

**NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 8th MAY, 2002**  
**Meet at Centennial Park 6 pm for Car pool.**  
**NUMERALLA HALL FOR RURAL URBAN NIGHT Time: 6.30 for 7 pm**  
**SPEAKER/TOPIC: Richie Taylor – The Modern Monaro Farmer**  
**INTRODUCED BY: Dugald Mitchell      VOTE OF THANKS: Lou Moore**

**APOLOGIES OR GUESTS:** Please advise Darrell Gaukroger on 6452 3302 **ASAP.**

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

**MAY ROSTER:** *Attendance:* Dave Holgate & Alan Dodd *Property:* John Mercer

If not at meeting arrange for substitute. Alternate venue: arrange to bring necessary property.

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK BY:** Richard Lawson

*Next Week: Ken Dane*

**LAST WEEKS MEETING:**

Rotarian Margaret Echarri, nee McDonald shared a very interesting life story with us, she is 74 years young, was born in Sydney. The family moved to Canowindra, this didn't work out so returned to Sydney where her mother opened a boarding house at Kirribilli in 1934. She started ballet lessons, thence took up ice skating which she excelled at because of her ballet training, so left school at 16 and became a professional ice skating teacher, but was also involved in voluntary work, including waiting on USA sailors, one of whom wanted scrambled eggs and jelly, another of whom gave her a lesson in life (because she had the equipment) then she went to England after the end of the war teaching ice skating and performing in ice skating shows, then went to Spain also with skating shows, discovered GARLIC and met her future husband Gordi to whom she became engaged which caused her Mum some concern, so she journeyed over to break the engagement of a Presbyterian lass to a Catholic wog, but didn't succeed. So Margaret went on skating to Germany, returned to Spain, married Gordi, then returned to Australia and NZ skating whilst awaiting husband Gordi's migration to Australia. After when they both worked pretty hard in NSW and Qld, had a family and then because Gordi spoke several languages ended up in an importing business before retiring to Cooma as Gordi really loved the area, unfortunately he passed away but we still have Margaret here to entertain us. Only a brief overview of a very interesting and different life.

**NEWS:**



**Vale:** Our deepest sympathy to Patrick Kwan and family on the death of Patrick's mother in Hong Kong last Tuesday.



**Dr Bob:** Darryl reported that Dr Bob was a bit brighter this week. Tony Slater has called and seen him, and we all joined in and sang Happy birthday to him last meeting by phone. Also Darryl has given me another telephone number 02 9515 6526, which he assures me is the right one, and I've checked it out, so that 90 year old woman you have been ringing on the old number can put her phone back on the hook.



**Vandalism:** Dugald M advised that at the Council meeting on 13 May, which is open to the public, the Police will be addressing the meeting on vandalism in the town area, problems and possible action, including possible Alcohol free zone.



**District Conference:** President Ashley informed the meeting that Pres. Elect. Lou and their wives attended this excellent event, a very pleasant dinner at Parliament house, and more info will be forthcoming in future Bulletins. Membership of Rotary world wide increased to approx 52,000 a growth of 4.2%, our District increased over 50 a 4.8% with a new club at Bungendore. Our Club was mentioned with several others with a growth of 8 members.

**ROTARY INFORMATION:**

**Attendance Last Week:** 23 + 2 make-ups = 25 members out of 40 = 63% **Visiting Rotarians:** Des Watts (Berry) **Guests:** Jock & Shirley Roberson (Rob S) **Apologies:** Geoff B; David B; John C; Robyn C; Allan D; Graham F; Julie J; Patrick K; Brian L; Claire N; Ken P; Mark R; Steve S; Neville L  
**Leave of Absence:** Col A; Phill B; Richard W **Make-ups:** Gordon H & John C (Markets)