

The Rotary Club of Cooma Inc.

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THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 37 members out of 46 = 80.5%
VISITING ROTARIANS: Peter Davis (Orange), Graham Russell (Southport).
GUESTS: Kathryn (Graham R), Matthew Towing and Irene (Steve S), Jan and Jean (Les S), Gwenda Stockton and Veronique (Club).
APOLOGIES: Mark C, Kevin D, Margaret H, David H.
LEAVE: Monica A, John Mercer.
WE ALSO MISSED: Tom B, David B, Alan D, Colin M (paid).
MAKEUPS: Nil

Duty Roster November and December

Thought of the Week	Fellowship	Attendance
Katrin H 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	Alyson Hulley-Jeffries	November - Jim H, Peter A, Rob S, Neil B, Tony S, Alyson H-J - PA, Robbyn C - Coffee
December - Ashley Constance and Ken Prendergast	Vote of Thanks Kevin Dunne	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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A Story from the Great War - Gwenda Stockton

Issue: 10 November

Guest Speaker was Gwenda Stockton who grew up in Newcastle and Sydney. After leaving school Gwenda did clerical and secretarial work, met her husband Don, married in 1963 and had four children. Don became a Minister for 34 years throughout NSW, including the Uniting Church in Cooma for seven years, but unfortunately died a couple of years ago. Gwenda was an enrolled nurse at Sir William Hudson Centre and Cooma Hospital. Gwenda is now actively involved in the Baptist Church and teaches scripture at two Cooma schools with Des T. Gwenda spoke on the life story of Alexander Stanley Clingan, who was Don's uncle, enlisted in the AIF (Australian Imperial Force) in 1915, trained in Egypt in 1916, his Battalion joined the British Expeditionary Force in Marseilles in France. Alexander's family received 22 letters from him. On



Gwenda Stockton

30/8/16 his mother received a telegram reporting he was missing in action. On 13/2/17 his identification disc was received from the War Office with a letter stating that this soldier was deceased and killed in action on 19/7/16. Books on this were read by a Greek born art and crafts teacher in Melbourne, Lambis Englezos, which started his search and passion for the missing Diggers in Fromelles. Finally



Introduction by Des

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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A Story from the Great War cont.

his search lead him to the ground at Pheasant Wood, Fromelles where lay the bodies of Australian and British soldiers, the rain and weather had loosened the soil and artifacts belonging to the Australian soldiers were found. In 2008 the Glasgow University Archeological Research Division confirmed that there were eight mass graves at Pheasant Woods. In 2009 the team did a full excavation, mostly by hand and five of the graves had the bodies of 400 soldiers each, three held five bodies. From each set of remains DNA tests were taken and stored, miraculously two brothers had lain side by side. In March this year DNA from one set of remains identified as those of Alexander Stanley Clingan. A memorial and burial service was held at Pheasant Woods for all those whose remains had been recovered on 19/7/10 and family and friends were invited. Gwenda and her son Peter attended. Gwenda gave us a very touching report on this service, which was attended by many dignitaries, including Quentin Bryce, Prince Charles and military personal. Another Cooma local Noel Bartley also had a great uncle killed at Pheasant Woods, and a plaque for him is in the Delegate Cemetery. They are still trying to confirm some deceased with DNA that has no as yet been matched. Gwenda also mentioned that James Murgatroyd Holgate (known as Roy) who was the father of David Holgate, served in France and returned home to marry and raise a family. David only recently found more than 100 letters from his father when he was serving in France. A very moving and great address which was particularly appropriate on the evening before Remembrance Day.



Richard gives thanks

Thought of the Week - John Clark

A diplomat is someone who can tell you to go to hell in such a way you will look forward to the trip.

Member Happenings



Anniversaries		Birthdays		Years of Service	
Kevin & Maree D - 5 Nov	Catherine D - 15 Nov	Patrick Kwan	08 Nov	11 yrs	
Monica & Doug A - 22 Nov	Graham F - 16 Nov	John Vucic	14 Nov	03 yrs	
	John M - 16 Nov	Joe Vescio	18 Nov	01 yr	
	Maree D - 28 Nov				

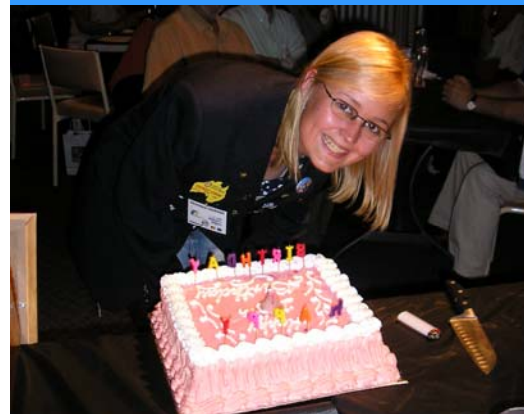
Gallery - Combined Services Dinner



The PNG twins



Peter becomes a Rotary Foundation Alumnus



Birthday girl, Veronique



Veronique cutting the cake

News

CAROUSEL Visiting Rtn Graham Russell informed us of his Club's carousel which is run all year round by volunteers, is maintained by council and raises \$100,000 a year.
PNG Visiting Rotarian Peter Davis informed us that he is going again to PNG to install a water supply to Magare Village near the start of the Kokoda Track.
ALUMNI RECOGNITION Peter Davis was also presented with his Alumni pin for our clubs Madilogo water project in 2005.

Next week's program: Adrian Lindner
"Charles Sturt University Wagga Wagga"

Following week: Jim Hatfield
"Visitors' Centres I Have Visited"