

## 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:** 33 members out of 51 = 64.7%

**VISITING ROTARIANS:** Nil

**GUESTS:** Peter Cochran (Club), Georgie and Ryan (Ashley C), Alison (David H).

**APOLOGIES:** Tom B, David B, John C, Patrick K, John M, Mark R, Joe V.

**LEAVE:** Monica A, Peter A, David E, Sue G-L, Brian J, Julie J. Kym L, Colin and Cheryl M.

**WE ALSO MISSED:** Nil

**MAKEUPS:** Nil

## Duty Roster February and March

Thought of the Week	Fellowship	Attendance
Dugald Mitchell	Margaret Echarri and Claire Neumeyer	<b>February</b> - Graham French and David Libauer <b>March</b> - Geoff Bowland and Lou Moore
Property	Introduction	Markets
<b>February</b> - Ashley Constance and Julie Johnston	Rob Simms	<b>February</b> - Wolfgang L, Jim H, Dugald M, Robbyn C, Elaine M, Alyson H-J, PA
<b>March</b> - Dave Libauer and Mark Cooper	<b>Vote of Thanks</b> Robbyn Crooks	<b>March</b> - John M, Cheryl M, Des T, Margaret E, Rob S, 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](mailto:kadams@coomalaw.com.au)



# Weekly Bulletin



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## Australia - Peter Cochran

Guest Speaker, Peter Cochran, spent seven years in the army, another seven in ASIO, NSW parliament for ten years, a councilor on Cooma Monaro Shire for seven years and Mayor for two years. Peter now runs Cochran Horse Treks at Yaouk and is also known as the Rabbit Trapper from Yaouk. Peter spoke on Australia and why it's good to be Australian. On a horse trek a couple of days ago, Peter saw two girls riding their horses down to the creek and past a group of wild kangaroos, he thought how great it is to have such a free, lovely country. He then gave us some statistics he got off the internet yesterday. At 7am our population was 22,130,220 and in the afternoon it was 22,130,558 (don't know if it was births or refugees). There is one birth every 4.55 seconds, and death every 3.40 seconds. Aussies drink 170 million litres every year, of which only 46% is beer. Half of Australia's adults are overweight. Peter was then going to go on to sex, politics and religion, but thanks to the Constance kids being there, he gave Tony Abbott and sex a miss. In 1901 40% of Australians were Anglican, 23% Catholic, 42% other religions, 5% non Christian, and 25% didn't answer. He said we are lucky to have a free country, with no factions, though immigration has had an impact on our culture, food and helped us and mentioned the Snowy Scheme as a benefit. He said as a boy he was being driven along the highway and the family pulled up went into a cafe where he had his first taste of Spaghetti Bolognese and then a cup of coffee, which he said was not kept in the family home as they always drank tea. Of the other issues



Peter Cochran

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### Items of special interest:-

- 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
- September - Youth Activities Month

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Introduction by Ken



## Australia cont.

Peter said global warming is one and read a poem by John O'Brien and then on the environment he read a verse from a poem by Dorothea Mackellar which started "I love a sun burnt country, a land of sweeping plains" which I think we have all heard before. He said the only internal conflict he recalls is the Eureka Stockade. In respect of migration he said we do welcome migrants, and then read a quote from the first Australian Prime Minister, Edmund Barton, who in 1907 said "we should insist that migrants become Australians, there can be no divided alliance, we have one flag, and one language, English" to name a few. In response to questions he said that supply of water to expanding cities is a critical issue, including the use of water from Tantangara Dam to Canberra. Peter was involved with this issue in parliament, and believes the papers are still in a drawer somewhere. One of the items he mentioned was the use of dormant water licensees. We have a great country and God Bless Australia.



Vote of thanks by Katrin



**O**ur Exchange Student, Charlotte has arrived in Torsby after a long plane trip. Charlotte is settling in and really enjoying her new home.

## Thought of the Week - Margaret Hassall

*If you lend someone \$50 and you never see them again,  
it was probably money well spent.*

## Member Happenings

### Wedding Anniversaries

Des and Judy Trute - 5 Feb

Jim and Mary Hatfield - 5 Feb

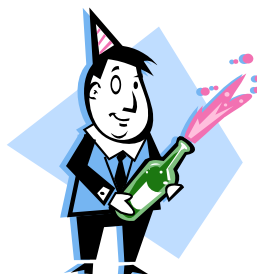
Hans & Claire Neumeyer - 14 Feb

### Birthdays

Michael Apps - 8 Feb

Doug Alcock - 8 Feb

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



## Edmund Barton - 1 Jan 1901 - 24 Sep 1903



'In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an Australian and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet an Australian, and nothing but an Australian ... There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an Australian, but something else also, isn't an Australian at all. We have room for but one flag, the Australian flag .... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language ... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the Australian people.' ... Edmund Barton 1907

## News

**YOUTH DIRECTOR** Graham Hope has volunteered to be Youth Director for next year. Many thanks Graham.

**RYPEN** is coming up and we need two applicants aged between 14-16 to represent this club. Forms need to be in ASAP.

**SHELTER BOXES** The board have donated another shelter box from this club. as 15,000 shelter boxes have already been sent to Haiti. At our next market we will have a shelter box set up in the park, to display its contents and this is in the hands of our Snowy Mountains Christian School Interact Club, Neil Brown is organising the pick up and return of the box to the next Rotary Club.

**ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE** to India D3132 starting and finishing in Mumbai (formerly Bombay) 15 nights from Friday 15th October to Saturday 30th October 2010. Rtn Dr Sachin Jamma, who is Roger Pearson's counter part in India, is organizing a great two weeks. For further inquiries contact Roger Pearson Chair RFE D9710.

**Next week's program: Future in Tourism**  
Caroline Fox

**Following week:**  
TBA

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