

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



Weekly Bulletin



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THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 39 members out of 51 = 77%

VISITING ROTARIANS: Nil

GUESTS: David Shelley (Club), Neil Brown (Geoff B.), Jo Coaldrake (Monica A.), Dylan Coaldrake, Jen Kioske, Charles and Alex Alcock (Monica's Crèche).

APOLOGIES: David E., Gandhi, Patrick K., Kim L., John M.

LEAVE: Ashley C., Katrin H., Sabine S., Sarah W.

WE ALSO MISSED: Nil

Issue: 27 May

Guest Speaker - David Shelley

David Shelley, president of Cooma Chamber of Commerce, and secretary of Snowy Heritage Steering Committee, lives in Jindabyne with his family and is the bugler at the AN-ZAC day ceremony. He has a Bachelor of Business from Charles Sturt University, and attended an Advance Management Program at Macquarie University. He spoke on the three issues of concern to the Cooma Chamber of Commerce. No.1 Involvement - membership, silent partners and input. He said at all levels of community life there is a growing approach of leaving maintenance and progress to others. Service clubs, businesses and sporting organisations rely heavily on a small number of active members to support their goals and deliver the outcomes. Financial membership is one thing, participation is another. You hear "What do I get out of membership?", more appropriate would be "What have I contributed?" No.2 You have heard "too many cooks spoil the broth", what we need is Collaboration, rather than a "Cast in Iron" viewpoint. Better outcomes can be achieved from wide and varied input for a balanced consideration and listening to a prepared review and adjusting position when presented with a valid well supported argument. This is important from a commercial prospective when we compete with other regions to attract business and industry. The 3rd item of concern for Cooma Chamber is realistic focus: who are we; where are we going; have we got a realistic goal; are we ignoring other opportunities for success? Are we a tourist destination, a centre of higher learning, a major logistical centre, a manufacturing and industrial centre, a regional service centre. In reality Cooma can, to some extent, claim all of these values. However, the position that Cooma Chamber of Commerce takes is that Cooma's future primarily centers on its role as a regional ser-



Items of special interest:-

- 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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Duty Roster June and July

Thought of the Week	Fellowship	Attendance
Next Week - Pamela Mansfield-Eastway	Margaret Echarri and Claire Neumeyer	June - Allan Dodd and Kevin Dunne July - Elisabeth Apps and Graham French
Property	Introduction	Markets
June - Brian Jefferies and Patrick Kwan July - Geoff Bowland and Chris Adams	Vote of Thanks	June - Lou M. Van, Chris A. BBQ, Katrin H., Tom B., Kevin D., Alyson H-J. PA July - Dave H. Van, Tom B. BBQ, Monica A., Elisabeth A., Alyson H-J. PA, Rob S.

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.



Guest speaker cont.

vice centre, attracting suitable industry to Polo Flat and critically addressing the needs of existing businesses, particularly the major employers SMEC, Snowy Hydro, Monbeef and others. David said that too often we look too hard at small and new business opportunities to the exclusion of other employers with the belief that they can look after themselves. Cooma is strategically located at the dispersal point to major inland traffic to the far south coast, and the Snowy Mountains, whilst not the destination for them the opportunity exists to participate. We are only one hour from the National Capital of Canberra with a population on 300,000 and we are well situated to attract day trippers and facilitate greater community activity. In closing he asked us to picture our role as a prospective regional service centre. If we had a modern and inviting visitors centre on the eastern side of the town and on the left hand side to the towns entrance road. * enhance the main street widening shop front footpaths to facilitate growth in "Kingston-like" dining, encourage local traffic away from the main street leaving parking for visitors But the traveling market is not Cooma's only option for growth, however this a significant opportunity and should sit at the core of any strategies for our town. Strategies that target the needs of the market rather than attempting to change them The Chamber will play its part in fostering a healthy future for Cooma as a regional service centre so that it reaps the benefit. And he thankfully didn't play the Bugle at the end.



Brenda gave the vote of thanks she's so good, she can do it with her eyes shut

Thought of the Week—Anon

A woman complained to her husband "All my clothes are that old they were all made in Australia"

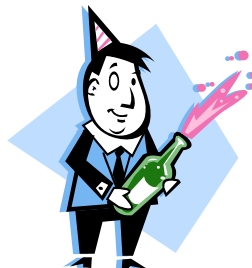
Member Happenings

Wedding Anniversaries

Graham & Helen French - 2 June
 Les & Jan Sutcliffe - 27 June
 David & Alison Holgate - 28 June

Birthdays

Kevin D.- 6 June
 Brian J. - 8 June
 Chris A. - 12 June
 Marco R. - 14 June
 Steve S. - 18 June
 Alan McPhie - 29 June



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



Gallery



Before the surprise

Alan Hall's preferential treatment

Chocolate cake surprise



G Geoff Bowland gave us an update on the Immigration Bridge project in Canberra, the concept of which was the idea of John Debortoli of Berridale. Geoff also had a brochure on the bridge, and the story of Tony Wright.

News

SALVATION ARMY RED SHIELD APPEAL David H. thanked all who assisted with the Red Shield Appeal last weekend. President John said that the target for this area was \$13,000 but total collections were \$14,282.

LAMBIE GORGE David B. advised that the rock bolting Site at Lambie Gorge, has been recognised as a national engineering heritage landmark.

APOLOGIES after next week will be taken by Sue G-L. More information next week on contact numbers.

ROTARY XMAS CAKES, PUDDINGS AND BISCUITS Lis A. has some more left over and will be bringing them along to sell in the next couple of meetings.

Next week's program: Michelago

Annual dinner with RC Tuggeranong cost \$22

Don't miss the Bus - Departs 6pm from Centennial Park

Following week: Pride of Work - Chris Adams

Bulletin Reporter — Des Trute

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