

Weekly Bulletin



GUEST SPEAKER:

Craig Mitchell
Rural

Craig Mitchell, Chair of NSW Farmers Cooma District Council, spoke at the club meeting. Craig identified that, over time, many commodities have come down in price. Craig gave an example using the price of bacon, paying \$12 about 10 years ago, and now paying as little as \$7-\$8.

The consequence of this means that farmers must become more efficient through improved farming methods. This means that more research is always needed to help farmers achieve this goal.

Craig also spoke of the future of farming. A group of Monaro farmers have commenced a traineeship through the Monaro Farming Systems Group.

The traineeship allows the Farming Group to share the cost of a trainee and it allows the trainee to gain a broader range of skills and knowledge.

Two traineeship positions were advertised. There were 48 applications for the position. The two people in the scheme spend time between a number of farms throughout the year. They learn that each farmer has individual ideas and an individual way of undertaking tasks.

One trainee is based in the Cooma area, the other Bombala. There are 16 farmers sharing their experiences and ideas.



The scheme is run in conjunction with the Certificate IV in Agriculture at TAFE, so the theoretical knowledge is supported by practical experience.

Monaro Farming Systems also holds five meeting days each year, where the trainees then have the opportunity to share their experiences.



Top – Craig Mitchell & Lou M
Bottom – Elaine S thanks Craig

WE MEET WEDNESDAYS 6:00PM FOR 6:30PM

AT THE SOVEREIGN MOTEL (OPPOSITE KENTUCKY FRIED) SHARP ST, COOMA



Aren't we a friendly bunch – Tony S & Dave L, David H & Robbyn C, Alyson HJ & Peter D

Three Minuter

Was to be John C but he was away again – how about next week John?

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK Courtesy of Katrin

- sorry but I can't remember what it was Katrin.

News

RI President Meeting

23 May 2012 Canberra Hellenic Club 23 May 2012 our meeting is transferred to this Venue. No bus as only 8 members attending. Those attending should see if they can car pool. \$35.00 per head.

Australian Rotary Success Conference

21 & 22 July 2012 in Canberra. Expressions of interest from Rotarians to take on the role of scribes at breakout sessions at the conference. Ability to use a laptop to record basic points of discussions. Contact AG Rowley Tompsett on 0422 235 095

New Fridge

Alyson has a new fridge as has David H as the one at the Rotary shed blew up in the recent floods.

Nominate Operation Cleft

AG Rowley Tompsett, Ambassador for Operation Cleft in Ginninderra Rotary Club as asked fellow Rotarians to nominate for a donation of \$5,000 from Radio Station 3AW. To nominate go to www.3aw.com.au/comp-cfs

March
Polio Eradication

April
Rotary Magazine

May
Planning

June
Fellowship

July
Literacy

August
Membership Extension

The contact for making apologies and for notification of guests for dinner meetings is Les Sutcliffe on 6452 7442 during business hours or e-mail leecooma@bigpond.com

- Letter of thanks** Received from Robyn Went, grandmother of Zac Siwka who suffered an unexplained respiratory arrest and consequent brain damage. The club donated \$3,000 from the Emergency Medical Fund. Raffle tickets also being sold to assist Zac.
- Pride of Workmanship Awards** John Clark will be away on holiday so these will be organised by Geoff B
- Red Shield** Bags and maps are available for those volunteering to collect for the Red Shield appeal.
- Meeting of 30 May** This meeting is to be held at the Cooma TAFE – Three course meal – Cost \$30.00.

Next Weeks Program	Three Minuter	Thought of the Week
Graham French 1200 Mitres at 43 degrees 40 south Tasmania Intro – Tony S Thanks – Robbyn C Following Week Program RI President Meeting Canberra Hellenic Club	John C	Les S

This Weeks Attendance: 62%

Visiting Rotarians: Nil

Guests: Craig Mitchell and Linda L (Club), Susie Mitchell and Michael Green (Dugald) Hugh Dixon (Tony S)

Apologies: Peter A, John C, Kevin D, Graham F, Patrick K, Richard L

Leave: Mark C, David B, Jim H, Cheryl & Colin M, Darryl G

Makeups:

We also Missed: Steve S, Ken D and Wolfgang L

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Rosters	May	June
Attendance	John K Des T	Ashley C Wolfgang L
Property	Brian J L Elaine S	Marco R Elaine M
Markets	Geoff B (Van) Rob S Ken D	Jim H (Van) Graham F Kevin D
Fellowship	John V Marco R Alyson H-J (PA) Elaine S (MR) David H (Coordinator) Chris A (Coffee) Margaret E Claire N	Margaret H Tony S Alison HJ (PA) Darrel G (MR) David H (Coordinator) Chris & Kim A (Coffee) Margaret E Claire N

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 8.30am.

Member Happenings

Anniversaries	Birthdays	Years of Service
Patrick & Joo Slew Kwan 12 years on 15 May	Alyson HJ - 19 May Robbyn C - 20 May	Peter A – 4 yrs on 12 May Margaret E 13 yrs on 24 May Bob K – 58 yrs on 13 May Les S – 13 yrs on 26 May