

The Rotary Club of Cooma Inc.

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THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 34 out of 44 = 77.3% There were a total of 116 club members and guests - Rotary 62, Lions 41, View 7, CWA 6.

VISITING ROTARIANS: Nil

GUESTS: Marilyn, Alan and Coleen Hood, Margaret Corr (Darrel G), Maree (Kevin D), Fiona (Mark C), Helen (Graham F), Graham Taylor, Robert and Carol Thomas, Veronique, Gail Eastaway (Club), Kim (Chris A), Bruce (Steve S), Mary (Jim H), Sonia (John V), Trish (Dave L), Alison (David H).

APOLOGIES: Peter A, David B, Ashley C, Graham H, Julie J, Claire N, Les S, Joe V.

LEAVE: Monica A, John Mercer.

Duty Roster November and December

Thought of the Week	Fellowship	Attendance
John Clarke Three Minuter Ken Prendergast	Margaret Echarri and Claire Neumeyer	November - Kevin Dunne and Geoff Bowland December - Jim Hatfield and Marco Revelant

Property	Introduction	Markets
November - Margaret Hassall and David Holgate	Des Trute	November - Jim H, Peter A, Richard L, Neil B, Tony S, Alyson H-J - PA, Robbyn C - Coffee
December - Ashley Constance and Ken Prendergast	Vote of Thanks Richard Lawson	December - Colin M, Cheryl M, Julie J, Alan H, Steve S, Alyson H-J - PA, John 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 Katrin Hackney or Darrell Gaukroger dgcooma@bigpond.net.au

MEETINGS:

We meet every Wednesday

6:00pm for 6:30pm at

Dodds Hotel

94 Commissioner Street Cooma



Weekly Bulletin

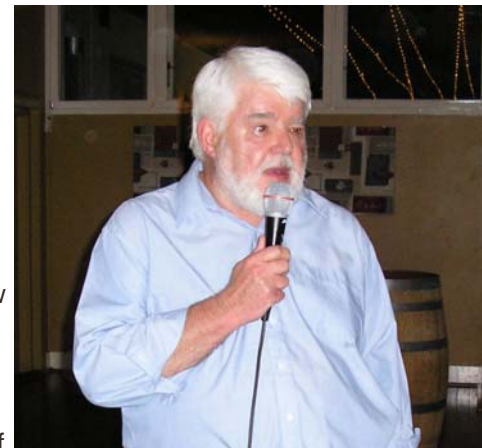


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Monaro Treeless Plains - Dr Graham Taylor

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Last week's meeting was the Annual Combined Service Clubs dinner and the guest speaker was Dr Graham Taylor, CRC Leme Honorary Fellow in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the development and promotion of regolith science. Gra-



Dr Graham Taylor

ham taught at ANU for 25 years and spoke on the Monaro treeless plains. Graham said the oldest established occupation on the Monaro is about 8,000 years ago from bones found at Rock Flat, it was at that time it was more sparse in vegetation and colder. European discovery was made by Captain Mark John Currie, RN, three days south of the Limestone Plains, he

determined the native name of the clear country was Monaroo but he decided to call it "Brisbane Downs" after the NSW Governor - thankfully that didn't persist. He then explained the Geology of the Mon-



Kevin gives thanks

Items of special interest:-

- November - Rotary Foundation Month
- December - Family Month
- January - Rotary Awareness Month
- February - World Understanding Month
- March - Polio Eradication Month
- April - Rotary Magazine Month
- May - Planning Month
- June - Fellowship Month

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Monaro Treeless Plains cont.

aro and said that the areas of basalt generally have few or no trees, in areas of basaltic rocks, this goes to moisture retention in soil. Areas underlain by other rocks (granite, slate sandstone) usually are treed, south facing slopes get less sun than north facing slopes and therefore dry more slowly. Most rocks formed of silicate minerals break down to form soils and the new silicate minerals are called clay, quartz is a relatively insoluble residue. Unlike other rocks, on the Monaro basalt contains no quartz so it is clay mineral rich, while other rocks are more sandy. Monaro basalt (chocolate) expands on average between 29-30% and as seedlings have delicate roots, shrink/swell of basalt soils may break rootlets, and few if any trees grow to maturity. Monaro soils are thin, and therefore shrink/swells not important until roots penetrate below the soil it can be effective at breaking roots. Semitic soils have high water content which is too high for seedlings to extract required moisture and may lead to the dominance of grasses. Other reasons why trees don't grow is cold winters and low rainfalls, but snow gums do not suffer from the cold. For farmers to grow trees on the Monaro they must keep soils around young trees wet at all times, protect them from severe winds, and frosts.



Katrin does the introduction

Thought of the Week - Anon

Before you criticise someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes; that way when you criticise them, your a mile away and have their shoes.

Member Happenings



Anniversaries		Birthdays		Years of Service	
Kevin & Maree D - 5 Nov	David E - 1 Nov	Patrick Kwan	08 Nov	11 yrs	
Monica & Doug A - 22 Nov	Katrin H - 3 Nov	John Vucic	14 Nov	03 yrs	
	Alison H - 6 Nov	Joe Vescio	18 Nov	01 yrs	
	Catherine D - 15 Nov				

Gallery - Combined Services Dinner



The head table



Brian gave the Rotary introduction



Robbyn did the fines



Veronique collected the revenue

News

OUR EXCHANGE STUDENT Veronique is now with her second host family Les and Jan Sutcliffe.

PRESIDENT CHRIS is off to PNG to up date the Kemabolo Program.

Next week's program: Gwenda Stockton
"A Story from the Great War"

Following week: Adrian Lindner
"Charles Sturt University Wagga Wagga"