Slater.

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

**WE ALSO MISSED** Sarah W, Wolfgang L, Tony Strong

**MAKEUPS:** Ashley C, Sarah W, Alan H (GYE Briefing)

## MEETINGS:

We meet every Wednesday

6 for 6:30pm at

Dodds Hotel

94 Commissioner Street Cooma



# Weekly Bulletin



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## Duty Roster December & January

Thought of the Week	Fellowship	Attendance
Next Week— TBA	Claire Neumeyer & Margaret Echarri	December-John Vucic & Kevin Dunne January-Geoff Bowland & Colin Mould

Property	Introduction	Markets
December-David Epstein & Jim Hatfield	TBA	December-Peter D. BBQ, Alan D. C'van, Margaret E, Alyson HJ.
January-Allan Hall & Kym Lloyd	Vote of Thanks TBA	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.

## Annual Combined Services Dinner

Our guest speaker was David Dawes, Deputy Chief Executive of the Business and Projects Division, ACT. David moved to Cooma in 1962, was educated at St Pats then Monaro High. His wife comes from Nimmitabel, so he could be considered a local. He was formerly Executive Director of the ACT Master Builders Association and implemented the first school based Apprenticeship and Youth at Risk programs. His opening address was on the ACT economy which is in great shape, their gross product in 2006-07 was \$2.5 billion and their economy is growing at 5% compared to the national economy growth of 3.2%; with the highest growth in communication services up 11%, wholesale trade up 8.5%, finance and insurance up 8.5%.



David Dawes

## Issue

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### Items of special interest:-

- December-Family month
- January-Rotary awareness month
- February-World Understanding
- March-Polio eradication Month
- April-Rotary Magazine Month

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## NEWS FLASH!

Thanks to the generosity of Rotarians attending the District 9710 conference on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 150 operations scheduled for the Jessore (Bangladesh) program in February are now fully funded. Special thanks to District Governor, Bernie Rodgers for the personal encouragement and support he offered in the true spirit of Rotary.





## David Dawes cont.

The Capital Region, of which Cooma is a part, has a great opportunity to share in Canberra's prosperity. One of the constraints on the region is the impact of current skills shortage, and to address this, the Skills Commission has focused on five items: 1. Developing local talent; 2. Attraction and retention of strategies; 3. Areas of acute shortage and strategic importance and 4. Community interest and skills future. In respect of skills shortage, David outlined the school apprentice program, and the Master Builders 5000 apprenticeships, the apprentice bricklayers and the project they completed, A course held at Phillip College and Macquarie University had 21 students commence and 20 students complete the course. Give young people a chance and they will succeed, they can earn a wage and go on to higher achievements; technical skills are the key. He also mentioned some excellent students from Bombala who completed courses. In respect of Cooma he mentioned Cooma Steel, which competes successfully against Canberra businesses. There is no doubt that to maintain a growing economy we need the skills of the youth of to-day in the future, and the school based Apprenticeship appears to be a good initiative. Of course there is also the Migrant immigration program and David can assist in this area. For more information you can call David on 0411 189 764 or email [daviddawes@act.gov.au](mailto:daviddawes@act.gov.au) or [www.cmd.act.gov.au](http://www.cmd.act.gov.au)



PE John thanks David

## Thought of the Week—by John Clarke

***Everyone is trying to accomplish something big without realizing life is made up of little things***

## Member Happenings

### Wedding Anniversaries

Thursday, 21 December-  
Tony & Carol Slater  
Sunday, 24 December-Chris  
& Kim Adams

### Birthdays

Monday, 4 December-Les S.  
Sunday, 10 December-John C.  
Tuesday, 5 December-Judy  
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The Club extends our best wishes to you all on your special day.



## From the Treasurer

The following is a brief summary of the clubs cash position and an explanation of the accounts the club maintains and how they are used. The club maintains three operating Cheque accounts, they are;

**General Account** – This where our annual subs go as well as income from the bar, raffle and sergeants fines. Member's funds are used for the general administration of the club or otherwise as determined by the Board and membership. Current balance (allowing for outstanding cheques) is \$15,810. At this point we have \$2,200 still outstanding from subs (\$9,640 paid).

I estimate that after all 07/08 subs and administration costs are paid over the next 7 months (which includes about \$4,000 in RI, District and RDU fees) we will finish the year with a healthy surplus.

**Project Account** – All the funds we raise from community activities go into this account and can only be used for project related activities. Current balance (allowing for outstanding cheques) is \$21,397. We also have a term investment which is entirely made up of Project Account funds. The balance of that term deposit is \$35,000.

This gives a total Project balance of \$51,397. However much of this money has already been reserved for other following projects;

- New Guinea Project \$446 – Project complete.
- Tom Dennis Youth Project Reserve \$15,000
- Skate Park Reserve \$2,000
- Insurance Excess Reserve \$10,000 – Required by district to cover the possibility that a club may at some point have a public liability claim for which the excess is \$5,000 – 2 claims.
- Caravan Upgrade/Replacement Reserve \$12,000

Total Reserved - \$39,446 which leaves \$11,951 in currently unallocated project funds.

**Market Account** – 50% of all funds collected from the market stalls go into this fund (the other 50% go into the Project account). Whilst the fund was initially setup to promote the markets in conjunction with other retailers there has never been any interest in partnering to do so. We pay for things like market advertising out of this fund but it could be used for any purpose the Board and membership chooses. Current balance is \$3,273 and we also have a term deposit for \$7,091 made up from accumulated Markets stall funds.

Regards

LES.S  
Treasurer

## News Snippets

**COLL ADAMS** presently in John James Hospital for 7 days and will be transferred to Calvary for operation on 7/12/07.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** For December markets & sale, call John Mooney *PLEASE GYE* briefing sessions at St Pats last weekend went off very well; all who attended congratulated our club on the effort. Many thanks to St Pats and all who assisted.

**ATTENDANCE** at the CSD was: 54 Rotarians and their guests 31 Lions and their guests and 6 View Club. Apex couldn't make it as they had another commitment.

## Next week's guest speaker: none

**TOPIC: Club Assembly-NO GUESTS PLEASE**