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MEETINGS:

We meet every Wednesday

6 for 6:30pm at

Dodds Hotel

94 Commissioner Street Cooma

THE IMPORTANCE OF SPELLING How clever are you? Only great minds can read this. It is weird but very interesting.

I cdnuold blveiee that I cluod aerlcucity uesdnatnrd what I was rdanieg. The phaonmneal pweor of the human mind. Aoccdrnig to a rscheearchat Cmabrigde Uinervtisy, it dseno't mtaetr in what oerdr the lttres in a word are, the only iproamtnt thing is that the frsit and lsat ltteet be in the rghit pclae. The rset can be a taotl mses and you can still raed it whotuit a pboerlm. This is bcuseae the human mind deos not raedervey lteter by itself but the word as a wlohe.

Azamnig huh? Yaeh and I awlyas tghuhot slpeling was ipmorantt.

I must admit that the spell checker on my computer (which has only just been restored to good health) nearly had a relapse when I typed this.

Duty Roster July & August

Attendance

Wolfgang Laub & Sue G-L

Property

January 2009
Richard Lawson & Tony Slater

Introduction

Markets

Wolfgang L, Alan H, Robyn
C. Ken Dane

SOME SIMPLE RULES ABOUT ROSTERS

GENERAL: Members rostered on and not able to attend are to make arrangements with another member to take their place.

MARKETS: 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 John Mooney PRIOR TO THE EVENT SO 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 John Mooney before the event. Others nominated should be at the Park by 8.45am.

ATTENDANCE: For normal meetings **YOU** must advise Darrell (6452 3302) by midday Monday if not attending or bringing a guest. If you don't apologise then you must pay the dinner fee. Special meetings may require your apology or guest advice earlier.



Weekly Bulletin



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L Caution learner editor Tom

Our next meeting on 21-1-09 will be the first meeting for our **BARBARA ZAGO** our incoming exchange student from Brazil (If she is over her jet lag). So please say hello to her.

Last week's Thought of the week by Geoff B. Lending money to friends or relatives causes them to get amnesia.

This week's Thought of the week by John V.

The three Marketeers
(otherwise known as Pres. John, Darrel G, and Geoff B, hard at work at our most successful markets ever, on December 21st 2008.
Congratulations to John M & all his workers



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21st January 2009

Items of special interest:-

- Why not organize a club outing to Cooma Little theatre? It would not have to be restricted to members; you could include past members, prospective new members, members from other Rotary clubs and of course family, friends, acquaintances.

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Last Week's guest speaker was Lyn Goucher who has been manager of Cooma Library for the past five and a half years. She said while it is certainly exciting, it is challenging, to balance traditional library with the new information age. Her aim is to raise awareness of the resources available at the library and its services. The library has an updated and extensive legal, comprehensive parenting collection, car repair manuals, books relating to business, agriculture, fishing and health to name just a few. Lyn said she couldn't imagine a WORLD WITHOUT BOOKS. In the last 4 years the number of books borrowed from the library has increased by 20% with 91,000 people through the doors last year.

(Sgt. perhaps you should fine our members who were not part of this.) They have a website were 40,000 were made last financial year. Their latest addition has been e-books, which is beneficial for research and study purposes an e.g. is Australian Catholic University that has 48,000 book titles. Imagine the benefit to students studying by correspondence, or from remote locations. The latest asset for the Cooma Library has been the Navigator Project and their involvement is the result of a partnership with the Macular Degeneration Foundation (MD) and the opportunity to access talking books. Lyn then displayed the Navigator(about the size of a normal phone) has no cords runs on batteries that can be recharged, holds 48 hours of talking books and is an invention of an Australian Family. Only available to people with MD, expressions of interest forms available at the Library. Since this started in 2007 the library has obtained 16 of these (with 6 sponsored by Cooma Lions) Lyn anticipates there will be an increase in use of these as MD is a leading cause of blindness which affects people over 50, 1 in 7 people are affected by this disease and increases with age. (heaven help our Rotarians) This device will open a whole new world to people who are sight impaired or housebound. Lyn then spoke on a project they had previously been involved in **"BOOKS FOR BLOKES"** and beyond this is asking for those who are house bound or have health related issues. She said she had only scratched the surface of facilities available at the library and would like to hear your ideas, and President John has a questionnaire for all to fill out , not just the blokes but the girls also. In answer to questions Lyn said they would like to extend the library both out front and back, but John V had shot through before this came up, A very informative address to let us know what is available at our Library and future.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 21-1-09 TIME 6pm for 6.30pm

GUEST SPEAKER : Monica Alcock TOPIC Youth exchange & other responsibilities

INTRODUCTION President John **VOTE OF THANKS** Past President: Cheryl Mould
AUSTRALIA DAY: The club will be hosting a BBQ in Centennial Park and John M would like volunteers to man the BBQ and Van/.

TOM DENNIS BEQUEST Kevin D informed us that that \$5,000 from this had been used to erect the Gazebo at Sir Williams Hudson Nursing home, but the board have to make a decision on the other \$15,000.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR Pres Elect Pamela M-E is still after a volunteer to take on this job and let Katrin have a spell, ALSO she has asked that all members bring along a sheet with 2 possible Guest Speakers, their topic and contact details, for next meeting.

ATTENDANCE LAST MEETING 32 Members out of 48 = 66.7% **GUESTS** Tip and Helen (Frenchie) Allison (Dave H) Tony Slater (Andy Moran-seeing he had to pay) Lyn Goucher (Club) **APOLOGIES** Monica A, Peter A, Liz Am David B, Jim H, Alison H-J, Brian J, Julie J, Elaine e M, Claire N **LEAVE** Gail E, Kym L, Sabine S, Prasarn S, Sarah W **WE ALSO MISSED** Ashley C



COME TO THE THEATRE

Instead of the planned devised play "The Blow Hole", Mark Friend and his ensemble (Susan Burke, Ruby Clarke, Lauren Gelling, Ned McPhie, Kristil-Rae Mobbs, Joel Tozer, David Unwin & Alastair Wharton) will be devising all kinds of mayhem at two nights of Theatre Sports!

So...Come to the theatre
Friday 13 or Saturday 14 February. Or, hey, come both
nights - it will be a completely
different show

See some of your fellow Cooma Little Thespians compete in all manner of impromptu comedic situations. Be sure to bring along your imagination, as audience members will have the opportunity of suggesting characters, plots and challenges.