# 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: 32 members out of 53 = 73%

**VISITING ROTARIANS: Nil** 

**GUESTS:** Naomi Burgess, Jackie Nelson, Lucy and Neil Bowman, Charlotte, Fiona and Mark Cooper, Debbie Thomas (Club), Margaret Hassall (Brian J.), Christina

(Wolfgang L.), Alison (Dave H.)

**APOLOGIES:** Steve S. No other apologies included on the sheet.

**LEAVE:** No leave included on the sheet.

#### Duty Roster May and June

Thought of the Week	Fellowship	Attendance May - David Byrne and Rob Sims June - Allan Dodd and Kevin Dunne	
Next Week - President John	Margaret Echarri and Claire Neumeyer		
Property	Introduction	Markets	
<b>May</b> - Robbyn Crooks and Peter Allenspach	unknown	<b>June</b> - Lou M. Van, Chris A BBQ, Katrin H., Tom B., Kevin D., Alyson H-J. PA	
<b>June</b> - Brian Jefferies and Patrick Kwan	Vote of Thanks unknown	<b>July</b> - unknown	

#### 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 - Debbie Thomas

ebbie Thomas,
Cooma's Citizen of
the Year, came to
Cooma in 1978 and started
work for Telstra. Four and a
half years ago, with John Mercer's assistance, she submitted an application to CAA to
deliver three programs to assist young people between
the ages of 13-19. These programs were to assist these
young people to achieve a



successful transition through school, to further education, training and employment. The first program was to facilitate students in SWL at Monaro, Jindabyne Central, SMHS and Bombala High Schools currently undertaking Vocational Education Training (VET) courses which require 35 hours mandatory work placement as part of there HSC and VET course. Offers included retail, hospitality, information technology, building and construction and primary Industries. Debbie's job is to interview students to work out work placements, approach employers to take on students and complete requirements for HSC. She has about 100 placements a year.

The second program that she facilitates is career and transition support working between the five high schools. She has worked side by side with students in work situations from catering to shearing. The retail students are taught shop and till set ups, purchase of products, point of sale techniques.

The third program is ASP. This project is where students

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# Items of special interest:-

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

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### Guest speaker cont.

and industry work together as mentors, pass on skills, and produce a finished product. Some of these have included SMGS paving area, JCS sustainable garden, MHS retainer wall, support unit -irrigation system. BHS did a shelter at the skate park and SMCS half the flush. Debbie was delighted to nominate Andrew Jenkin's efforts and his representation of his school, and speech at the ANZAC luncheon. Debbie has served on many local committees including Little Athletics, Swimming Club, YMCA, P&C, junior and senior Rugby League. No doubt this contributed to the award of Citizen of the Year but still more at the end of the month she has to go the Wollongong and be presented with a Regional Education Award by DEC.



### Thought of the Week-Les Sutcliffe

A man who says something can't be done, should not interfere with the woman who is doing it.

### Another Thought of the Week—Dave Libauer

The dwarf who sits on a giant's shoulder can see further than the giant.

### Member Happenings

#### **Wedding Anniversaries**

Patrick & Joo Siew K.- 15 May Graham & Helen French - 2 June Les & Jan Sutcliffe - 27 June David & Alison Holgate - 28 June

#### **Birthdays**

Alyson H-J. - 19 May Robbyn C. - 20 May Gai Mooney - 21 May Kevin D.- 6 June Brian J. - 8 June Chris A. - 12 June Marco R. - 14 June Steve S. - 18 June Alan Johnston - 29 June Alison Holgate—29 June



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

### Gallery

Make Dreams Real



Induction of Ghandi by Pres John

RYPEN applicants & GYE nominee with Monica

INDUCTION OF A NEW MEMBER Yogakanthi Kathiresue, known as Ghandi and that is what he is to be called. Ghandi was born and reared in Sri Lanka where he studied medicine and is a specialist Obstetrician (probably won't treat many of our members). Ghandi left Sri Lanka 13 years ago, spent 3 years in New Zealand, then to Ingham in Queensland and then moved with his wife Rupini and 15 year old son Eshwan to Cooma practicing from Bombala Street Surgery. Ghandi said he followed his father's advice to serve God's world and hopes Rotary will continue to do this.

We also had a short address by the two girls going to RYPEN and the GYE nominee on what they hoped to achieve.

#### News

PRIDE OF WORK AWARDS Haven't received any yet, but hurry up as this has been put back a week.

KEMABOLLO BIKE PROJECT Chris has about 50 bikes out at Polo Flat, but need volunteers to supervise the Monaro High School kids on Thursdays from 9am to 11am.

> Next week's program: Club Assembly No quests please

Following week: David Shelley Three issues concerning the Cooma Chamber

> Bulletin Reporter — Des Trute Bulletin editor & production - Irene Shirvington