



This week:

Attendance April 9: 30 of 51 = 4 make-ups = 62%

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests: Nattapan (club), Bruce Hovey (Dugald m), Alison (Dave H), Katie Apps \$ Bruce Muir (Liz A), Sue Gorringe-Lupton (Margaret E). Yvi Henderson, Luki & Sanib Choudury (club).

Apologies: Tom B (sick), Brian J, John M, Ashley C, Katrin H, Elaine M, Steve S, Prasan S, Claire N, Colin & Cheryl M.

Leave: John & Heather J, Peter D, Sabine S, Sarah W, Steve S, John M, Patrick K, Elaine M, Lou M.

Makeups: 14 - Steve S (GSE), Peter D (PNG projects).

We also missed: Gail E (who was working.....)

Thought of the week: Winners are losers who gave it one more try. **Kim L**

Next week: Dave H **Attendance:** May: David Byrne and Prasan Sharp

Duty roster

Property:

April: David Epstein and John Vucic

Introduction:

Alan D

Markets:

May - Marco R (bbq); Graham F (van); Patrick W, Kevin D (plus a volunteer, please); Alyson HJ, PA

Thanks:

Wolfgang L

May: Robbyn Crooks and Peter Davis

June - Tom B bbq, Alan H (van); John C, Pamela M-E, plus a volunteer, please; Alyson HJ, PA

Guest Speaker: Di Simec Topic: MCAS

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

Last week's meeting was chaired by John Clarke as a trial for next year.

The guest speakers were Yvi Henderson and Luki Choudury and their topic was MAGIC (Multicultural Activity Group In Cooma).

Yvi is originally from Switzerland and came out to Australia on a Rural Youth Exchange Program in 1989, met her husband here and resides near Yaouk.



David B, Chris Reeks, Alan H and Ian Hampton at the Salvos on Saturday.

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.

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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.

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 When she came out here she only spoke about four words of English. Luki, who was dressed in a traditional Indian outfit, came to Cooma about 10 years ago when her husband started working for Snowy Hydro.
 She said in India they were taught three languages at school, the third being English, but she had to adjust to the Australian dialect.
 The MAGIC program caters for people from diverse backgrounds, to bond together through various social activities and develops a network and friendship among people.
 Their activities include: An international lunch each school term to provide opportunities for people to share food and life experiences from their own cultural backgrounds and meet one another in a friendly atmosphere; coffee mornings; craft groups; participation in Cooma's social events, eg the Street Fair, Harmony Day, Cooma Show, etc.
 Their multicultural forum provides: free English conversation classes and one-to-one literacy and numeracy classes, workshops and information sessions informing people about Australian life and services; help in organising Multicultural Community celebrations (they helped out in recruiting local artists for the Polish festival); help to migrants who have settled in the Cooma area; they also have a language bank with 13 different languages.

They had overviews of seem people taking part in these programs and also said that they gave support to others in Cooma, including some who worked at Dromore.

The vision of the high country culture and colour project is to build networks and friendships between people from culturally diverse backgrounds and the wider community, to bring people together to generate new understanding and empathy with cultural differences and similarities; to provide cultural diversity education at schools.

They have several international luncheons planned for other towns in the Snowy River and Bomabla Shires. They have a cultural education workshop planned for May 22/23, a craft workshop to make a multicultural quilt on November 28, a multicultural end-of-year party.

For more information, contact Yvi or Luki at the Family Support Centre, 59 Vale Street, Cooma or phone 6452 3450.

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

This forum is on again at the end of the year. Rotary is looking for 288 top Year 11 students with an interest in science and potential future leaders to participate.

If you are aware of one, contact Monica A. You might recall the excellent presentation by Monique Stoltz from Tumut to the club a few weeks ago. She was a participant last year.



Above: work on the Salvos hall.
 Below: Darth Vader returns!

Salvos Hall update:

Dave H reported that it is nearing completion and if enough volunteers turn up this Saturday they could finish it.

Polish Day in the Park

A big thank you to David B for his part in the organisation of this day.

A plea from John M:

Mr Mooney would like some volunteers to work in the caravan at the May and June markets, (preferably someone's with a woman's touch).

Salvos red Shield Appeal

This appeal is on again on May 24/25 and Dave will be calling for volunteers shortly.

NG Project

Chris A reported he collected 38 bikes and a few boxes of books from all over Sydney last week but still needs more to fill the shipping containers.

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!

