APOLOGIES OR GUESTS: Please advise Darrell Gaukroger on 6452 3302 by midday of meeting. Remember - non-apology & non-attendance means you still pay for the meal.

**FAX A FINE - Alan Dodd - 6452 1223** 

ROSTER FOR MAY: Attendance: Tom D & Mark R

Property: Wolfgang L

Roster Duties: Arrange for a member of each team to be there early or a substitute if not attending.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK by Rob Simms

Patient to Dentist "Is it important to floss my teeth?" Dentist (probably Tony Slater) "I Suggest you just do the ones you want to keep". Next Week: Judy Taylor

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

13/5/98 Ian Robinson – Cooma Monaro Railway

20/5/98 Les Gehrig & Sue Martin from Commonwealth Rehabilitation

NEWS AND HAPPENINGS:

News and Happenings: (Further matters from Board 15/4)

Treasurer's Report:

Income

Expenditure

Balance

Project Account

20,713.65

17,353.75

3,359.90

General Account

25,892.78

23,155.48

2,737.30

Rotary Shed: Tony D informed the meeting that the Salvos are going to purchase the shed from the Airrifle Club that is blocking access to the proposed site of our Shed. Rotary will assist with labour for relocating the shed for the Salvos, and we will now finally be able to build the much needed shed to house all our equipment and records in one place.

Thredbo Appeal: We received another donation of \$250 from Belconnen Rotary Club in this district, and also \$20 from Woolgoolga in District 9650, no doubt Pres. Brian will be doing some more

commercials at District Conference this weekend.

District Assembly: Will be held at Yass on Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 May 1998. Pres Elect Gordon has handed out registration forms, and would like them back ASAP by our meeting of 13/5 so he can have them to Yass by 15th. Would like to see members of next year's board attending if possible, and anyone else who would care to go. There are places of interest included for partners to visit. See Gordon for more info.

Tanya Rads: Our exchange student to Belgium emailed a letter, she is having a great, no a FANTASTIC time. Really enjoying school, the host country has visited France & Britain, but truly was proud to represent our country on Australia Day. If you didn't hear the letter, get a copy & read it. John M, finishes up "I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving me the world and its chocolate. You have opened my eyes in so many ways & given me the best gift possible. The chance

to live, learn, experience and share". Last Weeks Meeting: District 9710 Ambassadorial Scholar Aki Asano spoke to the Club on some comparisons he has found between between universities and other items between Japan and Australia. Japan has about 500 universities, compared to Australia's 50, but said students in Aussie unis have to study harder, there are more assignments and stricter requirements, and he particularly found sporting facilities much, much cheaper and more available to every one in this country than Japan. Think he would like to stay on. Introduced by Ron Kelly (a flick pass from David E), Thanks by

Tony Slater. A Big thank you to Ron Kelly for transporting Aki down to Cooma & Back

Good News: Alison & Ashley Constance have had a few very worrying weeks, but the good news is that the treatment has been successful, which is really great news. You've both been in our thoughts & prayers, so all the best. You must be OK Alison, Jim tells us your back at the grindstone.

CLUB:

Birthdays: Dr Bob 1/5 Anniversaries:Gay & David E 2/5 Attendance Last Week: 33 + 3 members out of 42 = 86% Visiting Rotarians: Merlen Van DeKinde - Dublin Ireland (A Dutch Irishman?) Bill Roach -Batemans Bay (has moved up this way, so will see more of him) Guests: Patri & Aki Asano (Club).

Apologies: Ashley C; Dr Bob; Mark H; Lou M; Charles O & Rob S Make-ups: Ron Kelly (x 3 with

Tuggeranong) Leave of Absence: Carlo P, Greg S & Dave H

ROTARY INFORMATION: Show Rotary Cares

World Overpopulation - A study suggests the world will have 8 billion people by 2025, & have trouble feeding them. Even no 18 million die of starvation per year. John Hopkins University USA suggests a solution. See the Rotarian, March, p.8.

BULLETIN REPORTER:

Des T (but Marko will be back next week)