

Ludoovic's plan is to create attention & bring the world together to unite mankind. His websites are www.hospitalityclub.com and www.couchsurfing.com

Thanks to Monaro Freight and Snowy Hydro for getting Ludoovic on his way to Mildura via the Snowy Highway to Tumut. Here certainly is a young man with a great vision for the future. Shown here with his possessions on his back



COMBINED SERVICES CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

This will be held on the first Wednesday in November. Details are yet to be finalised, but make a note in your diary

MEMBERSHIP

Dugald Mitchell has again asked for those members with folders out to return their findings and let him know the outcome. There are still a lot of folders out without action apparently happening.

WILLIAM HUDSON FETE

It is that time of the year again when we assist the William Hudson Fete. As usual we run the wine auction and the members are asked to look into their cellars and contribute to this worthy cause. Our efforts generally raise quite a reasonable return for the Hostel. Donations can be left in the "safe" at the Thai Restaurant or given to John Jacoby at the Dry Cleaners in Sharp Street.

EDITORS THOUGHTS FOR THE PERIOD!!

Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once!

Birthdays are good for you! The more you have the longer you live.

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane!!

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you wont have a leg to stand on!

Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late!

If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it!

If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague!

Have an awesome day, and know that someone has thought about you today God Bless!

Des T & John G (The Guys who put the *BULL* into *BULLETIN*)

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

of the

Rotary Club of Cooma

"Rotary – Gateway to the Snowies"



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WHAT A GREAT SHOW!

Our guest speaker was Ludoovic Hubler from France who is hitch hiking his way around the world. Ludoovic was the most entertaining speaker to address the Club in quite a long time. His French accent coupled with the time limitation set by the President made it difficult to create a complete story. His address usually takes just on an hour, but last night it was to be only half an hour. It was so entertaining most were left gasping when question time arrived. Even Geoff B didn't have a question, he was so carried away by the enthusiasm and the quality of this young man's address. From a canoe to a steamer to a catamaran, from motor cars to camels Ludoovic has crossed most of this world. In some areas he has stayed for a considerable time (12 months in Canada and the US) and plans to stay in Australia for 3 months. His enthusiasm for learning and taking to his heart the disadvantaged he has seen in his travels is certain to make his book a winner. Attached are some of the photos of the address and thanks from the President and Rob Simms. (continued Page 4.)



Above Ludoovic shows the Aussie thumb style of hitching. This can be embarrassing in some countries. But to date he has not been molested or harrassed.



Above President Kevin, wife Maree and Ludoovic displaying the map of his travels.

At right Rob Simms thanks Ludoovic for his excellent presentation and talk, which was well illustrated with the aid of his lap top computer and the screen.

Duty Roster – FEBRUARY/MARCH

Attendance:

FEBRUARY: Monica Alcock, Tom Bellgard
MARCH: Geoff Bowland & Howard Brown

Meeting Preparation/Property

FEBRUARY: **Tony Slater & Tony Strong**
MARCH: Marco Revelant & Les Sutcliffe

Fellowship: Margaret Echarri

Be early, if not at a meeting arrange a substitute. If meeting held at another venue arrange to bring property.

Markets –

FEBRUARY 19th: Robbyn Crooks, Peter Davis (C'Van), Alan Hall (Replacing Ashley C.) (BBQ), Patrick Kwan, John Gill
MARCH 19th: Wolfgang Laub (C'van), Alan Dodd (BBQ) Monica Alcock, Geoff Bowland.

APRIL WILL SEE THE CHOCOLATE WHEEL IN OPERATION AGAIN. Volunteers are needed to man this great fund raiser.

NOTE: Members rostered on and not able to attend are to make arrangements with another member to take their place. Those nominated to tow the caravan or chuck wagon are to be at the Rotary shed no later than 8am. ENSURE YOU GET THE KEY TO THE SHED FROM ROBBYN PRIOR TO THE EVENT THAT THE EQUIPMENT CAN BE SET UP EARLY. If you are unable to tow the van or chuck wagon PLEASE ASK SOME ONE WHO CAN, or advise Robbyn before the event. Others nominated should be at the Park by 8.45am.

BOARD SNIPPETS.

Vitacall has returned the Club \$515 for the period of 6 months. Thanks to the small group of volunteers who donated their time and talents.

The Board have suggested underwriting the concrete structure extensions of the Skate Park as part of the Club's decision to beautify the Cooma Creek area.

The Fairy Floss machine was discussed and due to its poor condition, it was decided to scrap the machine as the cost of repair outweighed its commercial value. The Fund Raising committee may look at the viability of a replacement.

ATTENDANCE

39 members out of 49 = 80%

GUESTS: Nola Hancock (Darrell G) Marie Dunne (Pres. Kevin), Jeremy Scarlett (Sabine L) Brad & Ryan Constance (Ashley C), Ludoovic Hubler and Freja (Club).

APOLOGIES: Shirley G, Jim H, Graham F, Julie J, Patrick K, Steve S, Des T, Robbyn C

LEAVE: Ed C. & Richard W.

MAKE UPS: Brian J (ABS Seminar)

PLEASE NOTE
Change of Roster

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK – Dave H

Next Week: Darrell Gaukroger

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS & ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 20th February – Heather & Alan Hall Wedding Anniversary
Thursday 23rd February – Irene Shirvington's Birthday

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

23rd March RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer visits Bega.
Cost is \$30 a head for the Dinner. John Mercer is making a block booking so please let John know if you intend going. It is a Thursday evening, and a chance to hear the World President, which is only once in a lifetime to have him on your doorstep. Make the effort!!
Wednesday 8th March – Michelago Dinner with Tuggeranong.
Saturday 4th March – Bombala 50th Anniversary of their club
Monday 3rd April Visit to Canberra by RI Chairman of Rotary Foundation, Frank Devlin. More detail in later Bulletins.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 6th and 7th May in Yass –
Make a note in your diary now and keep the date free.

THE CENSUS

Brian Jeffries represented the Club at Council for the meeting to discuss the Census. They need 5 Supervisors and 20 collectors. If you are interested in being involved, please talk to Brian or phone him for further details.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER 1st APRIL.

Anyone who can provide a main meal venue please contact Robbyn. Also looking for a "wind up" venue for desserts and coffee and large enough to house a fair crew of Rotarians and their partners.

NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY 22nd February, 2006

Venue: Cooma Thai Restaurant, 6 for 6.30pm

Apologies & Guests to Darrell Please – Phone 6452 3302

PROGRAMME: Jaqui

TOPIC: The role of the University in relation to Cooma

Introduction: David Epstein Vote of Thanks: Tony Slater