

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 1999

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

Cool Climate Vineyards – Speaker TBA

INTRODUCED BY: John Clarke VOTE OF THANKS: Geoff Bowland

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 FEBRUARY: *Attendance:* Jim Nightingale/Les Strezelecki *Property:* Charles Oades

*** 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

Next Week: David Epstein

It takes 2080 nuts to hold a car together. It takes just one nut to tear it apart.

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

- 3/3 Neville Phee – The curious life of a marriage celebrant
- 10/3 Cigana's factory visit (dinner at Royal Hotel, partners night)
- 17/3 Tuggeranong joint meeting. Michelago (St Patrick's Day)
- 24/3 Trip through China

NEWS AND HAPPENINGS:


 **Alan Frost:** gave a run down on Rotary International and Rotary Foundation financials for 97/98. Major points for RI are:


- * Ninth consecutive year of financial improvement
- * Revenue up by 8%
- * Net assets up by 7 million to 108 million
- * Expenses down by 2%

Major points for RF are:

- * Revenue 154 million
- * Total expenses 114 million

 **Don't forget:** market day this Sunday

 **Greg Roberts & Pip Ffrost:** gave a presentation on the upcoming Tour de Snowy cycle race. The good news is that because of the response from the last race, this year the race has been upgraded from category 3 to category 1 (equivalent to the Tour de France). The race starts at Tumut on 28 February ending here in Cooma on March 4. So far 101 riders comprising 20 teams from 18 countries plus their support crew have entered. Originated by the SMA and first run in 1998 this year's will end in Cooma which gives our town a great spectacle and enormous international coverage. A criterium will be run from Massie down Bombala up Commissioner along Vale to the gaol back Vale to Massie and then finishing. This will give residents plenty of time and area to view the competitors going their fastest. There will also be a Trishaw race sponsored by Singapore Airlines and competitions for the kids. To wrap up there will be a party in the park where everyone can meet the competitors, food and drink will be available.

 **The Rotary Club of Nowra:** has asked that anyone who can provide old manual or electric typewriters to donate them to a project to improve the skills of kids in the Solomon Islands. Further information is available from Colton Lamond on 02 44471303.

 **Congratulations:** to Alison & Ashley Constance on the birth of Georgie May on February 11th.

 **Ten volunteers:** needed to man the gates at the Cooma Show on 12 & 13 March.

CLUB:

Attendance Last Week: 30 members out of 40 = 75% **Guests:** Brett Robson (Darrel G)

Apologies: Col A; Col H; Brian J; Les S; Dave H; Rob S **Leave of Absence:** Carlo P; Mark H; Peter & Judy T; Ashley C

ROTARY INFORMATION: *A Hard Ride*

25,000 km for PolioPlus – Polio survivor, Bob Matchler of California traveled across the USA and back in his motor cycle and sidecar, on a personal mission to drum up contributions for PolioPlus. He has since childhood had paralysis of his legs (The Rotarian, October p.34-5).

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