

NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 3 APRIL 2002 Time: 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm
VENUE: THE OLD BANK CAFÉ, 161 SHARP STREET, COOMA
SPEAKER/TOPIC: David Utrush – Electronic Communications
INTRODUCED BY: Brian Lukovic VOTE OF THANKS: Mark Revelant

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

APRIL ROSTER: *Attendance:* David Libauer & Dave Holgate *Property:* Julie Johnston??

Be Early. If not at meeting arrange for substitute. At another venue arrange to bring necessary property.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK BY: *Robyn C* *Next Week: Tom B*

Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day, teach him to fish and you get rid of him for the weekend.

LAST WEEKS MEETING:

Guest speaker was Barry Folpp, the Governor of the former Cooma Gaol, now politically correctly called the Cooma Corrective Centre (also a solicitors retreat). Barry hails from the Hunter Valley, joined the Corrective Services in 1979 and was mostly stationed in Cessnock and Maitland gaols, but was seconded to ACT to upgrade and reform their system after 2 deaths in custody at Belconnen, and was very happy to be selected as the Governor of Cooma Correctional Centre when it was re-opened. This centre will eventually be able to house 140 inmates, presently has 40, of different categories, but there will be 80 minimum security inmates able to work in the community. Formerly it was for sex offenders, but is being used for those in protective custody who would be at risk of violence in other centres, eg; ex Police, Warders, solicitors and witness protection. As some minimum security inmates will be able to work in the community, a local community projects committee with civilian members on board, has been formed, to access the applications for these projects. Barry did stress that the centre did not want to take jobs from the community and will inject about \$5 million into the community annually. The aims is to correct the behaviours of the inmates and prepare them for their re-entry into the community.

Unfortunately they can't reopen the prison farm, or the tailors shop in its former capacity, however they are using the latter to assemble Gloweave towels. Hopefully will get the museum reopened to the public shortly. This was a very popular tourist attraction. The centre is not operating their own productive kitchen now, but as hospitals and the like are opting for using the cook and chill meal service for inmates.

Barry said prison officers were very well received into the community, 30% having worked here previously. Inmates can receive visits from family and friends only on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays.

The centre should remain operational, as there is a shortage to house the states 7,800 prisoners, requiring 2 new centres presently under construction, and with housing required for persons on bail with 85% of crime being committed by persons on bail. Very good to see the Gaol/Corrective Centre operational again.

NEWS:



Nursing Home Fete: Wine auctioned raised \$388 (need more wines next year please). Drinks \$208, all of which goes to the Nursing Home.

Market Day Team: 21//02 Keith Goodwin, Ervino Bertolin, Carolyn Worofka, Alan Dodd and John Clarke.

Taxation & Payroll Training Seminar 2001/02: at Canberra Hyatt Hotel on either Thursday 18 or Friday 19 April 2002.

Mental Health: Rotary Club of Belconnen in conjunction with the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund is looking into Mental Illness. Over the next 5 years ARHRF has pledged \$1 million per year into research and awareness programs on mental health issues.

Rotary books and ties available for the discerning Rotarians, see Secretary Gordon for more.

ROTARY INFORMATION:

Attendance Last Week: 28 members out of 36 = 79% **Visiting Rotarians:** Don Thomas **Guests:** Doris (Gordon H); Elizabeth & Michael Apps (?) Jan (Les S) Maree (Devin d) Allison (Dave H) Trish (Dave L) Janette (John C) Alison (Ashley C) Sue (Lou M) Louise Bak & Barry Folpp (Club) **Apologies:** Alan H; Jim H; Wolfgang L; Brian L; Ken P; Neville L; Steve S; Tony S **Leave of Absence:** Col A; Phill B; Richard W **We Also Missed:** Richard L

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