

NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 31ST OCTOBER 2001 Time: 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm
VENUE: THE OLD BANK CAFÉ, 161 SHARP STREET, COOMA
SPEAKER/TOPIC: SURPRISE!
INTRODUCED BY: VOTE OF THANKS:

APOLOGIES OR GUESTS: Please advise Darrell Gaukroger on 6452 3302 by midday of meeting.
Non-apology & non-attendance means you pay for the meal.

Apology, Non-attendance & no make-up means you pay \$2

SERGEANTS FAX-A-FINE: Send to Graham French on 64526102

OCTOBER ROSTER: *Attendance:* Dugald Mitchell & Les Sutcliffe *Property:* Dave Libauer
Be Early. If not at meeting arrange for substitute. At another venue arrange to bring necessary property.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK BY: Tony Slater

Next Week: David Byrne


Do not go where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path, and leave a trail.


LAST WEEKS MEETING:

Joanne Jones, a teacher at Nimmitabel Public School, and formerly from Cooma, who now travels daily to Nimmitabel, told the Club how the 30 children at Nimmitabel school really like "The Man From Snowy River" Theme. At the schools request and urging from the staff, adapted this theme for the Monaro Mountain Muster and entered the schools program at Canberra. They only expected to go down once to Canberra and used chocolate sales as a fund raiser for costumes and buses for the trip. But much to their surprise and delight were invited back to the grand finals, so had to raise more funds for this trip, which they did and they WON the grand final. They were the first small school and first time performer to do so. Not a bad effort when you think of 30 children from 4 to 12 years of age, with no background dance training, beating larger schools from Canberra with students regularly attending dance classes. And we saw the video of their performance, which with encouragement from Patrick and Joo-see Kwan, was sent to Singapore and they have now been invited to take part in the Singapore Chingay Cultural Festival from 12-19 February 2002. For which they are now fund raising and have raised 2/3rds of the costs already.

Joanne applied for a Churchill Fellowship, as did about 90 other teachers in NSW and similar numbers from other states, most of whom were associate professors and the like. But Joanne was successful and will have a 3 & 1/2 months study trip next year to smaller schools in Scotland, Canada and USA including a school on an Indian Reservation, to study how those schools operate and gather ideas to help smaller schools in NSW, not only Nimmitabel. The theme being to encourage children to go "outside the comfort zone, take the risk and see what they can achieve", similar to what they have done with the Monaro Mountain Muster.

NEWS:

 **What a Great Weekend:** at the Coomafest brought in \$249.60 thanks to Brian J, Darryl G and Les S for operating at such short notice.

 **The Markets on Sunday:** there were 37 stalls with \$275.50 going to the club and same to Markets Promotional Account. But the BBQ made a profit of \$794.70. Many thanks to those rostered on, and to Alison H-J, Gwen Pauletto who filled in and Richard Warner who also turned up to lend a hand.

ROTARY INFORMATION:

Attendance Last Week: 30 members plus 3 make-ups out of 40 = 83% **Guests:** Louise Bak & Joanne Jones (Club); Gaye (David E); Gabrielle P (Robyn C) **Apologies:** Kevin D; John & Heather J; Brian J; Brian L; Ken P; Steve S; Lou M; Neville L **Leave of Absence:** Phill B **Make-ups:** Brian J & Les S (Coomafest) Richard W (Markets)

ROTARY INFORMATION: 7 Steps to Building Membership

Too often, Rotarians use the excuse that "people just don't want to join nowadays" to avoid recruiting new members. This negative line of thought stands in the way of fostering a strong, healthy and dynamic club. Every club, young or old, has the ability to grow, but planning is essential. The Rotarian Sept. p 8.

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