

## The Rotary Club of Cooma Inc.

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**THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:** 36 + 1 makeup - 37 out of 48 = 77.1 %

**VISITING ROTARIANS:** Nil

**GUESTS:** Veronique (Club), Alison (David H), John King (Tony S), Kathy (David B), George and Maree (Kevin D), Fiona (Mark C).

**APOLOGIES:** Graham F, Jim H, Brian J, Lou M, Cheryl and Colin M.

**LEAVE:** Alan H, Kym L, Elaine M.

**WE ALSO MISSED:** Alan D and Peter A.

**MAKEUPS:** Margaret E (Chester, Eng).

## Duty Roster August, September and October

Thought of the Week	Fellowship	Attendance
Marco Revelant	Margaret Echarri and Claire Neumeyer	<b>August</b> - Tony Slater and John Vucic <b>September</b> - John Mooney and Bob Engelbrecht
Property	Introduction	Markets
<b>August</b> - Alan Dodd and Peter Allenspach	John Vucic	<b>September</b> - John C, Ken D, Rob S, Margaret H, Geoff B, Alyson H-J - PA, Joe V - Coffee
<b>September</b> - Colin Mould and Wolfgang Laub	<b>Vote of Thanks</b> Dr Bob Engelbrecht	<b>October</b> - Kevin D, Claire N, Ashley C, Elaine M, Graham H, Alyson H-J - PA, Lou M - Coffee

### 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)

### MEETINGS:

We meet every Wednesday

6:00pm for 6:30pm at

Dodds Hotel

94 Commissioner Street Cooma



# Weekly Bulletin



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## Items about India - Mark Cooper

In September 2009 the three Cooper Brothers (Steven, Craig and the youngest Mark), three friends from Australia and two American biker friends set off to ride the highest trafficable roads in the world. Situated in the Himalayan mountains in Ladakh and Shrinigar in Northern India on the disputed border with Pakistan. The idea was to ride approximately 4000 kms in 23 days, taking in the high altitude deserts of Ladakh and Shrinigar. Once we left Shimla, the roads altitude quickly went to 3000m and for the next 15 days we were well above 4000 meters. The highest sleeping point was 4600m in a roadside daba (tent) at Pang. Most of the passes we rode over were over 5000m with the highest point reached at Khardung La Pass at 18380 ft or well over 6000m (the highest road in the world). At this point we were much higher than base camp at Mt Everest. This area is in and around Leh which is currently experiencing the worst floods on record with over 88 persons killed due mainly to mud slides. This area has a usual annual rain fall of 0mm. These flood waters are currently flowing down the Indus River into Pakistan where more and worse flooding is occurring. From Leh we rode along the Pakistan border where signs warned us that we were under enemy observation, through Kargil, Drass and into the Shrinigar Valley. We



Mark Cooper

spent a few days on a houseboat taking in the sights. From Shrinigar to Chamba and back to Shimla where we closed the loop and to all intents and purposes finished our tour. The only thing left to do was make our way back to Delhi and drop off the hire bikes, a quick trip down to the Taj Mahal.



Intro by Graham H.

Issue: 11 August

### Items of special interest:-

- August - Membership Extension Month
- September - Youth Activities Month
- October - Vocation Service Month
- November - Rotary Foundation Month
- December - Family Month
- January - Rotary Awareness Month
- February - World Understanding Month

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## Items about India cont.

This is where things went pear shaped. A few kms out of Shimla I was involved in an accident with a bus and a Mahindra 4wd. The next 43 days was spent in hospital (five days in India and 39 days in Canberra) with five operations on my left lower leg. The past eight months have been spent in recovery and I'm happy to say that everything is progressing.



Thanks given by David B.



Shimla



Delhi



Quite a view



Karsog



Manali



The accident

## Thought of the Week - Katrin Hackney

*Some minds are like concrete thoroughly mixed  
and permanently set.*

## Member Happenings



### Anniversaries

Graham &amp; Lynne H - 21 Aug

### Birthdays

Trish L - 19 Aug

Kym L - 30 Aug

### Years of Service

Mark C

19 Aug 1 year

Margaret H

19 Aug 1 year

Graham H

26 Aug 1 year

Robbyn C

29 Aug 9 years

## Gallery



Veronique

George &amp; Kevin

Banners delivered

## News

**VOCATIONAL EXPO** to take place on Tuesday 17 August. Geoff B needs volunteers to setup on Monday afternoon, more volunteers required on Tuesday to supervise visitors and then for packing up on Wednesday.

**CLUB WEBSITE** a big thank you to Wolfgang Laub for coming on board as an additional sponsor.

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER** Robbyn C is planning this for Saturday 30 October 2010 6:00pm for 6:30pm with soup at the Cooma Railway Station. Needs at least eight volunteers with homes to seat and feed six people, then to the Raglan Gallery for desserts (volunteers to supply). Please contact Robbyn to assist.

**ANTZAL SZALAI AND HIS GYPSY BAND** direct from Hungary - a night in Budapest and Vienna - are performing at St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall on Wednesday night from 7:30pm. Bookings at Marnie's Fabric Salon.

**VITALCALL** more volunteers are required to assist please see David Byrne for more information.

**KEMABOLO PROJECT** is nearing winding up, see President Chris for more information.

**Next week's program: ANU Medical Students**

**Following week: Ken Prendergast  
"RDASI Development Plan"**