

## 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:** 32 members out of 47 = 68%

**VISITING ROTARIANS:** Nil

**GUESTS:** Lynne (Graham H), Marilyn (Darrel G), Les Smith (Margaret E), Lainie (Richard L), Margaret Stokes & Alison ((Dave H), David Wicks & Kim (Chris A), Robert & Carol Thomas (Neil B), Jan (Les S), Irene (Steve S), Helen (Graham F), Judith Fergin (Club), Ross Graham, Dave & Pat Redmond, David Shelley (Geoff B), John & Sonia Vucic (Darrel G), Marney Stewart (Neil B), Mary (Jim H), Christina (Wolfgang), John Cahill (?), Vera Zhad (Patrick K), Elizabeth Jeffries (Alyson H-J).

**APOLOGIES:** John C, Alan D, David E, Julie J, Elaine M, Joe V.

**LEAVE:** Monica A, Peter A, Tom B, Margaret H, Kym L, Cheryl & Colin M, Marco R.

**WE ALSO MISSED:** Lis A.

## Duty Roster June and July

Thought of the Week	Fellowship	Attendance
Alan Dodd	Margaret Echarri and Claire Neumeyer	<b>June</b> - Graham Hope and Kevin Dunne <b>July</b> - David Epstein and Neil Brown

Property	Introduction	Markets
<b>June</b> - Brian Jefferies and Patrick Kwan	Katrin Hackney	<b>June</b> - Steve S, Tony S, Katrin H, Rob S, Alyson H-J, PA
<b>July</b> - Tom Bellgard and Graham French	<b>Vote of Thanks</b> David Epstein	<b>July</b> - David H, Chris A, Monica A, Lis A, 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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## US Consul General - Judith Fergin

Issue: 24 May

Guest speaker was Judith Fergin, the US Consul General. In Pres Elect Chris' introduction, Judith has two degrees, this is the sixth country she has represented the US in, and Chris outlined the responsibilities of a Consul General. Judith said that there is a pretty sturdy foundation friendship between Cooma and the US and companies involved in the Snowy Scheme commented this. In her research for links with Cooma and the US she discovered a fixation with Nanny goats. In Cooma there is Nanny Goat Hill and listed nine similar in the US. Judith's main topic was Economic Relations with trade between the two countries. The first being a US ship entering Sydney Harbour on 1 November 1792 laden with beef, wine, rum, gin and tobacco, and then 200 ships filled with Aussies arrived in California in the 1840's to join the gold rush. Over a decade later



Judith Fergin



Intro by Pres Elect Chris

10,000 Yanks poured into the Australian Goldfields, some stayed on to establish businesses, including the legendary Cobb & Co coaching company. Due to the Bilateral Free Trade agreement in 2005, goods and services trade between the two countries increased by 60% by 2008, unfortunately it dropped in 2009. The US imported \$US2.33 million agricultural products and consume 9% of all Australian Agri-

### Items of special interest:-

- May - Planning Month
- June - Fellowship Month
- July - Literacy Month
- August - Membership Extension Month
- September - Youth Activities Month
- October - Vocation Service Month
- November - Rotary Foundation Month
- December - Family Month

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## US Consul General cont.

cultural exports. Beef and lamb amount for half of this and wine a third. Australia is the 21st largest US agricultural market and in 2009, exports to Australia reached \$US866 million. The US exports to Australia are pork, fresh processed fruit, vegetables and nuts. There is more to the economic relationship than trade. The US is the source of about a quarter of all foreign investment in Australia. The exports aren't just lobster from Maine and LLB bean hunting boots, their biggies are computers, and computer products. In his State of the Union address, President Obama set a goal of doubling their exports over the next five years an increase that will support 2 million jobs and said "if America sits on the sidelines while other nations sign trade deals, we will lose the chance to create jobs on our shores." Judith's three concluding points were: Our economic relations have a deep grounding in history and they thrive because both partners derive visible and significant benefits from our interactions; The philosophies underlying our economic policies are very similar; Our interactions across the broad span of relationship have the same qualities and characterise our economic relations.



Richard give thanks



**R**ob Simms gave a five minute address on Cooma and the Snowy Scheme and the important role of the USA during the early stages of the Scheme. When the Snowy began in 1949 it was recognised that outside help would be needed to plan and prosecute such a gigantic undertaking. So the aid of the US Bureau of Reclamation was enlisted. At the same time that these advisors came to Cooma, young engineers were sent to the US to gain experience

## Thought of the Week - Robbyn Crooks

*Hard work spotlights the character of people, some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, some don't turn up at all.*

## Member Happenings

### Wedding Anniversaries

Graham and Helen French - 2 June

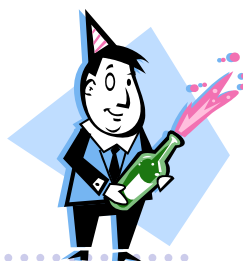
### Birthdays

Joe Vescio—3 June

Kevin Dunne—6 June

Brian Jeffries - 8 June

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



## Gallery



## Board Meeting 19 May - Community Service Report

**ROTARY STREET SIGNS** The necessary post has been erected at Royal Hill entry and Brian Hart is producing the signage. I expect the project to be completed before next board meeting.

**MAY MARKET** The music of ABBA was featured and well received - 47 stalls, including 4 freebies operated, yielding \$1,020. The food van and BBQ yielded a profit of \$1,762. The number of stallholders and takings were lower than peak summer months but this is normal. The market team did an excellent job, including the vital clean up.

**WORK PARTY AT ROTARY OVAL** recently checked the irrigation system, pruned suckers from root stock, weeded and removed rubbish.

**RECOVERED ROLLER SHUTTER** has not yet been sold.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE MEETING** was held Wednesday 12 May. The resolutions made were: The special events proposed by Pres Elect Chris A at Sunday markets be actively supported; A progressive dinner be organised for early in the 2010-2011 year; A car boot sale in a council car park be organised for the 2010-2011 year; An information table be set and manned by a member at each market to promote Rotary. Reported by: David Holgate

**Next week's program:** Dr Ron Hackney  
Earthquakes

**Following week:** Rot. Anton Pemmer  
GSE

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