

The Rotary Club of Cooma Inc.

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MEETINGS:

We meet every Wednesday

6:00pm for 6:30pm at

Dodds Hotel

94 Commissioner Street Cooma

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 36 members out of 44 = 82%

VISITING ROTARIANS: none this week

GUESTS: Peter Cochran and Barbara Zago (club), Yvonne (John M.), Georgie (Ashley C.), Ben Fahey (Jim H.),

APOLOGIES: Chris A., Brenda C-B., Brian J., Pamela M-E., Claire N., Kevin D., John M.

LEAVE: Gail E, Sabine S., Prasan S, Sarah W., Katrin H. Alyson H-J.

MAKEUPS: Chris A. (Kemabolo)

Duty Roster April and May

Thought of the Week	Fellowship	Attendance
Next Week - Gail Eastaway	Margaret Echarri and Claire Neumeyer	April - Alan Hall and Dave Holgate May - David Byrne and Rob Sims

Property	Introduction	Markets
April - David Epstein and John Vucic	Monica Alcock	May - Colin M. Van, John C. BBQ, Cheryl M., Robbyn C. Rob S., Alyson H-J. PA
May - Robbyn Crooks and Des Trute	Vote of Thanks Sue Gorringer-Lupton	June - Lou M. Van, Chris A. BBQ, Katrin H., Tom B., Kevin D., 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.



Weekly Bulletin



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Guest Speaker — Peter Cochran

Peter, the former local member and a former councillor, is now operator of Cochran's Horse Treks in the National Park. His family migrated from Scotland in 1838 settled in Yaouk, where he lives and operates his business. He started by telling us that the next day he was joining a team of Vietnam Veterans bike rider, riding to Alice Springs to celebrate Anzac Day which



is a very important day in our history and culture. Peter also considers the wild brumbies as part of our history and culture. The first horses were imported into Australia from South Africa, not England as a lot of us thought, and were the only means of transport at that time. He gave a short history of James Brumby (no Frenchie he didn't play rugby), and the battle of Beersheba and the Australian Waler horses used there. The horses were turned loose and bred in the wild and bred to become known as Brumbies. Peter said the Alpine National Park, the home of wild Brumbies, is three million hectares and there are an estimated 1700 Brumbies there. He said they reduce the fuel levels in the National Park and this was emphasised in the earlier bush fires when it was found that these fires did not spread in areas where the Brumbies roamed. On his horse treks young people particularly like encountering wild Brumbies being a unique experience. He then told us how groups of Brumbies are controlled by the main stallion. He said Brumbies in the north of the park do not seem to suffer from worms, whereas some in the southern area did. In closing Peter reminded us that the opening ceremony of the Olympic

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Items of special interest:-

- April-Magazine Month
- May-Planning Month
- June-Fellowship Month
- July-Literacy Month
- August-Membership Month
- September-New generations Month
- October-Vocational Service Month
- November-Foundation Month

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Guest Speaker cont.



Julie said thanks

Games, highlighted the Man From Snowy River and Brumbies. We have all heard of the Running of the Bulls, Peter would like to see a two week period each year for the catching of wild Brumbies, which he believes would be a tourist attraction. On completion Peter stated WILD BRUMBIES ARE AN ASSET NOT A LIABILITY.

Returning Rotarian, John Mercer, was going to tell us of his visit to a prince's stallion stud but thought it better to give us a bit of the history of Saudi Arabia. The Kingdom was founded in 1932 by Abdul Aziz, his first strategy was to slay all opposing males, and then to marry the daughters of other ruling men. There were many princes born. and were referred to as black and white princes. Abdul died in 1958.



News

DIALYSIS UNIT - is near completion and will save five locals traveling to Canberra three times a week. A \$30,000 anonymous gift helped get the unit up and running.

GYE - Monica A. has had one applicant so far.

DECLARATION FORMS - Monica A. asked for these to be submitted before June.

BAR DUTY - In Alyson H-J's absence over the next few weeks, our highly talented RSA ticket holders Robbyn C. and Cheryl M. will be providing drinks.

FISH TANK Kym Lloyd requires a larger fish tank, so if you have one you don't need please contact her on 0438527182.

Thought of the Week—Steve Shirvington

He who smiles, rather than rages, is always the strongest

Member Happenings

Wedding Anniversaries

Dave & Trish L. - 27 April

David & Gay E. - 2 May

Kevin & Maree D. - 11 May

Birthdays

Bob E. & Hans N. - 1 May

Jim & Mary H. - 2 May

Alyson H-J. - 19 May



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

Gallery



What's Margaret up to?



Geoff's on a roll



Return of the Mercers



The adventures of Barbara



A message from Nattapan (excerpt dated 13 April)



Today is a Songkran day I just want to give you a bit of details about these event, and I wish you all were happy there. miss you all from my heart Nattapan YE from Thailand



Next week's program: Cr Stephanie McDonald
A better Cooma, how?

Following week: Karen Cash
Motorbikes, Platypus, Lavender and other tourist animals

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