

# 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:** 40 out of 51 = 78.4 %

**VISITING ROTARIANS:** Nil

**GUESTS:** Corinne Waitlie, Joel Hafner (David B), Vivienne (Rob S), Heikki Nivala (Claire N), Caroline Fox (Club).

**APOLOGIES:** John C, Robbyn C, Sue G-L, Margaret H, Patrick K, Gail E.

**LEAVE:** Monica A, David E, Jim H, Julie J, Kym L.

**WE ALSO MISSED:** Nil

**MAKEUPS:** Nil

## Duty Roster February and March

Thought of the Week	Fellowship	Attendance
Elaine Mooney	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	Dugald Mitchell	<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> Ken Dane	<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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## Future in Tourism - Caroline Fox

Guest speaker was Caroline Fox, Manager of Cooma Visitors' Centre, who spoke on tourism and her up coming GSE trip to Arizona. In his introduction Rob Simms gave us a brief history of tourism in Cooma. Caroline said the Cooma Visitors' Centre was the first in NSW, opened in 1949, and was the premium centre for the Snowy Mountains Region. However as the region developed other centres and means of information have become available. Now the Internet is the preferred way for customers to research and book accommodation. While visitors to the Snowy Mountains have increased, in 2008/09 1.16 million visitors - up 3.3% on previous year. Ten years ago Cooma Visitors' Centre saw about 80,000 annually through their doors, five years ago 70,000, and now around 65,000. The 2006 census recorded 5,000 people employed in Cooma Monaro Shire, with about 400 in agriculture, 1,000 employed in arts/recreation, accommodation, food, retail and wholesale. Caroline said that tourism does impact on local business. In Snowy River Shire 50% of employed people are in the tourism industry. Jindabyne boasts 3 Australian icons -



Caroline Fox



Introduction by Rob

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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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## Australia cont.

might encourage people to stay for a few hours or a day, rather than a few days. How do towns that are through route, rather than a destination encourage visitors to stay; Caroline mentioned that well known Route 66. Whilst in Arizona she will be visiting the Grand Canyon and also Hoover Dam. Caroline is a member of the steering committee for the Kosciuszko Alpine Way (KAW) project and is hoping to have the KAW as a tourist route and attract people to use this route from Sydney to Melbourne rather than the Hume Highway. Also mentioned the motor cycle tourists and particularly the Snowy Ride. Then she gave us some terms for visitors: COMPATRIOTS - family holidays; GROUPIES - peer group/team holidays; PAMADOURS - luxury holidays, WANDERERS touring holidays (which one are you?). Caroline reported on her GSE team members, all of whom are involved in the tourist industry and said she will be updating every day of the trip on the internet and hopes the trip will be beneficial for her job. No doubt will be hear from her again after her return.



Vote of thanks by Brian



**W**elcome to Corrine Walti and her partner Joel Hafner. Corrine, who joined us for the night and gave us a report on her studies was our exchange student in 2002/2003.



## Thought of the Week - Dugald Mitchell

***Success is not a destination, it is a journey.***

## Member Happenings

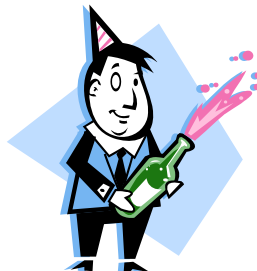
### Wedding Anniversaries

Hans & Claire Neumeyer -14 Feb  
Alan and Heather Hall - 20 Feb

### Birthdays

Michael Apps - 8 Feb  
Doug Alcock - 8 Feb

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



## Gallery



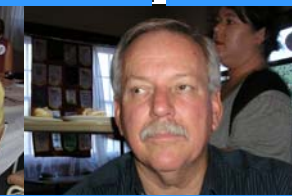
Mr and Mrs Mould back from leave.



Congratulations Richard



Rob and daughter Vivian.



Hope Kevin doesn't win at darts/



Kevin was the hero at darts.

## News

**SHELTER BOX** many thanks to the member who donated \$1,200 for a shelter box.

**SUBS** if you are paying in two installments the second one is now due.

**NURSING HOME FETE** coming up, bottles of wine are needed for the auction.

**RICHARD LAWSON** is the Vice President for the next five months.

**SNOWY MOUNTAINS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** had their board members presented with Interact badges at an assembly last Tuesday. Claire Learoyd is President, Emma Gerrand is Secretary and Nick Tugwell is Vice President and President Elect. Directors are Zach Zylstra, James Cole, Sebastian Daminish and Jarrod Sopniewski. There were five standing members and 14 new members. Perhaps the Club might supply Interact badges for all non board members as they wear these every day to school.

**MONARO RETIRMENT VILLAGE** which was a project by this Club in 1983/1984 requires volunteers to sit on their board. If you know anyone who is willing to take the roles on see Tony Slater.

**Next week's program: Modern America**  
Ian Smith

**Following week: Past Cooma Rotarians**  
Various Speakers

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