NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2002 Time: 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm VENUE: THE OLD BANK CAFÉ, 161 SHARP STREET, COOMA SPEAKER/TOPIC: BRIAN COYTE - TEAM COOMA

INTRODUCED BY: Dugald Mitchell

VOTE OF THANKS: Margaret Echarri

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

FEBRUARY ROSTER: Attendance: David Epstein & John Clarke Property: Dugald Mitchell

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: Steve Shirvington

Back your imagination with enthusiasm and courage.

LAST WEEKS MEETING:

Dave Darlington: Regional Director of Kosciusko National Park was our guest speaker, and he has worked in Kosciusko National Park since 1987. He opened by displaying the National Parks Mission Statement "Working with people and communities to protect and conserve natural and cultural heritage in the NSW landscape". The National Parks manage 6% of the land of NSW and the largest area of Crown Land in the state, including nature reserves and wilderness areas. The next display was the National Parks Management Structure, the team that Dave has in place under his control which employs 65 to 85 persons depending on the season. Kosciusko attracts 3 million visitors annually. Dave outlined the programs to continue to attract visitors, also the changes from the Walker Report, brought about by the Thredbo Disaster, which include transfer of certain roads to the RTA and future development to another body. Problems in the Park include feral animals, wild dogs, foxes, wild horses, goats, pigs and even deer, as far down as Berridale Golf Course. Plant problems include serrated tussock, broom. St Johns Wart, black berries and willows. But there is a Threatened Species Program for the Corroboree Frog and Mountain Pigmy Possum, the later has introduced a problem in that its favourite food is the Bogong Moth which migrates here annually and has introduced arsenic poisoning to this threatened species. Dave concluded with the Parks plans for now and the future.

NEWS:

Last Weeks Market Day: an excellent result 48 stalls. Fees \$668 = \$334 to the Project Account and \$334 to Market Promotional fund. BBQ \$907.40. Expenses \$328.35, profit \$579.05. Thanks to all involved, including Lambie Town Walk job.

Market Day Team for 17/3/02: Brian Jeffries, Les Sutcliffe, David Byrne & Richard Warner.

Dates to Keep In Mind: District conference at Hyatt Canberra 26-28/4/02 and District Assembly at Bowral 18-19/5/02.

Nursing Home Fete: more wines needed for the wine auction (only 1 bottle so far)

ROTARY INFORMATION:

Attendance Last Week: 29 members + 5 makeups = 34 out of 42 = 81% (wine Ash?) Visiting Rotarians: Horst Tschebull (Villach); Peter Webb (Queanbeyan) Guests: Gay (David E); Esther (Wolfie); Louise Bak & Dave Darlington (Club) Apologies: Tom B; Robyn C; Allan H; Brian J; Richard L; Brian L; Claire N; Ken P; Steve S; Patrick K & Neville L Leave of Absence: Col A; Phill B Make-ups: Lou M; Gordon H (BBQ); Brian J; Tom B; Jim H (Lambie Town Walk)