

NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 10 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: Brian Jeffries

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: Tom Bellgard

Next Week: John Clarke

The past is for wisdom. The present is for Action. The future is for Joy (Joy who??)

LAST WEEKS MEETING:

Our SURPRISE guest speaker, as a visiting Rotarian, Peter McFarlane, who was conned by John J when he came through the door for one of his regular visits to our club. So he had about an hour, whilst having his meal, to prepare. Peter has been a Rotarian for 29 years, firstly with Singleton club and now with Maitland, he has lived at Branxton for 8 years, is a painter and decorator, but is also a very active member of the Cooma Historical Railway and has a couple of houses here. He gave us a bit of history of his two Rotary clubs, the later has had the same Sergeant for 25 years (hope we haven't got to put up with Frenchy till 2026) but his main topic was the Central Hunter Valley surrounding his present hometown of Branxton. As we all know this is well renowned wine growing area, but most have entertainment on weekends, golf courses and massive old historical houses. Peter particularly noted the Lovedale Winery Long Lunch, well worthy of a visit. Also Brian McGuigan involvement and opening the way for export of Australian wines overseas. Also of course the super coal mines just over the hill towards Singleton which generate a generous input into both State and Federal Coffers by exporting 80 million tons of coal annually. There are also several power stations in the area using coal, with Lideen Power station being the largest in the world, a major steel works is also planned for Lideen. The Port of Newcastle not only coal, but also wheat and wool from the north west of the state making it a major industry. Peter is also planning to open a B & B in Branxton, so when he does, and if you use his facility he would be able to advise you on places to visit, even a Rotary club to makeup at.

NEWS:



Miracles do Happen: The chuck wagon, or our mobile BBQ has been finished finally. Dave Libauer had it parked out the front (taking up 3 parking spaces) to show us all what an excellent job he had done, it was christened with champagne by visiting Rotarian Peter Webb, local member (however Julie J reckoned she could find a better use of champers than pouring it over a trailer) and will be broken in on 21/4/02. But it is very practical, well designed and constructed. From all the members, Dave many thanks for the hours you have donated to this worthy project, it will be great not having to lift those greasy BBQ's into a ute or trailer.

Rural Urban Night: will be held at Numeralla on 8/5/02. Guest speaker is Ritchie Taylor (Sir William Hudson's Grandson). Topic: The Modern Monaro Farmer and the Environment. Cost \$15 per head, nice baked meal and sweets, so have a look around and invite someone from Numeralla as your Guest. If you can't find a name give Ken Dane a ring, he knows just about everyone out there.

ROTARY INFORMATION:

Attendance Last Week: 31 members out of 41 = 76% (no port) **Visiting Rotarians:** Peter Webb, Queanbeyan; Peter McFarland (Maitland) **Guests:** Louise Bank (Club) **Apologies:** John C; Robyn C; Alan H; Lou M; Ken P; Neville L **Leave of Absence:** Col A; Phill B; Richard W **We Also Missed:** Wolfgang L & Brian L

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