

NEXT MEETING ..... WEDNESDAY, 7 APRIL 1999  
Assembly and Start Time: 6 pm for 6.30 pm at COOMA MOTOR LODGE  
Guest Speaker – To be Confirmed  
INTRODUCED BY: John Clarke VOTE OF THANKS: Jim Hatfield

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 APRIL: Attendance: Col Adams & Bill Roach Property: Allan Dodd  
\*\*\* 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: Allan Dodd

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.


FUTURE PROGRAMS:


14/4 Monaro Regional Recyclers: Dinner at Nimmitabel Bowling Club

NEWS AND HAPPENINGS:


 **Michael L:** advised that there is a petition on circulation from local retail outlets. They are concerned about lost trading on Rotary Market Day. A range of retailers feel that Rotary inviting outside traders into Cooma to sell their products is detrimental to the town economy. There will be a board meeting next week to discuss how Rotary can come to some agreement with Cooma's retail businesses that will benefit both groups.

 **Col Adams:** advises that the nursing home fete's income was approximately \$6,000 with the wine auction drawing in \$1,500 of that. Thanks to all Rotarians that donated time and wine to the fete.


 **Col Hackney:** reported that the Dorothy and the Dinosaurs shows at the Club was a great success. Some 430 kids attended the two sessions. Rotary underwrote the show and received a commission from each ticket sale and 7.5% on merchandise sales of \$1,600. The feedback from the community has been extremely positive. The committee was commended for this quality new initiative for Cooma Rotary Club.


 **Michael Lukovic:** guest speaker, holder of 5 valid passports, resident of 3 continents, immigrant to Australia in 1963, gave us an insight into the current human catastrophe in Kosovo. Michael related from another point of view (not NATO's) why and how the current aggression has come about. It seems that his region has a long history of instability stemming from as far back as the sixth century. Kosovo is considered the cradle of the Serbian culture, it was where the Serbs halted the Turks in the fourteenth century. After WW2 President Tito held the various provinces known as Yugoslavia together through repression of the people, after his death the political scene changed significantly eventually leading to the current crisis. The cultural significance of Kosovo province to the Serbs is significant and one they are not prepared to relinquish their ownership.

 **Australian Rotary Golf Championship:** Darwin Mon. 26 to 30 April. Details with Secretary Des.

 **Monaro High School Green Card Merit Scheme:** looking for local businesses to offer tangible rewards (donations of products or services).

 **GYSE Team:** from Germany in Cooma Saturday 17 April 12.30 for one week at Pastimes.

 **Don't forget:** if you have any spare pairs of glasses to bring them in & Des Trute will forward them on.

 **From District 9710 News:** Life Education – it needs our help. Following on from the successful Primary School programs Life Education has now been taken to our High Schools through the "Staying Safe" program which addresses the increasing drug problem amongst our youth. This is putting a huge financial burden on the community committees. A presentation to our club can be arranged where details of how we can help will be given.

CLUB:

**Attendance Last Week:** 30 members out of 40 = 82% with make-ups **Guests:** Les Sutcliffe – Bill R; Brett Robson – Darrell G; Eadie Flanagan – John M **Apologies:** Ashley C; Margaret E; Ken D; Rob S  
**Make-ups:** Nil **Leave of Absence:** Mark H; Heather J; John J; Carlo P; Judy T; Peter R; Dave H **We also Missed:** Neville L; Ken P; Jim N

ROTARY INFORMATION:

*SNAKES ALIVE!*

**Trade Hazards** – Freeloading Australian brown tree snakes have wiped out most birds on Guam Island, and are threatening Hawaii. They also cause outages on power lines. Now fine-mesh fences are being installed around ports. (The Rotarian, December p. 21-23)

BULLETIN REPORTER: Steve Shirvington