

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, 3rd MARCH 1999
Assembly and Start Time: 6 pm for 6.30 pm at COOMA MOTOR LODGE

The Curious Life of a Marriage Celebrant" – Neville Phee

INTRODUCED BY: Dugald Mitchell VOTE OF THANKS: Alan Dodd

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 MARCH: *Attendance:* Dave Holgate & Alan Hall *Property:* Bill Roach

*** 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 *David Epstein*

Man who is chain smoker - has very hard time.

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

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:



Guest Speaker – Peter Culici: spoke to us on cold climate wines and vineyards. A Rumanian Industrial Chemist from Transalvania whose father taught him the basics of viticulture, he has challenged the traditional Australian wine growing methods. Near 20 years ago he bought his land in Cooma whilst originally persuaded to farm sheep and cattle, 14 years ago he refocused by planting vines. Peter's aim is to help increase wine growing in this region and is always available to offer advice. His talk was both entertaining and informative.



Dorothy the Dinosaur Show (Wiggles) – 27th March. Club agreed to run the two performances (11.00 to 2.00) would need about 12 people on the day. This is a major community fundraising event – assistance offers to Col Hackney.



Market Day: 21/2/99 raised \$991.85 profits.



District Conference: 30 April to 2 May – Queanbeyan



Cooma Show – 13 March. 10 Rotarians required to man the gates. We gain 10% of takings collected. Volunteers to Col Hackney.



District Newsletter: economic constraints will mean only Board Members will get future copies. Extracts will appear in the Club Bulletin.



Brian Jeffries: appointed Assistant Governor (South East) for 99/2000.



Clean up Australia Day – Cooma: 7/3/99 organised by Lions. Team for Rotary – Volunteers to Col Hackney.

CLUB:

Attendance Last Week: 33 members out of 42 = 85.3% **Visiting Rotarians:** Peter MacFarlane – Maitland; Herbert Savory - Somerville **Guests:** Nora Hancock & Brett Robson (Darrell); Les Sutcliffe (Bill Roach); Bernie Craidford (John Jacoby); Margaret Echarri (Geoff B); Peter Culici & Jan Wakeford (Club) **Make-ups:** Brian Jeffries **Apologies:** Steven Shirvington; Dave Holgate **Leave of Absence:** Carlo Pauletto; Peter & Judy Taylor; Mark Herbert

ROTARY INFORMATION: *Rotary Advances*

Rotary Progress in East Europe: 20 of the 29 former Soviet bloc countries now have 306 Rotary Clubs, including Poland, Czech Republic, Romania and Lithuania. Rotary has introduced the idea of voluntary service, a new concept in former Soviet states. (Rotary World, November p. 1)

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