

NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2001 Time: 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm
VENUE: THE OLD BANK CAFÉ, 161 SHARP STREET, COOMA
SPEAKER/TOPIC: Annual General Meeting – No Guests please

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

NOVEMBER ROSTER: *Attendance:* Allan Dodd & Allan Hall *Property:* Tony DeTommaso Be Early.
If not at meeting arrange for substitute. At another venue arrange to bring necessary property.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK BY: Geoff Muldoon

Do not use hatchet to remove a fly from friends head. (Chinese Proverb)

LAST WEEKS MEETING:

Was our returning two NZ Exchange students, firstly Mark Burgess who on leaving was a bit concerned at first at being away from his immediate family, but on arrival in Auckland and being met by Joe, who had spent 3 months with Mark in Cooma, and his family was quite comfortable in a new family environment. Thence a 7 hour drive back home to Edendale (didn't think NZ was that long) and had a real rural awakening to farming procedures. Indulged in a few tourist type attractions around Queenstown, took a bit of getting used to an ALL BOYS school, found it different, but has made a lasting friendship with Joe and his family, still keeps in touch. Alex Robertson was also met by his twin exchange mate and family at Auckland (which he described as a mini Sydney) but only had a two hour drive to Whangarei, through much greener rolling hills than Cooma, but there were LOTS of sheep. His host family had split up, and accordingly was a fortnightly residence with his hosts father then mother, but his sole-mate and he both played guitars together, fished and bonded excellently. His school was a bit different, 1,600 kids, just a few more than Cooma! Found the class, cultures and teaching styles different. Really saw and experienced the Maori culture, the weather was kind of tropical and didn't even rain for 1 week.

NEWS:

Combined Service Clubs Kids Xmas Party: Contact Les S this week.



RAWCS Update: Fiji donations in kind (DIK) for poorer families devastated by conflicts there. If you can help with donations of clothing - men's, women's, children's (summer or winter) Shoes tied in pairs, all Manchester, pots, pans, cutlery, plastic kitchenware, containers, ladies magazines, National Geographic, or children's story books (no text books) deliver to Alpine Dry Cleaners ASAP as it is required to be at Prospect for shipment by 8 December 2001.



Cooma Little Theatre: Come along and support MARKO in Sinbad (well we know he is sinful and bad). 23/11/01 Cooma Public School (tickets from School or School's Studio); or 24/11/01 Cooma North Public School (tickets from Cooma North Public School). Other performances from 2 pm on 24/11/01 through to 8/12/01 and tickets can be purchased from High Country Outfitters. Contact Marko for more info. Would appreciate Rotary's support.

ROTARY INFORMATION:

Attendance Last Week: 34 members + 5 make-ups (39) out of 43 = 91% (Ashley???) **Guests:** Alex Robertson, Mark Burgess (Club); Mark & Helen Robertson; Marianne & Murray Burgess (Lou M); Bob Sawyer (Jim H) **Apologies:** John C; David E; Brian J; Wolfgang L; Brian L; Ken P; Neville L; Mark R; Steve S **Leave of Absence:** Phill B **Make-ups:** Patrick K; Gordon H (Markets) Claire N; David B and John C (BBQ Saturday)

ROTARY INFORMATION: *Kiwi Rotarians Sponsor Youths' Attendance at Enviro School*

Last year members of the Rotary Club of Lincoln, New Zealand, invited 20 young "environmental ambassadors" to their country for a fortnight of environmental awareness training. The students represented Asia-Pacific countries and regions. The Rotarian Sept. p 46.

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