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The Beacon



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Marilyn's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians, Friends and Family,

Last Thursday we were very privileged to have as our guest speaker Helen Langford who spoke to us passionately about a new initiative to promote Narooma and its businesses through a new website. Helen also very kindly offered Rotary the opportunity to have its own web page, free of charge, on the website. Thank you Helen for this very generous offer. Our own web page would help inform potential visitors as well as local community about our club, its activities and where it meets.

Our board meeting has been postponed until next week 19th October. Tonight we look forward to hearing from Ken Mitchell who is the CEO of Australian Marketing Research Services. We also some club guests tonight who are also very interested to hear what Ken has to say.

Once again a big thank you to everyone for your efforts with the van and the markets over the long weekend. It was a very successful weekend for us, both financially and in terms of collegiality and team spirit.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable time tonight. I am sure we are all going to be inspired by Ken's talk and will find it timely for our beautiful little town.

President - Maz

Rotary Foundation – Snippets

The Foundation snippet this week is about what US\$100 can provide -

- Textbooks for one elementary school in Zambia
- Hearing aids for children in Pakistan
- Deworming tablets for over 100 children in the Philippines
- Three cataract surgeries in India

A gift of US\$100 or more changes and saves lives every day. Each one of us is asked to give \$100 every year whether in US or AU currency to build credits for Paul Harris recognition but more importantly to help the Rotary Foundation to sustain and extend the great work we do around the world. Your club Foundation Chairman will be approaching each of you about this before long.

International Director – Jack

OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL MONTH

Program

Tonight: Ken Mitchell – CEO Australian Marketing Research Services.

I understand that tonight is a partners night. Please let Ted know ASAP if you are bringing a partner, friend or lover!

| TASK | 12 October | 19 October | 26 October |
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| Greet /welcome/wheel | Jack Wightman | Kris Elphick | Ted Bladwell |
| Cashier | Kris Elphick | Jack Wightman | Marshall Binstock |
| Toast / thanks | Chris O'Brien | Lin Morey | George Barker |
| 4-way test | George Barker | Bob Aston | Chris O'Brien |
| 3-minute talk | Bob Aston | Marshall Binstock | Laurelle Pacy |
| FINES | Bob Aston | Ted Bladwell | Kris Elphick |
| Introduction | Lin Morey | Chris O'Brien | Jack Wightman |

If you can't make it to the next Rotary meeting, please ring our attendance officer Ted Bladwell the day before 4476 4676 or you will be charged for your meal. (R) signifies a Rotary talk, if you can.

Next Week: Board Meeting

COMING EVENTS: A Blank canvas folks – ideas suggestions or comments!

22 October **Narooma Rotary Markets at NATA Oval**

26 October

27-29 October **DISTRICT CONFERENCE AT BATEMANS BAY – theme is 'Building on a strong Foundation'**

2 November

Special dates for October

George Barker Birthday 12 October

Jack & Carolyn Wightman Wedding Anniversary 19 October

Attendance for September

Ted reports that the average attendance for September was 74.8%

Some More News from Jack

Natarbora Agricultural College

Since Allan and Colleen Elton spoke to us about this RAWCS project in Timor Leste we received an update from them reporting that a container of fencing materials and plumbing items had arrived safely. Three team members got the students started on the boundary fencing and water lines to the dormitories, and another fellow got work started on the water tower.

They have further work to do in restoring bedrooms, bathrooms and toilets in the dormitories - lots of plumbing to be done, carpentry, window glazing, painting and fly screens to be made - and they need continuing funding and volunteers with these skills.

Their update report was tabled at the last Board meeting, and it was resolved to support the restoration works with a donation of \$500, receipt of which has been acknowledged with sincere appreciation.

Vocational Service – Some Information (From the RI Website)

Rotary Volunteers



The Rotary Volunteers program seeks to promote international understanding and peace through three goals:

1. Increasing awareness among Rotarians and non-Rotarians of volunteer opportunities in their own and other communities
2. Assisting clubs and districts in developing community service projects that address the critical needs of their communities
3. Fostering fellowship and goodwill between Rotarians and their communities initiated through volunteer activities

Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions

The Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions was adopted by the Rotary International Council on Legislation in 1989 to provide more specific guidelines for the high ethical standards called for in the Object of Rotary:

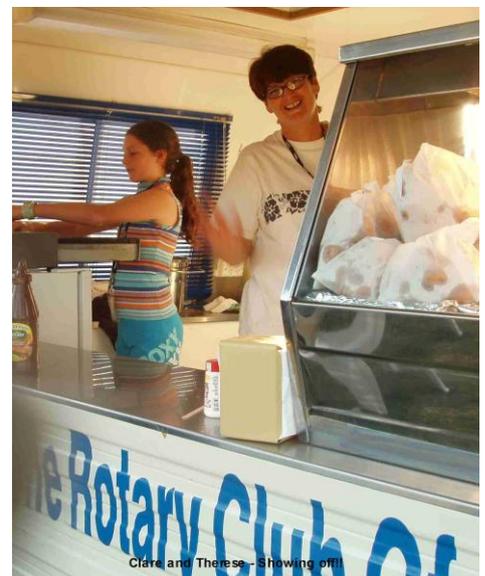
As a Rotarian engaged in a business or profession, I am expected to:

- Consider my vocation to be another opportunity to serve;
- Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of my community;
- Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation;
- Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public, and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship;
- Recognise the honour and respect due to all occupations which are useful to society;
- Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community;
- Adhere to honesty in my advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business or profession;
- Neither seek from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.

The Funny Side

Some Newspaper headlines!

- Squad Helps Dog Bite Victim
- Shot Off Woman's leg Helps Nicklaus to 66
- Plane Too Close to Ground, Crash Probe Told
- Miners Refuse to Work After Death
- Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant
- Stolen Painting Found by Tree
- Two Soviet Ships Collide, One Dies



- Two Sisters Reunited after 18 Years in Checkout Counter
- Include your Children when Baking Cookies
- Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says
- Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers
- Safety Experts Say School Bus Passengers Should Be Belted
- Drunk Gets Nine Months in Violin Case

Tonight's international toast

For the International Toast we shall leave Quetta in Pakistan ("Taliban Central") and venture to Afghanistan where the Rotary Club of Kabul was chartered in 2003. Their 21 members meet on Sundays at 2:00 pm. RC Jalabad with 15 members was formed in 2004 and RC Herat with 10 members followed in 2005. We wish them well serving in conditions which must be demanding, difficult and apparently quite dangerous.

Rotary District 9710 – Annual Conference Batemans Bay – 27 – 29 October 2006

Have you registered yet?

Register at

<http://www.d9710.rotary.org.au/Conference/>

One of the Key Note speakers is: Dr James Charles

Dr. James Charles comes from the Kaurna tribe, the land known as Adelaide. He has 5 children, all boys. His very supportive wife, who works very hard, has helped him achieve everything so far.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Podiatry, which he finished in 2004. He is currently enrolled in his masters and is currently working at Muna Paiendi Community Health Centre, which is an Aboriginal specific health centre, located in the northern suburbs of Adelaide, where he lives. Once he has completed his masters he has an ambition to become a podiatric surgeon.

- Our First Indigenous Podiatrist, James graduated end of 2004.
- He was selected as a member of the very first Indigenous GSE team to travel to California from District 9500.
- James is a real role model in Adelaide as he promotes education to Aboriginal kids living to the North of the city here. He seems to attract a bit of publicity in that he has already been interviewed for the Advertiser, and on the ABC, and always tries to get Rotary mentioned.
- Now a member of the Rotary Club of Adelaide East (his sponsoring club).
- Currently being sponsored on the ARHRF program to do his masters in Podiatry (surgery). This is on a part time basis as his work is very important to the community he helps.

This is the same young man who freely admits to being illiterate when he was 14, so has he come a long way, and gives Rotary the credit for helping him get this far.

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