

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: 30 Members out of 51= 59%

VISITING ROTARIANS: Jenny Swanson - Canberra-Burley Griffin

GUESTS: Philip Swain, Alison (David H).

APOLOGIES: David B, Graham F, Margaret H, Brian J, Patrick K, Pamela ME, Elaine M, Claire N, Des T, Joe V, John M, Ashley C,

LEAVE: Monica A, Peter A, Julie J, Kim L, Colin M, Cheryl M

WE ALSO MISSED: Lis A, Alan D, Gail E

MAKEUPS: Ken D

Duty Roster March and April

Thought of the Week	Fellowship	Attendance
Brian Jeffries	Margaret Echarri and Claire Neumeyer	March - Geoff Bowland and Lou Moore April - Alan Hall and David Holgate

Property	Introduction	Markets
March - Dave Libauer and Mark Cooper	Alyson Hulley-Jeffries	March - John M, Cheryl M, Des T, Margaret E, Rob S, Alyson H-J, PA
April - Ken Prendergast and Richard Lawson	Vote of Thanks Geoff Bowland	April - Lou M, Dave L, Elisabeth A, Robbyn C, Geoff B, 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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Kevin Dunne - Vocational

This week Kevin Dunne had us reflecting on life and laughing at some of the difficulties he has faced in his chosen profession. Kevin started his talk with a question. "What is the essential or main difference between humans and animals?". He received numerous responses but what the reply he had planned to receive as the answer was. "The human ability to reflect on the experiences of life and maybe learn lessons when things go wrong or don't work". Based on this premise Kevin shared some experiences of his life and reflected on what these experiences have taught him about life. He began with the words of Charles Dickens, in David Copperfield, "I am born - on 6 June 1945 in the town of : Mackay in North Queensland". "I am the second child of a family of six. Dad worked for the Department of Civil Aviation and we spent several years in Mackay from 1945-1950. Kevin's earliest memories were from the time that his brother, George (4 yo), and he (probably around 3) were playing with matches in the back yard of the rented home they lived in. It was next to a



Introduction by Alyson

sugar cane field and his brother lit a match and decided to light some of the sugar cane that was protruding through the side fence. Being dry the sugar cane did not take long to ignite and soon the paddock was ablaze, his brother gave him the matches just as their mum ran from the house to protect them from the fire. "Of course I got the blame for lighting the fire and mum did not believe me when I told her that George gave me the matches and it was he that started the blaze". "The

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Items of special interest:-

- 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
- October - Vocation Service Month

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Kevin - Vocational

whole field burnt and fortunately for us it was around the time that many of the sugar cane fields were set alight by the cane farmers to clean the crop for harvesting the sugar cane". "For years mum would recall the fire incident and always said that it was me that set the field on fire.

"At my sixtieth birthday party in 2005 my brother George finally admitted to mum that it was he who had set alight the sugar cane field when we were kids. Believe it or not mum refused to accept George's story and still said that I had lit the fire". —*The full transcript of Kevin's story is available on request*

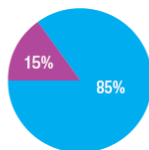


Vote of thanks by Mr Bowland

Extract from Rotary World

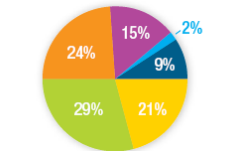
Worldwide Rotary Club Member Demographics

MALE AND FEMALE MEMBERS



Male Female

MEMBER AGES



< 30 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 > 70

All data as of June 2009

In 2008, Rotary International conducted focus groups with young professionals to gather information about how to better target membership recruitment efforts. The report makes recommendations based on the research findings, including emphasizing family and friendship as benefits of membership, focusing public relations efforts on action-oriented community projects, and promoting the 50 percent attendance policy rather than a 100 percent attendance ideal. Read more by going to www.rotary.org and searching for "final focus

Thought of the Week - Graham Hope

***Laws guide lesser men.
Good conduct guides greater men***

Member Happenings

Wedding Anniversaries

Tom and Kath Bellgard - 24 Mar

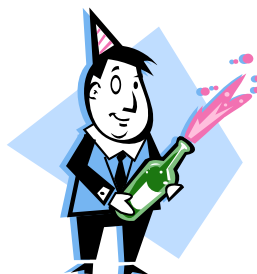
Birthdays

Margaret Echarri - 13 Mar

David Holgate - 18 Mar

John Mooney - 24 Mar

Yvonne Mercer - 24 Mar



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



Gallery - Polio Eradication Month is here



President for a night



Nice legs Mr. Byrne!



In case you hadn't noticed, winter is on its way!



Tsunami damage in Chile. The sign reads, "we need help, there's children". 448 Shelterboxes are so far committed

News

RURAL URBAN NIGHT Wednesday 24th March at Numeralla Hall. Choice of two mains and two deserts. BYO and let Ken Dane know who you are bringing.

NZ TWIN EXCHANGE will go ahead again in the third school term.

ACT STOMP Gangster Ball 13th March proceeds to Shelterboxes, call Marjorie R.

BOWL SCAN KITS are available again from Hooks Pharmacy in Cooma and Jindabyne Pharmacy in Jindabyne.

Next week's program: Club Management options
Chris Adams

Following week: Tuggeranong combined meeting
Michelago - 6pm at Centennial Park for bus transport.

Bulletin Reporter — Des Trute
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