

The Beacon

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Marilyn's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

What a fabulous meeting we had last week! As a result of a very generous grant from the Movement Disorder Foundation, represented by Roly and Robyn Bigg, I had the very great privilege of handing over a cheque for \$5000 to Barney and Pam Barnbrook for their daughter Amethyst who is currently studying at Wollongong University. Ame is doing it pretty tough and hopefully this grant will help overcome some of the obstacles she is facing.



Also at last week's meeting we welcomed Jenny Perrin and Margot McGrath, representing the Narooma Ladies Probus Club. Regrettably the Club has folded and Jenny and Margot officially handed over the Club's Regalia.

It was great to see Lillian with Bill. It is an indication of Bill's commitment to Rotary that he invited Lillian to Rotary to celebrate their wedding anniversary. Very romantic Bill!

It was also great to see Pam Raynor there as well. Tony Fahey returned to our club also, which hopefully shows he enjoyed his first meeting with us the week before. He didn't look too battered after his first week in his new job! We also welcomed visiting Rotarian Bob Goggins from South Australia.

Chris gave us a challenging fines session as a warm up for the Cinders Trophy this week. We are going to be greatly outnumbered by our Moruya colleagues at Bodalla on Wednesday evening, so we will need to have our trivia brains in top gear!

We have a very busy next few weeks with a working bee at Rotary Rainforest walk on Saturday 12th May and the Pride of Workmanship Awards and partners' night on 17th May.

See you all on Wednesday. Have a great week and keep studying!

Luv,

Pres. Maz

Celebrations

Jeremy Ferguson celebrates a birthday on 9 May! Congratulations Jeremy.

MAY IS PLANNING MONTH

Program

Tonight: Cinders Trophy at Bodalla Bowling Club

TASK	2 May 2007	10 May 2007	17 May 2007
Greet /welcome/wheel	Cinders	No Meeting	Bill Hardie
Cashier	Trophy	Ringlands Walk	Ted Bladwell
Toast / thanks	With Moruya Club	Clean up	Phil Gaffney
4-way test		10.00 am Saturday	Lin Morey
3-minute talk			Chris O'Brien
FINES			George Barker
Introduction			Bob Aston

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.

COMING EVENTS: Next Week No Meeting – Ringlands Walk Clean Up – Saturday 12 May

- 10 May **No Meeting**
- 12 May **Working Bee at Rotary Rainforest walk. Commencing at 10.00am. More details at this week's meeting**
- 17 May **Pride of Workmanship Award – Partners Night**
- 24 May **Board Meeting**
- 27 May **Narooma Rotary Markets at NATA Oval**
- 31 May
- 7 June **David Ashford – Rotary Club of Batemans Bay – Walking the Kokoda Track**

Last Week

What a great night we had last Thursday! It was fantastic to see so many guests and friends with us. Roly and Robin Bigg were present representing the Movement Disorder Foundation. Roly and Robin assisted President Marilyn present a cheque for \$5000.00 to Barney and Pam Branbrook to assist their daughter Ame at the University of Wollongong. The Club made an application to the Foundation late last year to assist Ame and the Foundation was delighted to come to the party. Ame will use the funds to purchase a computer and associated software and hardware to assist her in her studies. Barney also gave us an insight into Ame's world and Roly filled us in on the Work of the Movement Disorder Foundation – fascinating stuff.

On a sadder note Jenny Perrin and Margot McGrath was present to hand back the Ladies Probus Club's Regalia. The Club has folded due to declining membership. Hopefully many former members will join the Combined Probus Club of Narooma.

Bill and Lill celebrated their Wedding Anniversary in style with a Scottish Jig on the tables, Marilyn won the wine and kindly donated it to the happy couple, Chris tested our knowledge of trivia and Lin kept us up to date on apples and pears in his three minute talk. Our newest member Phil Gaffney gave us the Four Way Test in French! – Well done Phil.

The Market Report

Figures from the recent market

Site fees	\$820.00.
Van sales	\$436.10
White elephant	\$39.20
Wishing well	\$70.65 (count slowed down by added chewing gum!)
Duck race	\$220.00.
Total takings	\$1,585.95.

The Foundation Snippet

This one is about a volunteer position within Rotary called the Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinators (RFACs).

These volunteer coordinators have been asked to encourage Rotary clubs and districts to involve Foundation program alumni in Rotary activities; to urge clubs to consider alumni as potential members of Rotary and as potential contributors to The Rotary Foundation; and to use alumni as effective advocates for the programs of The Rotary Foundation.

Alumni include individuals who have been part of a Group Study Exchange team or have been Ambassadorial Scholars or Rotary Peace Fellows. Kim Bush, a GSE alumni, is a great advocate for Rotary and hopefully a future member of our club.

The Funny Side

There are these three guys and they're out having a relaxing day fishing. Out of the blue, they catch a mermaid who begs to be set free in return for granting each of them a wish.

Now one of the guys just doesn't believe it, and says: "OK, if you can really grant wishes, then double my I.Q."

"The mermaid says: "Done." Suddenly, the guy starts reciting Shakespeare flawlessly and analysing it with extreme insight.

The second guy is so amazed he says to the mermaid: "Triple my I.Q."

The mermaid says: "Done." The guy starts to spout out all the mathematical solutions to problems that have been stumping all the scientists of varying fields: physics, chemistry, etc.

The last guy is so enthralled with the changes in his friends, that he says to the mermaid: "Quintuple my I.Q."

The mermaid looks at him and says: "You know, I normally don't try to change people's minds when they make a wish, but I really wish you'd reconsider. "

The guy says: "Nope, I want you to increase my I.Q. times five, and if you don't do it, I won't set you free."

"Please," says the mermaid "You don't know what you're asking...it'll change your entire view on the universe...won't you ask for something else... a million dollars, anything?"

But no matter what the mermaid said, the guy insisted on having his I.Q. increased by five times its usual power.

So the mermaid sighed and said: "Done!"

And he became a woman.

Tonight's international toast

Waterloo is in the French speaking community of Belgium. Perhaps we may have the 4-Way Test delivered again *en Francais*? Known for the Battle of Waterloo, 18th June, 1815, present-day Waterloo has a population of nearly 30,000 and two Rotary clubs. We drink to the Rotary Club of Waterloo in District 2170, chartered in 1971, whose 31 members sponsor a Rotaract club.

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the Ideal of Service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- 1. The development of acquaintances as an opportunity for Service;*
- 2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying by each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;*
- 3. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;*
- 4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.*

The 4-Way Test

of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Rotary Grace

O Lord and giver of all good.

We thank Thee for our daily food.

May Rotary friends and Rotary ways.

Help us to serve Thee all our days.

The Narooma Rotary Beacon

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