

NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 12th JUNE 2002 Time: 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm
VENUE: THE OLD BANK CAFÉ, 161 SHARP STREET, COOMA
SPEAKER/TOPIC: Unknown – Come along and find out!
INTRODUCED BY: Steve Shirvington **VOTE OF THANKS: John Clarke**

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

JUNE ROSTER: *Attendance:* Jim Hatfield & Patrick Kwan *Property:* David Epstein *Be Early.*
If not at meeting arrange for substitute. At another venue arrange to bring necessary property.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK BY: Lou Moore

Next Week: Les Sutcliffe

It depends on each individual as to whether a person is ground down or polished.

LAST WEEKS MEETING:

Rotarian Richard Warner, assisted by an Honorary Penguin, spoke on his Antarctica venture. Richard applied for a position in electronic Communications with Antarctica Division Expedition and won the spot from 900 applicants. He then spent 6 months training in Tasmania, which included bounding, planning, field training, camping, basic survival skills with emphasis on safety, before starting his 13 month stint on Macquarie Island. This island is 1,500 km south of Tasmania, and 1,300 km from the south pole, is 32 km long and 5 km wide of volcanic residue. Temperatures vary from 4 degrees in summer to -14 in the winter (similar to Cooma?) with very long nights and 300 days annually of precipitation in the form of rain, hail and snow with winds up to around 90kph. There were 42 staff at the base in the summer and 13 in the winter. Richard was not only responsible for normal communications, but also tracking seals and penguins fitted with electronic devices to record their movements, locations, depths and food. He was multi-skilled being Fire chief, ran the boats, grew vegies hydroponically and every 6 weeks had a 7 day stint as kitchen hand, and chief cook on Sunday (the Chefs day off). Was also a nurse for the Doctor and Dentist. The staff had regular social nights to maintain morale and improve bonding. These included theme nights and usually a Sunday night film. Richard even dressed (as he spoke) in the theme fashion complete with necklace, ear-rings, rouge, lipstick, inflated chest and a skirt, borrowed from Jesse (the skirt that is) as he was as the Ugly Sister in Cinderella (a role he fitted well). He then displayed a range of beautiful slides showing the terrain, snow accommodation and abundant wildlife including rookeries for thousands of seals, penguins, birds and even a pair of mating elephant seals. The native fauna is well maintained, with a Ranger from Tassie stationed there and feral animals, introduced by sealers years ago, such as "rats, cats and rabbits" being killed to protect the habitat. On completion of his tour of duty there Richard had 6 weeks on an American ship sending balloons into the atmosphere for environmental research and tracing with NOAH. Thank you Richard for an excellent presentation of a part of our country most of us will never see.

NEWS:



Market Team: Sunday 16 June. Jim Hatfield, Richard Warner, Robyn Crooks, Brian Jeffries (If you can't attend find a fill in and notify Gordon H). We also need a volunteer to pick up the Caravan and chuck wagon, then return afterwards.



Joint Board Meeting: after this meeting.

16 June 2002: Partners night, a quiet and relaxing night to wind down. Port too.

Change Over Dinner: 26/6/02. Well Ash, are we changing dates, starting early or having a short meeting – THIS IS THE STATE OF ORIGIN DECIDER DATE, starting at 7.30pm.



True Mates are like dogs, some are pedigrees, some are mongrels, but treat them right and they'll always come when you need them.



So you'll never be bushed look up at the sky often, but keep your feet on the ground. Be as game as Ned Kelly, but don't be a dill. Do the right thing by your mates and always make sure the beer is cold.

ROTARY INFORMATION:

Attendance Last Week: 30 members + 2 makeups = 32 out of 41 members = 78% **Guests:** Jess (Richard W); Sabina Laub (Dangerous Dave); Louise Bak (club) **Apologies:** John C; Kevin D; Darrell G; Julie J; Wolfgang L; Claire N; Ken P; Neville L **Leave of Absence:** Phil B; Col A; Mark R **We Also Missed:** Robyn C **Make-ups:** Darrell G (R I Convention); Phill B (about 20 with Goulburn Clubs – Port Ashley this would make over 100%!)

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