

Boyce runners raise thousands

A TEAM from Boyce Chartered Accountants, including many from the Cooma office, has raised more than \$18,000 for charity by competing in the annual annual City2Surf event in Sydney.

The money went to the not-for-profit organisation, Angel Flight, which coordinates non-emergency flights for patients and families around Australia in medical or financial need.

Angel Flight's services are free to patients and carers, pilots donate their time, skills and aircraft fees for each flight. The organisation relies entirely on donations and bequests.

Boyce Managing Director, Bernard Kennedy, said Angel Flight was chosen as the charity to support this year as many of the

firm's employees and clients had either been assisted by this service, or knew someone who had.

"Angel Flight provides critical assistance to people living in rural and regional areas," he said.

The fund raising efforts of the Boyce team didn't just focus on the race. Each of the firm's five offices around the State held fund-raising events in the months and weeks leading up to the event.

Patricia Clarke, a volunteer with Angel Flight, was on hand at the finish of the race to meet the Boyce team and gratefully accept the donation.

The Boyce team didn't disappoint in terms of race results either with two members completing the gruelling 14 kilometre course in just over an hour.



Back (left to right): Jodie Swain (Cooma), Laine Scarpinato (Cooma), Jo Evans (Cooma), Pat Swain (Cooma), Ann Rose (Moree), Bernard Kennedy (Dubbo, Boyce Managing Director), Michelle Russell (Cooma), Scott Christian (Dubbo), Ben Calder (Dubbo), Tristen Lindner (Moree), Jono Hart (Goulburn). Middle: Cheryl McGrath (Cooma), Shane Evans (Cooma), Suzi Von der burg (Cooma), Sonia Robinson (Cooma), Camilla Hart (Goulburn), Jane Christian (Dubbo), Ashleigh Calder (Dubbo). Front: Frank Von der burg (Cooma), Patricia Clarke (Angel Flight), Julie Schofield (Cooma, Director), Beth Hoskins (Goulburn), Alison Shanley (Cooma), Mick Batten (Cooma).



Leader of the Cooma Girl Guides Sheryl Keppler with her daughter Michelle.

Girl Guides reach out

GIRL Guide leaders across the state have joined hands with their sister Guides from Wakayama in Japan and helped bring back to their Cooma troop some clever ideas for eco-friendly camping.

On August 13 leader of the Cooma Girl Guides Sheryl Keppler and her daughter Michelle joined with 30 leaders across the state at the training event at the Girl Guides' Cabarita property Tingira.

The Japanese Guides got out their scissors and knives and turned a collection of empty waxed

milk cartons into nifty chopping boards and sealable sushi lunchboxes. They also showed how to make cardboard composting bins.

"It's great that the Guide Leaders will now be able to go back and show their own Guide Units how to recycle in fun new ways," Girl Guides International Consultant, Kerrey Williams, said.

"They are now equipped with the know-how to turn simple cardboard boxes into compost bins and know what items are needed to start composting," Kerrey said.

What do Girl Guides do?

The Cooma Girl Guides do a range of activities including abseiling, canoeing, cooking, making fires and craft. It gives young girls the opportunity to try different things and learn what they can be good at.

Cooma Girl Guide leader Sheryl Keppler returned to running the

Cooma Girl Guides three years ago and said they always welcomed new members. Currently the Cooma Girl Guides are split into two groups- girls between year 1 and year 5 and girls in year 6 and above.

The younger group meets on Wednesdays between 4.15pm

and 5.45pm and the older girls meet on Wednesdays between 5.15pm and 7.15pm. About 20 girls are involved in the Cooma Girl Guides. For anyone interested in joining call Felicity on 0416053061 for the younger group, and Sheryl on 0409682032 for the older group.

Court news

Kicked out

A Cooma woman assaulted two police officers and used unlawful violence following a brawl outside a local hotel, Cooma Local Court was told on August 17.

Shannell Louise Tuoro, 27, was fined a total of \$800 and placed on a 12 months good behavior bond for the offences which occurred one night in April this year. Police evidence was that she was stagger-

ing. She kicked one police officer and hit another on the head with a swinging arm. She had to be wrestled to the ground and handcuffed.

She admitted the offences.

Dead plants

A Cooma man had a purpose-built room at his home for growing cannabis plants. He had some more in a lean-to shed outside. The total plant value was about \$56,000 and he had some poor quality cannabis leaf valued at \$600.

At Cooma Local Court on August 17 Wayne Alphonsa Williams, 55, admitted cultivating

cannabis plants. He was fined \$750 and placed on an 18 month good behavior bond. He explained that he was self medicating. There was a large number of plants due to their mortality rate.

Drugs in gaol

A drug detection dog entered the cell of a Cooma gaol inmate and soon found a package of cannabis leaf, Cooma Local Court heard on August 17.

As a result the inmate, Anthony Richard Illarretti, 27, had two months added to his sentence. He said he had the cannabis for personal use.

He was already serving a lengthy prison term for robbery offences.

Speeding, drinking

A Cooma man speeding on the Nimmitabel-Cooma section of the Monaro Highway passed an unmarked police car and recorded speeds of up to 142kph.

Thomas Edward Leone, 30, was fined \$361 by Cooma Local Court for speeding and a further \$600 for a low range drink-driving offence. He was also disqualified from driving for three months. The offences, which he admitted, occurred on July 10.

Strong support for arts committee

COOMA'S arts and cultural community have turned out en masse to support the formation of a council arts and cultural activities committee.

Some 50 people attended a public meeting held at the Cooma Council chambers on Thursday night to discuss the possibility of establishing a committee through council to facilitate the arts and culture in Cooma.

Councillor Stephanie McDonald convened the meeting.

She said the idea of the committee was really well supported.

"Everyone was very enthusiastic

about starting a committee," she said.

"There were lots of ideas about facilitating artistic efforts in the community.

"There is a lot of talent in town but there are gaps in terms of facilities to rehearse and practise arts."

Cr McDonald said the idea would be similar to the 355 recreational facilities committee.

She will take a delegates' report to the next council meeting recommending a 355 arts and cultural activities committee be established through council.

Ambitious plans for Smiths Road

RESIDENTS of Smiths Road near Michelago have a strong vision for their community over the next 10 years - one that includes a school, café, youth centre and playground.

At a public meeting hosted by Cooma Council residents outlined their vision for how they wanted their community to grow into the future.

Their vision included a larger community made up of 100 families, more homes from about 60 to 70 and smaller development standard of 80 hectares.

Roads was also a major point of

concern for the residents with many wanting increased service levels for the roads, dangerous corners improved and bitumen or tarred roads.

Some of the ways the residents suggested these goals could be achieved was through having more money spent on roads instead of sports and recreation, have a representative councillor from the area, and a sensible Local Environment Plan.

The meeting was part of Cooma Council's strategic planning process.

