

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: (24 + 1 makeup) 25 out of 49 = 51%

VISITING ROTARIANS: Nil

GUESTS: Ned (Alyson H-J), Dominic (John M), Charlotte (Mark C).

APOLOGIES: David B, Kevin D, Graham F, Margaret H, Jim H, Graham H, President Pamela, Claire N, Les S.

LEAVE: Kym L, Sue G-L, Monica A, Brian J, David E and Peter A.

WE ALSO MISSED: Lis A, Ashley C, Alan D, Gail E, Julie J, Colin M, Mark R, John V, Wolfgang L.

MAKEUPS: Jim H, bushfire meals delivery.

Duty Roster December and January

Thought of the Week	Fellowship	Attendance
President Pamela	Margaret Echarri and Claire Neumeyer	January - Richard Lawson and John Clarke February - Graham French and David Libauer

Property	Introduction	Markets
January - Wolfgang Laub and Tony Slater	Richard Lawson	January - Peter A, Darrell G, Richard L, Pamela M-E, Rob S, Alyson H-J, PA
February - Ashley Constance and Julie Johnston	Vote of Thanks Katrin Hackney	February - Wolfgang L, Jim H, Dugald M, Robbyn C, Elaine M, 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 David Holgate 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 SOMEONE WHO CAN, or advise David Holgate before the event. Others nominated should be at the Park by 8.45am.

The contact number for making apologies and for notification of guests for dinner meetings will be to Kim Adams. Phone 6452 1488 prior to 4 PM on Tuesday afternoons. You may also email Kim; kadams@coomalaw.com.au



Weekly Bulletin

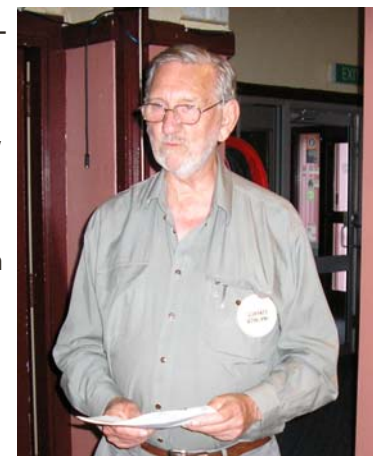


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Geoff Bowland presented on ABC Grant

Issue: 6 January

Thanks to Marjorie Revelant for bringing the Club's attention to the ABC's "Revive and Thrive Grow your Community" program which encourages non profit community groups in towns with less than 10,000 population to submit programs to attract people to their town and keep them there. Funding of up to \$50,000 for this project. Geoff Bowland asked the club for ideas. Some comments were that the town seems depressed, members commented on weeds being unsightly in public places, especially to visitors. Also whether surveys should be carried out to see the locals' ideas. Joe V also commented on a similar survey held in Snowy River Shire. Also mentioned was the visioning project, all applications have to be in by 29 January 2010 so no doubt the board will consider any suggestions submitted.

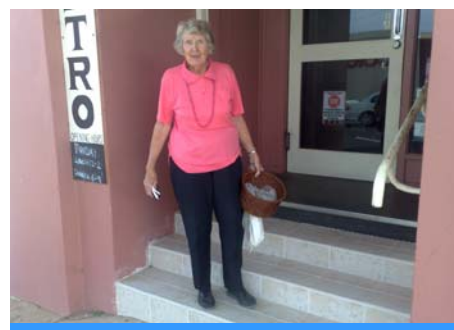


Items of special interest:-

- January— Rotary Awareness Month
- February-World Understanding Month
- March - Polio Eradication Month
- April - Rotary Magazine Month
- May - Planning Month
- June - Fellowship Month
- July - Literacy Month
- August - Membership Extension Month

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If you want the job done - give it to Margaret

Seen here proudly surveying her excellent work in getting the steps to Dodds hotel repaired is our own Margaret Echarri. After much "encouragement" from Marg, the repairs were completed before Christmas.



A brand new year



Barbies Brazilian Formal



The four wise men????

Increase in meal fees

The price is rising to \$17.50, however to avoid problems with change, the cost will be \$20.00, which will include your raffle tickets. Therefore, just bring along a \$20 note and a bit of change for the fines sergeant. The GOOD NEWS is that Mrs. Kelly will be continuing the catering for the next seven weeks.

Tragedy strikes club budget

This week's meeting saw an amount of \$80 being paid for meals that were not eaten. Week on week we remind club members that it is their responsibility to place their apologies by 4pm on the Tuesday preceding the meeting. Members who did not apologise will be required to pay their dinner fees at this week's meeting. PLEASE remember to do the right thing as the money outlaid in unnecessary meal charges could be well spent supporting worthwhile club projects.

Thought of the Week - Chris Adams

All house guests make you very happy, some when they arrive and some when they leave.

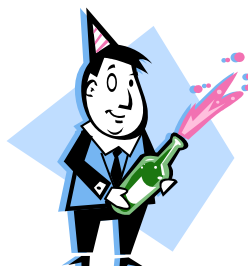
Member Happenings

Wedding Anniversaries

John and Gaie Mooney - 6 Jan

Birthdays

Ken Dane - 10 Jan



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



News

BUSHFIRES IN MICHELAGO / JERANGLE AREAS Some of our members volunteered to transport meals to firefighters in these areas, many thanks to Darrell G, Jim H, Chris and Kim A for their efforts.

OUR OUTGOING EXCHANGE STUDENT Charlotte Cooper joined us this meeting. Charlotte is flying out for Sweden on 22 January and said her counselor there informed her that the temperature in Sweden was -22 degrees on Wednesday, so she might have to pack warm clothes.

Email from John and Yvonne Mercer

Hi Folks, The passed two years have flown in Riyadh. It looks like we will be staying for another two years. John continues with managing his ICT Technology Business Incubator and training his Saudi staff. In the next contract he will have a broader strategic role advising and supporting the client, King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology on the overall incubation program with several more business incubators coming on stream. Yvonne continues her English tutoring working with Saudi ladies. She completed her TESOL course and started an Arabic course. She still found time for Secretary of Riyadh International Quilters Guild, do a few workshops, complete some quilts and keep John in order. We have seen a lot of Saudi Arabia in the past year with trips to Taif, Jeddah and Al Khobar. The trips have given us cultural, heritage and archaeological insights into the country and people, visiting museums and historic sites as well as fun in mountain cable cars, snorkeling in the Red Sea reef, collecting fossil sharks' teeth and walking into volcanic craters. Most weekends we are out either walking with the Hash or off-road driving with Riyadh Rovers Club. Our trips take us out on day or weekend camping trips into a range of terrain – rocky granite and sandstone hills, gravel valleys and plains, lakes and water courses and our beautiful sand dune deserts. We had 4 weeks in Scotland and England in August meeting up with "old" friends and family. Our holiday was topped off with four wet but fabulous days in Edinburgh taking in the Tattoo and Festival performances as well as sight seeing. Christmas will be celebrated with friends in Riyadh and New Year with a short break in Syria. We have planned trips to Australia / Fiji (February) and UK / Europe (August). Those we didn't catch-up with this year hopefully we do next year.

Christmas and New Year greetings to all at Cooma Rotary Club

Next week's program: Heritage Why

Lainie Lawson

Following week: Vocational

Ken Prendergast

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