

NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 11 APRIL 2001 Time: 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm
VENUE: THE OLD BANK CAFÉ, 161 SHARP STREET, COOMA
CLUB ASSEMBLY (NO GUESTS PLEASE)

INTRODUCED BY: **VOTE OF THANKS:**

APOLOGIES OR GUESTS: Please advise Darrell Gaukroger on 6452 3302 by midday of meeting.

Non-apology & non-attendance means you pay for the meal.

Apology, Non-attendance & no make-up means you pay \$2

SERGEANTS FAX-A-FINE: Send to Les Sutcliffe on 6452 7192

APRIL ROSTER: *Attendance:* Wolfgang Laub & Tony Slater *Property:* Geoff Bowland

Be Early. If not at meeting arrange for substitute. At another venue arrange to bring necessary property.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK BY: Graham French

Next Week: Allan Hall

Why is that the person who has the least to say, takes so long to say it.

LAST WEEKS MEETING:

Mary Martynow, Cooma Crisis Accommodation Centre, spoke on problem gambling and counselling and advised that surveys reveal that 80/90% of adults gamble at some time in their life and 10% who play poker machines have a significant problem. This particularly affects families who have a bleak outlook, as it really affects their financial position, attitudes and beliefs. 75% of problem gamblers suffer from severe depression with 25% considering suicide and 10% actually trying it. But Mary runs a gambling counselling service for Cooma-Monaro, Snowy River and Bombala shires to break the cycle of gambling, challenge their beliefs and has some success. Unfortunately Cooma has a higher than average gambling problem.

NEWS:



RYPEN – 2 nominations to date.



Tools For Timor: Still time to drop them in at Alpine Dry Cleaners.



Aust/NZ Twin Exchange – Our two matched students from NZ have arrived in Cooma and are with their host families.



Notes from Board Meeting:

Leave Approved: Gordon H; Margaret E (now out of hospital); Bill Roach (now at Yass).
John Mercer is the nominal Treasurer (with a lot of assistance from wife Yvonne) until another is appointed.

\$20 donated to Monaro High School for their School News book – Kunama.

ROTARY INFORMATION:

Attendance Last Week: 31 members + 6 make-ups = 100% **Visiting Rotarians:** Nil **Guests:** Mary Martynow (Club guest speaker); James Howard (Mark R **Make-Ups:** Graham French x 1; Ashley Constance x 4; Margaret Echarri x 1 **Apologies:** Kevin D; Patrick K; Ken P; Neville L **Leave of Absence:** Gordon H; Margaret E; Bill R; Carlo R; Jim H; Francius LeG

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