

DUTY ROSTER – MARCH/APRIL

Attendance:

MAY: Darrell Gaukroger & Marco Revelant

JUNE: Julie Johnston & Dugald Mitchell

Meeting Preparation/Property

MAY: Claire Nuemeyer & Jim Hatfield

JUNE: Patrick Kwan & Wolfgang Laub

Fellowship: Margaret Echarri & Claire Nuemeyer, with power to add

Be early, if not at a meeting arrange a substitute. If meeting held at another venue arrange to bring property.

**PLEASE NOTE
CHANGES**

Markets –

MAY 20th: Maryanne Burgess, Kevin Dunne BBQ, Dugald Mitchell, Tony Slater (C'van)

JUNE 17th: Graham French (BBQ), Les Sutcliffe (C'van), Darrell Gaukroger, Colin Mould

NOTE: Members rostered on and not able to attend are to make arrangements with another member to take their place. 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 Robbyn 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 SOME ONE WHO CAN, or advise Robbyn before the event.

Others nominated should be at the Park by 8.45am.

NEXT MEETING: Cooma Thai Restaurant

WEDNESDAY 2nd MAY, 2007

Guest Speaker: Marlene Gillespie

Topic: Bolivia

Intro: Des Trute Thanks: Gail Eastaway

Apologies to Darrell by 10 am PLEASE - Phone 6452 3302

PLEASE RESPOND DIRECTLY TO DARRELL ON 6452 3302

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK -- Darrell G

Never invest your money in anything that eats or needs repairs

NEXT WEEK: Allan Dodd

Bulletin by John & Des

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GUEST SPEAKER - IAN DEEGAN



LAST WEEKS MEETING, the guest speaker was Ian Deegan, who opened his address with a couple of words in Japanese to Hanna, our Japanese exchange student. Ian claims to be a local as his family settled here in 1848. After finishing school at the start of WW2 he joined the Army and was

trained in Artillery, was one of 19 specially selected and trained to man 6" & 9" guns that were installed protecting several port sites in coastal NSW, from Wollongong to Newcastle. These guns shells weighed up to 3801bs and could travel up to 72 miles. He then transferred to the 6th Division and went to Queensland to train in jungle areas. Was stationed in Neewak, New Guinea to stop the Japanese southern advance towards Australia which was at Sepic River which is fast flowing and about 1 mile wide. On 6/8 the first Atomic Bomb was dropped at Hiroshima in Japan and caused a lull in the activities in New Guinea and on 15/8 was present at the air[ort] when General Robinson received the Japanese surrender. part of the 6, 7 and 9th Divisions who went to Japan after this bombing to locate stored Japanese weapons hidden in tunnels in the hills, and even in railway tunnels. He said the devastation at Hiroshima was massive and covered an area equal to Redfern, Kingscross, Pyrmont, Circular Quay, Broadway and Surrey Hills. At that time Japan had a population of 92 million, 78,000

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

Do not forget the District Conference will be held in Cooma on 5-6 May 2007. A big weekend is planned and the Multi Cultural Centre will be the venue for the Dinner on Saturday night whilst the Monaro High will house most of the sessions. Kevin Dunne has a roster set up to assist the planning and smooth running of this event. If you are on the roster and need assistance please see Kevin.



CONGRATULATIONS

Friday 27th Trish & David Libauer (Wedding Anniversary)

Tuesday 1st May – Bob Engelbrecht (Birthday)

Tuesday 1st May – Hans Nuemeyer (Birthday)

Wednesday 2nd – Jim & Mary Hatfield both celebrate their Birthdays

Wednesday 2nd May – Gay & David Epstein Wedding Anniversary

Friday 4th – Jessie & Richard Warner celebrate their Wedding Anniversary

The Club extends best wishes to you all on your Special Day



Chris & Kim Adams have welcomed a new Baby girl into the family.

Megan is shown here at the left.

Congratulations to the Adams Family for yet another addition

ATTENDANCE 18th April

34 + 2 makeups = 36 members out of 45 = 72.5%

GUESTS: Miesje Blumer (Kevin D), Angela Thompson (Geoff B) Ian & Norma Deegan, Hanna (Club),

APOLOGIES: Geoff B, Liz A, David B, Jim H, John & Heather J, Richard L, Kym L, John M, Kappila N, Tony Strong, Sarah W.

LEAVE Marriane B. Graham F. Julie Johnston, Tony Slater.

MAKE UPS MAKEUPS: Kym L, & Geoff B (Kids Disco)

WE ALSO MISSED: Ashley C & Peter D.

GUEST SPEAKER (CONTINUED)

were killed, 37,000 injured. At present the Japanese population is 126 million. Ian was very proud of the interaction with the children, to whom they gave chocolates and lollies. The children didn't eat them there but took them home and shared with the family. They also had interaction with schools, but they were not so well received by the older residents. There was a shortage of rations for the Japanese, and the garbage bins were raided at night and all that was left was cardboard and paper, Wonder where the scraps went? There was also an atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki, an industrial and coal mining area in Japan After this UK,



Steve thanks Ian for his address

Aussie & NZ POW's were repatriated, this included a local in Kevin Jamieson. However several of the troops who worked in these atomic bomb sites suffered injuries from the ash, including his wife Norma.

A very interesting and informative address. Ian and Norma were also on a Jumbo Jet that was recently photographed over an erupting Volcano which was shown on TV.

Lou Moore is still looking for an Outward bound Exchange student.

Please contact Lou if you can assist with a nomination.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY in May Kevin D is still looking for volunteers to assist on the weekend,.

POLISH DAY this Sunday in the Park, volunteers are required to assist with setting up from 7AM

VALE our deepest Sympathy to David & Kathy Byrne on the passing of Kathy's mother.

BOARD MEETING after the next Dinner Meeting on 2nd May,