

The Rotary Club of Cooma Inc.

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THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 36 members out of 49 = 75%

VISITING ROTARIANS: Phil Mewett (District Governor) Kurt Blumenthal (Chesterton-Porter (USA) Michael and Julia Peddler

GUESTS: Allison (Dave H) Tom & Irene (Steve S. Bruce couldn't make it) Gino Cerro (Dave H) Maree (Kevin D) Gill Hartas, Kirsti Dixon & kids (Steve S) Brenda (Katrin H) Ryan & Georgie (Ashley C) Lainie (Richard L) Drew Pontland, Karin Blumenthal, Barbara Z (Club)

APOLOGIES: Jim H, Richard L, Elaine M, John M, Lou M, Les S

LEAVE: Gail E, Sabine S, Prasan S, Sarah W

WE ALSO MISSED: John V

Duty Roster March and April

Thought of the Week	Fellowship	Attendance
Next Week—Patrick Kwan	Margaret Echarri and Claire Neumeyer	March – Geoff Bowland and Lou Moore April—Alan Hall and Dave Holgate

Property	Introduction	Markets
March - Dave Libauer and Cheryl Mould	Lis Apps	March— Marco R. van, Tony S. BBQ, Margaret E, Julie J, Les S. Alyson H-J. PA
April— David Epstein and John Vucic	Vote of Thanks Julie Johnston	April— Graham F. van, Steve S. BBQ, Pamela M-E, Ken D, Des T. Alyson H-J. 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 1159) by midday Monday 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

6:00pm for 6:30pm at

Dodds Hotel

94 Commissioner Street Cooma



Weekly Bulletin



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Guest Speaker— Kurt Blumenthal



Kurt pictured here with PP Cheryl

Kurt Blumenthal of the Rotary Club of Chesterton Porter Indiana (also the resident club of the famous Steve Barker) presented this week's program. Kurt first gave a run down on Group Study Exchange and then spoke passionately about Rotary International Alumni. Rotary Foundation Alumni are more than 105,000 people who have received pro-

gram awards from the Foundation since 1947. These Alumni included Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotary World Peace Fellows, Group Study Exchange team leaders and members, Rotary Volunteers and recipients for Rotary grants for university teachers and Carl P. Miller Discovery Grants. Kurt advised the club that Kathy Clark of Fort Wayne Indiana is currently studying as a Rotary World Peace Scholar at the University of Brisbane. Kurt was accompanied by Karin his wife of 47 years.



District Governor Phil Mewett also attended the meeting to meet Kurt and present President John with the 2009 District Conference banner. Phil talked to the club about the importance of ensuring we get police checks processed so we can continue to support Global Youth Exchange and other important programs.

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Items of special interest:-

- March-Literacy month
- April-Magazine month
- June-Fellowship month
- July-Literacy month
- August-Membership month
- September-New generations month
- October-Vocational service month

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Partners Night this week - 11 March

Special presentation to Drew Pontland



Drew Pontland, of Star Track Express was presented with a certificate for his work in transporting boxes of sewing items to the victims of Victorian Bushfires. Drew pursued all options he could to find a way to help the victims of Victoria's bushfire tragedy. In the end he was able to work through the Rotary Club of Cooma who connected Drew with Marnie Stewart of the Fabric Salon. Marnie's sewing group assembled kits for the victims to get back into their favourite hobby as quickly as possible. Great work by Drew and Marnie.

Gallery



More famous guests
DGE Michael with Julia



Kirsti & kids
GSE team member to Poland 2008

Thought of the Week—Tom Bellgard

Too many couples marry for better or worse, but not for good.

Member Happenings

Wedding Anniversaries

Kath and Tom B. - 24 March

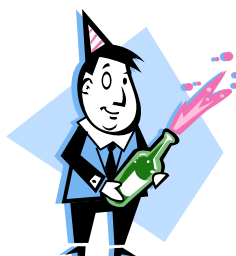
Birthdays

Margaret Echarri - 13 March

Dave Holgate - 18 March

John Mooney - 24 March

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



More Pics



Karin Blumenthal



Kurt and DG Phil



Tom and Irene

News

COMBINED DINNER WITH TUGGERANONG club is on 18 March and Darrell- needs apologies and guests ASAP.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA Rotarian Rob Simms our local coordinator thanked all those who assisted last Sunday.

BIKES FOR KEMABOLO Chris A would like all bikes promised, to be delivered ASAP to his home at 12 Nimby Place.

BOOTS AND BRAS Lis A would like more donations please.

SIR WILLIAM HUDSON NURSING HOME FETE is being held on 23 March. Donations of wine for the auction are still required, so please bring them in to the meeting.

COOMA ROTARY CLUB'S AUCTION FOR VICTORIAN BUSHFIRE APPEAL To date there is about \$9,000 worth of items for auction, if you have more vouchers or items for auction please bring them in for advertising next week as the auction will be at 12 noon after the markets on 14 March 2009.

AFTERNOON FUND RAISER FOR VICTORIAN BUSHFIRE APPEAL at the High Country Motel is on Sunday 8 March 2009.

Next week's program:

Outgoing Rotary GSE Team to France

Following week's program:

St Patrick's day in Michelago with RC Tuggeranong

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