NEXT MEETING ...... WEDNESDAY, 19 MAY 1999

Assembly and Start Time: 6 pm for 6.30 pm at COOMA BOWLING CLUB

LAW WEEK - KEN FILMER

INTRODUCED BY: Dugald Mitchell VOTE OF THANKS: Bill Roach

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 MAY: Attendance: Geoff Bowland & Ken Dane Property: Rob Sims

\*\*\* 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 Margaret Echarri

Next Week: Tomy De tommasso

At Age 20 - you have the face you were born with

At age 30 - you have the face you were meant to have

At age 60 – you have the face you deserve

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

26 May Alison Coles - Sports Injury Rehabilitation

9 June Urban Urban Night

16 June Lindsay Hain - On Reflection

23 June Port and Humour Night

30 June Changeover Dinner – Ex-Services Club \$22.00

NEWS AND HAPPENINGS:

Urban Urban Night: on 9 June, cost \$15. 141 letters have been mailed out to prospective members who have been invited to come and see what Rotary is about. It is anticipated that the response will be around 20 registrations for the night.

Sunday Market: staffing is Alyson H-J, Brian J, Mark R & Jim H

Don't Forget: Duntroon Military Band is playing at the Multi Function Centre on Sunday May 23.

Music starts at 12.30. Costs \$10 or \$8 concession.

Our Guest Speaker: was Mick Mayhew from Cooma police Service. Mick spoke of his experience with the royal Commission (as a good guy) and the monumental changes that have evolved from its recommendations. Commissioner Peter Ryan was brought in from the UK and is making his mark as a supporter of the hard working policemen and women and the bane of corruption.

The checks and balances that have been introduced since the commission have lead to a very high level of bureaucracy being imposed on members of the force. As watchdogs they have the Police Integrity Commission, the Ombudsman, Police Internal Affairs, plus a Health and Lifestyle group who travel from station to station testing for alcohol and drug related problems.

Monaro Area Command covers 30,000 square kilometers of area, you can imagine if there is a major incident at Queanbeyan and another at Thredbo, the logistical problem of getting senior staff to manage the incident. This concept is an outcome of a city based strategy where distance poses no problem for police and support can be called from a neighbouring suburb. The strategy does not work well in large area commands and is currently under review.

Mick then discussed speeding and radar technology. Police use hand held, vehicle mounted and camera cars to enforce speed laws. Mick mused that Billilingra straight is probably the most lucrative revenue earner for the state government. He also stated that the driver is given significant leeway by the system; so if you get caught speeding be certain the radar is correct. One hint Mick gave to beat the radar is that if you travel over 250kph the police won't chase you!!

On the subject of drink driving Mick's best advice is Don't and if you have a big night don't drive for 24 hours. Alcohol dissipates at the rate of 0.02 per hour while you are awake & 0.01 whilst sleeping.

CLUB:

Birthdays: Alyson H-J 19/5 Attendance Last Week: 32 members out of 40 = 80% Visiting Rotarians: Nil Guests: Mick Mayhew (Club); Abby Green (Club); Renee Phillips (Club) Apologies: Ashley C; Col H; Julie J; Michael L; Ken P; Tony S: Ken D; Rob S Make-ups: John & Heather J Leave of Absence: Mark H; Carlo P; Peter & Judy T; Lou M; Des T We also Missed: Les S

ROTARY INFORMATION:

HOPE FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rotarian (March) - quotes an Australian publication with the above title, prepared by District 9750 (Sydney region). For information, call PDG Geoff Grenfell, Terrigal (02) 42241433 (The Rotarian, March p. 21 also Eastern Regional Newsletter, February 1999)