

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, 9th DECEMBER 1998

Assembly and Start Time: 6 pm for 6.30 pm at COOMA MOTOR LODGE

Guest Speaker: Our International Exchange Student – Patri Lapuyade

Speaking about her thoughts on leaving Australia.

INTRODUCED BY: John Mercer

VOTE OF THANKS: Julie Johnson

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 – MARK REVELANT – 6452 1815

ROSTER FOR DECEMBER: Attendance: Darrell Gaukroger Property: Dave Libauer

*** Re Roster Duties: Please arrange for a member of each team to be there early or a substitute if not attending.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK by Jim Hatfield

Never question your wife's judgement – she married you didn't she?

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

16/12 Christmas Party - \$15 per head. Platypus Lodge. Followed by a 2-week recess.

NEWS AND HAPPENINGS:



Guest Speaker Denis Ryan, Telstra – Telecommunications into the 21st Century. A fascinating look at telecommunications now and likely changes in the future with considerable Q & A at the end. Some current statistics: Australia has 7.5 million customers including 0.9 million in small business and 3000 large corporations. Australians have more mobile phones per head of population than anywhere else in the world. 96% of Australian homes now have access to telecommunications. Internet use is growing in Australia at 8%/month. Optical fibre cables are 250,000 times more efficient than normal copper cable. Now 60 million Internet users worldwide. Introduced by Dave H. Vote of Thanks by Julie J.



Pride of Workmanship Awards Night: from the 12 nominations received, POW awards were presented to Trish Maguire, Peter Longhurst, Adrian Reichenbach, Christine Webb, Terry Ritchie and Judy Caldwell (unable to attend). The new formula of the "Awards Night" seemed to work well. Congratulations to Vocational/Youth Services Director John Clarke for a marvelous job and thank you to the selection committee.



90th RI Convention: Singapore 13-16 June 1999. Secretary Des has details.



Don't Forget: Rotary BBQ Caravan at the Llama World Auction on **SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER** 10 am to 1.30 pm. More Volunteers are needed. See President Gordon.



Peter MacFarlane: Cooma railway line to be opened up to Cooma Racecourse for the race meeting on Sat 5 December and hopefully to Chakola in the next few months.



Cooma Harmony Chorus: Fundraising entertainment evening on Sunday 6 December at the CWA Hall, commencing 6 pm. Phone Jan Payne 64521919.

CLUB:

Birthdays: Gwen Pauletto 4/12; Judy Trute 5/12 **Attendance Last Week:** 36 members out of 41 =

90% **Visiting Rotarians:** Peter MacFarlane (Maitland); Fick Hansgerog (Landshut – Germany)

Guests: David Elliott – Darrell Gaukroger **Apologies:** John Mercer; Ken Prendergast, Steve Shirvington; Ken Dane; Bob Englebrecht **Leave of Absence:** Les Strezlecki, Carlo Pauletto **We also Missed:** Mark Herbert; Jim Nightingale

ROTARY INFORMATION: Meet Your Neighbours

International Convention, Singapore, 1999. This June 13-16 event will be a multicultural feast. Pre and post-conference Homestay arrangements are available in 9 adjoining countries. A 7-minute promo video is available, costing US\$10. (Rotary World, September p. 1 & 3).

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