



# Weekly Bulletin

## This week:

Attendance April 9: 35 of 51 = 68.5 %

### Visiting Rotarians:

**Guests:** Nattapan (club), Kim, Katie & Alle (Chris A), Marre (Kevin D), Hustin Jefferson (John C), Bruce (Steve S), Goregie & Ryan (Ashley C), Alison (Dave H), Andrew Jenkins, Jade Roach, Tom Gleeson, Deborah Moran, Joseph Kim, Teh Dandhu, Kenny Tans, Chantaal Fadoul (club).

### Apologies:

**Leave:** John & Heather J, Lou M, Sabine S, Sarah W,

### Makeups:

**We also missed:** Pamela M-E

**Thought of the week:** The day you take complete responsibility for yourself, the day you stop making any excuses, that's the day you start to the top. - **Chris A**

**Next week:** Darrell G

## Duty roster

### Property:

**April:** David Epstein and John Vucic

### Introduction:

**April - April:** Steve S  
BBS, Chris A, C'van  
Brian J, Sarah W,  
Alyson HJ PA

### Thanks:

Monica Alcock

**May:** Robbyn Crooks and Peter Davis

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## Guest Speaker: April 16 - Sue Gorringe-Lupton, Cooma Contact Centre

### 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, please ask someone who can or advise John Mooney before the event. Others rostered need to be at the park by 8.45am

A the April 9 meeting we had an introduction to the medical students from ANU who are experiencing work experience in Cooma.

The guest speakers were Jade Roach and Andrew Jenkins, Monaro High School captains.

Their address was "what it's like to be a teenager today". Jade's opening was that when she asked her parents and grandparents what it was like being a teenager in the good old days? The reponse was they had it harder than today's students who have the luxury of sleeping in, going to movies, extravagance, shopping and technology that made homework a breeze.

However Jade said things haven't changed that much. Her time is taken up with school, studying, parttime work at MacDonalds and sport.

The odd occasion for free time is spent with family or hanging out with friends.



### MEETINGS:

We meet every Wednesday  
6 for 6.30pm at  
Dodds Hotel  
94 Commissioner Street Cooma

For normal meetings you must advise Darrell (6452 3302) by noon Monday if not attending or bringing a friend. You must pay the dinner fee if you don't apologise.

Issue: March 16

### Items of special interest:

To assist our caterers to meet our needs, Darrell G has changed the cut-off time for acceptances and guest notification.

This is now **NOON** on the **MON-DAY** before the Wednesday meeting.

Those who don't apologise by this time will be required to pay the meal fee.

### Inside this issue :

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There is much pressure to to achieve highly in the school and the HSC. Bullying has increased a her peer pressure to be part of the "in crowd".

Andrew said his time is taken up with school studies, various sports, socialising and some parttime wrk, occasionally some family bush walking. MHS has a range of opportunities, Rockeisteddfod, sporting competitions, little theatre, Rotary GYE, student visit to Yamaga Japan, Cooma's sister city.

School is the place to gain education, socialise, see freinds and focus on subjects for your future.

One disadvantage is they miss out on the opprtunity to attend experts lecturing at uni on HSC courses. There is also pressure to party each and every weekend, when it's cool to get wasted and take unknown drugs as your friends do.

Andrew said Cooma is one of the rural towns with a high underage alcohol drinking percentage.

These are due to the lack of entertainment or activities to keep teenagers out of trouble. They would like to see activities such as ice-skating, go-carting and such.

Technology plays a huge part in a teenager's life. It is rare to see a teenager without a mobile phone, ipod and all seem to access the internet and programs such as MSN, Myspace or Facebook. This keeps friends in touch, is better for music,

homework and assignments than text books or encyclopaedias.

Both students have licences and said that gives them freedom. Jade said it allows her to stay at school later, travel to sporting events and parttime work. Local teenagers always have a designated driver who doesn't consume alcohol, but due to restrictions of one passenger, the driver has to make several trips getting friends home.

Sport allows teenagers to mingle with experienced older generation players, however in cricket, some like Les S still act like teenagers.

Overall they said most teenagers haven't changed much from their parents. In answer to questions, they said they would like to see initiatives in climate change, homelessness and bullying is a major concern.

Andrew has played a game of snooker at The Hub, but neither are actively involved in any of those programs.

**Right:**  
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how  
cute!



**Pride of work awards:**  
Nominations for this year's Pride of Work awards are required by April 30.

See David B or his team for more information and application forms.

**Salvos Hall update:**  
Many thanks to those who attended and did much work and also those who provided a sumptuous morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea. The next working bee is on April 19.

**Rotary 2020 - the new generation.**

The Australian Presidential Membership copnference will be held at the Rydges Lakeside Hotel from July11 to 13.

the convebnor, PDG Len Goodman has aksed memebrrs to read page 19 of RDU for more information.

(He also promised Des T a makeup for all the time it he took when Des should have been watching a show in Canberra last week).

**Editor's note:** To differentiate between Steve S and the fill-in editor, there will be lots of **PINK** in the Bulletin until he returns!



**Above: John M contemplates new work boots like Nattapan's for next week's cattle sale. Below: Med student Tom Gleeson.**

