

The Rotary Club of Cooma Inc.

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THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 27 members out of 47 = 58%

VISITING ROTARIANS: Nil

GUESTS: Alison (David H), Veronique and Fiona Sacco (Club), Mathew Towning (Steve S).

APOLOGIES: Neil B, Ashley C, Kevin D, Graham F, Brian J, Patrick K, Lou M, Claire N, John V, Tony S.

LEAVE: Geoff B, Jim H, Kym L, John M, Monica A, Brenda C-B, John Mercer.

WE ALSO MISSED: Joe V.

Duty Roster September, October and November

Thought of the Week	Fellowship	Attendance
Peter Allenspach	Margaret Echarri and Claire Neumeyer	September - Elaine Mooney and Bob Engelbrecht October - Ken Dane and Dave Libauer

Property	Introduction	Markets
September - Colin Mould and Wolfgang Laub	John Vucic	October - Kevin D, Claire N, Ashley C, Elaine M, Graham H, Alyson H-J - PA, Lou M - Coffee
October - John Clarke and Dugald Mitchell	Vote of Thanks Dave Libauer	November - Jim H, Peter A, Richard L, Neil B, Tony S, Alyson H-J - PA, Robbyn C - 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

MEETINGS:

We meet every Wednesday

6:00pm for 6:30pm at

Dodds Hotel

94 Commissioner Street Cooma



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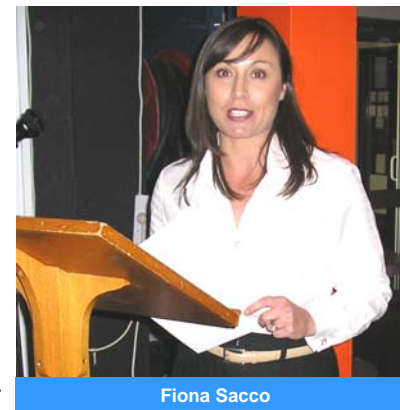


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Experience in Middle East - Fiona Sacco

Issue: 15 September

Guest speaker was Fiona Sacco a Berridale girl who is now back in Berridale assisting her husband Patrick with the business. They both lived in Sydney for ten years and after getting married, decided on a climate change to Dubai for two years. Fiona informed us that the United Arab Emirates consists of seven territories, of which Dubai is one (members couldn't identify the other six). It is estimated the UAE has a population of six million, but only 1.5 million are Emirate nationals, and the other 4.5 are Indians, Pakistanis, Filipinos, Chinese, Iranians and other expats. Fiona said that when they arrived, Dubai was a hot dusty construction site. Patrick had a job with a construction management company specialising in construction projects, it was a good job but with very long hours and a fair bit of travel. Fiona gave us a report on two projects. The Formula 1 Theme Park which was announced in 2007 in Dubai's bid to host the world famous Formula 1 Grand Prix which was successful. In two years they needed to deliver a fully operational town including infrastructure,



Fiona Sacco

Items of special interest:-

- September - Youth Activities Month
- October - Vocation Service Month
- November - Rotary Foundation Month
- December - Family Month
- January - Rotary Awareness Month
- February - World Understanding Month
- March - Polio Eradication Month

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Ken introduces Fiona

electrical, wastewater, a Formula 1 race track, a marina and Formula 1 Theme Park (the second in the world) and eight luxury hotels, to be further developed into 22 hotels. They wanted the biggest and the best of everything, the cost not being an issue. The second was the Tiger Woods Golf

Fiona Sacco cont.



Has thanks Fiona

Course: *one world class par 72 championship golf course, *seven star, 80 suite boutique hotel, *21 exclusives palaces, *100 large villas - 95 serviced villas, *80,000 square foot clubhouse, *elite golf academy and sports clinic, *luxury day spa with 15 bungalows. Challenges of creating a golf course in the desert: 80 hectares of turf was grown in the US and transported to Dubai, and the amount of water used to hold the sand in place was ludicrous. By the time they left at the end of last year the project was 18 months in and hadn't really got off the ground due to financial constraints and Tiger's reputation. Fiona thinks it is now a forgotten project.

She said it was a harsh environment and society, with extreme temperatures of 50% air-conditioning, working all hours, sleepless nights due to construction noise, and then Allah's call at sunrise from the several different denomination mosques in the area. Racism and injustice everywhere, disparity between extreme wealth and extreme poverty. She then informed us of problems driving with a guy slamming his brakes on in front of her on purpose, if she would have hit his car it would have been her fault as she was an expat and a pregnant lady whose car was driven into by an Emigrant, she lost the baby and had to pay blood money to the government as she was considered responsible for the babies death.

Thought of the Week - Brian Jeffries (remotely)

*As a moth gnawing at cloth destroys the fabric,
so does envy destroy the man.*

Member Happenings



Anniversaries	Birthdays	Years of Service
Julie & Alan J - 22 Sep	Darrell G - 25 Sep	
Alan & Catherine D - 26 Sep	Cheryl M - 27 Sep	
	Ken D - 1 Oct	
	Lynne H - 3 Oct	
	Richard L - 10 Oct	
	John C - 12 Oct	

Gallery



Veronique the raffle winner

Richard reports on Bowel Scan

The people you run into at Tin Can Bay

More from the early years.... Courtesy Ken Dane

Houses had roofs made of thatch, thick straw piled high but with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm and so cats, dogs and other small animals lived in the roof. When it rained the animals would slip down off the roof. Hence the saying "it's raining cats and dogs". There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This was a problem where bugs and droppings could fall onto the bed. So a bed with four posts and a sheet over the top was some protection. That is how canopy

News

DISTRICT CONFERENCE is on in Nowra 22 to 24 October 2010

ROTARY FRUIT CAKE President Chris claims he has tasted a delicious Rotary fruit cake. They are \$20 each, if you want to order one see Chris.

ROTARY BOWELS SKAN KITS Richard L advised that Hooks and Jindabyne Pharmacies sold 281 kits. There were six positive results, two carcinomas, two polyps and two not yet identified. A big thank you to those pharmacies.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER is on 30 October 2010. Robbyn needs numbers asap.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS we have had letters from three former exchange students Hannah from Japan, Freya from Denmark and Barbie from Brazil.

THANK YOU to Wolfgang for collecting a couple of bikes from Canberra.

Next week's program: Bill Seelis
"District Update"

Following week: Les Sutcliffe
"Vocational"

Bulletin Reporter - Margaret Hassall
Bulletin editor & production - Irene Shirvington