

NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 24 JULY 2002 Time: 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm
VENUE: THE OLD BANK CAFÉ, 161 SHARP STREET, COOMA
SPEAKER/TOPIC: Overview of Europe Rotary Convention – Darrell Gaukroger
INTRODUCED BY: Dr Bob 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 DOB IN A MATE: Ring Richard Warner on 645223850 (leave a message)

JULY ROSTER: Attendance: Julie Johnston & Dugald Mitchell Property: Wolfgang Laub
Be Early. If not at meeting arrange for substitute. At another venue arrange to bring necessary property.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK BY: Patrick Kwan Next Week: Cheryl Cottam

He who understands is not better than he who appreciates, he who appreciates is not better than he who enjoys.

LAST WEEKS MEETING:

Guest speaker was Bernie Rodgers, a PP of Rotary Club of Hall, and chairman of the Polio Eradication Sub-committee. His subject was Rotary's Polio Eradication Program. Polio is a subject which Bernie is quite conversant with, having spend 3 months in virtual isolation with Polio as a 10 year old. In 1985 Rotary made a commitment to eradicate Polio from the Earth by 2005, and they are hoping to achieve this, but a monetary commitment from Rotary Clubs and Rotarians is needed to meet this challenge. As an example of progress to date in December 1996 350,000 cases of Polio reported in 125 countries in December 2001 there were only 380 cases reported in 12 countries. Last year in 1 day in China and India 165,000,000 children were vaccinated. Also in Nigeria the war was put on hold for 3 days to allow children to be vaccinated. To finance this program on time, funds required are Rotary Australia \$150 million, Aust. Govt. \$2.5 million, Gates Foundation \$50 million with World Bank matching \$3 for every \$1 raised. The target is \$750 million. The largest vaccinations required are in China and India. Bernie's talk was supported by slides including children on crutches, in leg braces, a massive ward full of people in iron lungs, vaccine being transported by donkeys, in canoes and even RI president volunteering vaccinating young people. To meet Rotary's commitment the Foundation requires this district to donate \$200 per member over 3 years. If you wish to donate you can get a form from Secretary Gordon, make your cheque out to Australian Rotary Foundation Trust – Polio Eradication. All donations are tax deductible. Remember \$1 will immunize 6 children. district 9710 has a crew of 20 volunteers to help with this program in India. A very inspiring presentation.

NEWS:



Subs: Are due. \$95 per half year, due by 31/7/02 & \$90 by 31/1/03. \$185 for full year due by 30/8/02 with \$5 per month penalty if overdue.



Meals: Fees to rise to \$14 per person from this week.



Kamoto visit: there are sufficient host families who have volunteered, however would like a couple of reserve hosts please.



Bye Bye Louise: our exchange student fly's home to Denmark on Saturday, but don't worry incoming student Core Waelti arrives this week.

Apex Changeover: 27/7/02 at Royal. Costs \$28. RSVP Dale Cochrane 64525924, mobile 0414 402 186 by 19/7.

ROTARY INFORMATION:

Attendance Last Week: 29 members + 1 makeup out of 44 = 68% **Visiting Rotarians:** Bernie Rodgers (Hall) **Guests:** Sue M (Lou) Louise Bak & Dale Cochrane (Club) **Apologies:** David B; John C; Ashley C; Allan D; Kevin D; David E; Jim H; Brian J; Wolfgang L; Sabine L; Ken P; Steve S; Les S **Leave of Absence:** Phill B; Robyn C **Make-ups:** Phill B (Goulburn)

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