

NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 9th JANUARY 2002 Time: 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm
VENUE: THE OLD BANK CAFÉ, 161 SHARP STREET, COOMA
SPEAKER/TOPIC: Simon Milligan – Mental Health
INTRODUCED BY: Mark Revelant VOTE OF THANKS: Jim Hatfield

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

JANUARY ROSTER: *Attendance:* Mark Revelant & Phill Brotherton *Property:* Rob Simms Be early.
If not at meeting arrange for substitute. At another venue arrange to bring necessary property.


THOUGHT OF THE WEEK BY: *Mark Revelant* *Next Week: John Jacoby*


My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance. (Pretty right if you've seen his office)

LAST WEEKS MEETING:

It was very good to see so many there at our Christmas party, 30 members and 33 guests.
President Ashley wishes all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

NEWS:

 **Markets:** Last weeks markets were excellent. 54 stalls, fees \$656 with \$328 to Promotional Fund and \$328 to our project account, and the BBQ took \$940.10.

 **New Chuck Wagon:** The Chuck Wagon BBQ should be up and ready for use at the next market day, thanks to the efforts of 3 Community Service Directors and a lot of work by Dave Libauer. Many thanks Dave.

ROTARY INFORMATION:

Attendance Last Week: 30 members + 2 make-ups = 32 out of 42 = 76% **Guests:** 33 – too many to name **Apologies:** Col A; Tom B; John C; Robyn C; Kevin D; Allison H-J; Brian J; Patrick K; Brian L; Steve S; Richard W **Leave of Absence:** Phill B **Make-ups:** Wolfie & Geoff B (Carols in the Park)
ROTARY INFORMATION: RI BUDGET ANNOUNCED

The 2001-02 Rotary International Budget as approved by the 2001-01 Board of Directors and confirmed by the 2001-02 Board of Directors is as follows:
Revenues: \$68,956,800 Expenses: \$68,854,705 Net Surplus: \$102,095. The Rotarian, Oct p15.

CHRISTMAS STORY

Many years ago up at the north pole, Santa was getting ready for his epic annual journey and things were not going well. There were problems everywhere

Four of the elves were on compo, and the long term unemployed training scheme replaced elves who did not produce the toys as fast as the regular ones, so for the first time Santa was beginning to really understand the stupidity of just-in-time management.

When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of his best pullers were on maternity leave, and two others had been offered lucrative contracts elsewhere.

Then, having neglected to pay attention to the safety video, he pulled a muscle in his back as he began to load the sleigh and the toy bag fell to the ground and scattered broken toys across the ice. Frustrated, Santa staggered back to the shed for a cup of tea and a biscuit, forgetting that the company had stopped supplying them due to "dire economic circumstances" (must have a familiar ring by now).

Muttering, he headed for the house for a drink, he turned away from the liquor cabinet and scratching his head about why his last bottle of whisky was empty, he tripped over a drunken elf, curled up on the floor, breaking the bottle and cutting his hand. At this point, hearing a noise, Mrs Claus popped her head out of the kitchen and told Santa, his mother-in-law was coming for Christmas.

Just then the doorbell rang. Santa cursed his way to the door. He opened it and found a cute little angel with a great big Christmas tree. The angel looked up sweetly and said "Santa, where would you like me to put the tree?"

And that, my friends, is how the angel came to be at the top of the Christmas tree.

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