



# The Beacon

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*The President and Members of the Narooma Rotary Club extend a very warm welcome to you on the occasion of our 50<sup>th</sup> Changeover*

## *President's Report 2007- 2008*

First I would like to say how much I've enjoyed my year as President – it's surprised me just how much.

I have been extremely fortunate to have had the support of a great Board in Ted Bladwell (secretary), Kris Elphick (treasurer), Marilyn Gibson (Club and IPP), Ian Thomlinson (vice president), Bob Aston (vocational service), Kris Elphick and Kevin Young (community service), and Jack Wightman (International). Everyone has been positive, constructive and enthusiastic.

The Year's Rotary International theme was 'Rotary Shares' and our world President Wilfred Wilkinson said everything Rotary does involves sharing - our time, our skills, and the funds we raise for the good of others. This report with accompanying disbursements shows just how much we did share through the year. For a small club, I think we do a remarkable job.





We embraced what District Governor Bernie said was his most important goal for the year and that was to enjoy our Rotary and have fun. He asked us to focus on nurturing our existing members and

encouraging everyone to be involved with at least one Club project. I feel we have achieved that and more.

We've had some fun outings such as Pam Raynor's wonderful Christmas in July, and at the Astons and Ferguson over Christmas, as well as many special nights through the year at The Whale.

Some members wanted us to get more 'physical' with our Rotary, one thing some found particularly appealing about Rotary in the past. So we had very enjoyable working bees at Buckeridge Lookout and also at Ringlands Rotary Track (at Ringlands with the bushwalkers). Hopefully these will continue now each year.



Members also wanted to increase our profile in the community, such as by taking the food van out more, an asset many felt was greatly underused. Many also said how much they enjoyed doing things together, like working in the food van.

## COMMUNITY

So, apart from the usual monthly markets at NATA Oval which is a team effort between Rotary and Narooma High School P&C, we took the van to the Blues Festival, Christmas Carols in December, Bar Beach over the Christmas/New Year break, and the Oyster Festival in May.



Many thanks to Markets manager Chris O'Brien and Community Director Kris Elphick for keeping the markets, which is our major fundraiser, running smoothly.

While on the markets, we purchased a new markets banner and a new gazebo with wind walls, and we increased gate fees in March with a return to original fees over winter.

Once again, Bowel Scan was a huge success this year raising \$2,472, thanks to the efforts of Ted and George.

Much appreciation also goes to Jack for his coordination of this year's Australia Day Duck Race which raised over \$2,000.

We are in the process of organising shelters for the barbecue area at Dalmeny Rotary Park to mark our 50<sup>th</sup>. This work is in partnership with the Eurobodalla Shire Council.

## INTERNATIONAL

Our International Director Jack Wightman sent off the 48 cartons of books collected from the community the previous year for the Ranfurly Library Service project. These were sent on to schools and libraries in the south-west Pacific.

We contributed to several International Projects:

- Three ShelterBoxes which were sent to Ecuador (1) and China. A feature of our first purchase was a public display of a box and its contents in the Commonwealth Bank which generated a lot of interest and helped considerably with our fundraising.
- Flood relief in Papua New Guinea,

- Operation Cleft coordinated by the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central which surgically corrects cleft lips and palates suffered by young people in Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka and Laos.
- A school in India. This was initiated by PP Ian after a visit to India. The school was established by the BAAS Educational Trust (a private Trust) to serve three villages. It needs funds for building and running costs. Club has also resolved to obtain a Matching Grant for the coming year.

We also hosted lunch at Taylor's for 12 overseas Rotarians and partners during their tour of Rotary District 9710 while on a Rotary International Friendship Exchange. They were from five different clubs in Rotary District 5020 which straddles the Canadian – United States border and includes Vancouver Island and parts of Washington State.

## FOUNDATION

We have given generously to the Rotary Foundation this year, over \$2,000. Many members made a small contribution each week with their dinner payment. We also now have two Sustaining Members contributing US\$100 or more each year and two Centurion Members who have embarked on contributing \$100 each year.

## VOCATIONAL

The major focus for Vocational Service this year has been the weekly *three minute talk* given by members at Dinner Meetings. The main purpose of the three minute talk has been for members to provide an insight into their vocation. We have been entertained by Marilyn's recounts of hilarious events in education, Chris' invaluable updates of the latest in lighting, George's painting skills and the up to the minute technology advances in paint and the ups and downs in finance from Kris, John and Phil.



Vocational outings were:

- Dinner at Narooma High School with the scrumptious meal cooked in the new commercial kitchen which we helped fund in Marilyn's year.
- A visit to VRA training at their new headquarters.

The highlight of the Vocational Service year was the annual *Pride in Workmanship Awards* in May. Awards were made to Bob Antill (Symons), John and Tracy Morrow (Bodalla Public School), Geoff Stewart (IRT), Sue Powell (Lynch's Hotel), Belinda Anderson (Dalmeny Pre School and Long Day Care), Sally Baddeley (Plaza Pharmacy), Trish Waddilove (Blue House Surgery), Kelley Martin (South Coast Lighting), Alexis Swadling (Narooma High).

Hopefully the *Pride in Workmanship Awards* will continue to be a feature of the Narooma Rotary Calendar.

## **CLUB SERVICE**

We gained one new member in Angie Ulrichsen but lost two - Brian Hastie and Frank McGovern. We are delighted though to have made Frank McGovern an honorary member. We didn't achieve Bernie's membership goals but we are working on it. From all accounts, we have quite a number waiting in the wings.

Our regular meetings at The Whale were again enhanced by the excellent meals thanks to Matt and Jen and the team.

We have had many wonderful speakers through the year, had lots of fun and enjoyed everyone's company, and we have made substantial contributions through all levels of Rotary Service.

The year was topped off with our Club retaining the Cinders after a great night at The Whale enjoyed by Moruya Rotarians as much as our own members and partners.

Bob Aston has again done a great job with the Beacon – it's a constant job and he does it well, and with abundant humour (!).

## **YOUTH**

As evidenced in our disbursements for this year, the Club gave considerable support for various projects at Narooma High including Big Gig, the School magazine, and the SEACC student's diary. The Club is particularly supportive of the Rotary Young Driver program initiated in this

area by Bega Rotary Club late last year, and now moved to early in the year. PE Ted and I went down to take a first hand look at this project that targets Year 11 students and were very impressed.

Our nominee for National Youth Science Forum Heather Gow-Carey was successful and had a wonderful two weeks in Canberra in January. We also sponsored two young men to RYPEN Tom Sydenham and Josh Hayes.

Our Tertiary Scholarship this year was awarded to Liam Phelps who deferred his engineering studies for the year.



A new development this year was twinning with Queanbeyan West Club. Narooma benefited more from the twinning because no one from here was interested in making the trip to Queanbeyan, but the coast has more appeal for them with many having houses or cabins or favourite camping spots down here. Just how this can work in the future is uncertain. We enjoyed their company over the Blues weekend with them helping us man the food van and the gate at the markets, and we put on a welcome to Narooma breakfast at Rotary Park.

I also want to point out our significant contribution to the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund this year of \$2,100, inspired by the visit of the cycling Bankstown Rotarians

In closing, I would like to acknowledge Assistant Governor Phil Armstrong who has become one of our own and been a part of every major function we held through the year.

President Laurelle



### *Christmas in July*

The Christmas in July lunch will be held at Pam Rayners on Sunday 13 July. As usual it will be an occasion for good fellowship and excellent food whilst being a great fundraiser for the Club. A number of Rotarians and partners/ friends have already put their names down for this and to confirm your attendance, would you please arrange to pay in advance @\$28 per head, at the meeting on 3 July. Cheques can be made to P.Rayner. Ian Thomlinson will gratefully accept your payment. Still some spaces left so please book with Ian.

# *Program for our 50th Changeover*

*CHAIRMAN – PP Ian Thomlinson*

*6:30pm registration and fellowship*

*7:00pm call to order*

*WELCOME: President Laurelle Pacey*

*NATIONAL ANTHEM*

*ROTARY GRACE: PP George Barker*

*LOYAL TOAST: Tony Fahey*

*APOLOGIES and INTRODUCTIONS*

*PP Ian Thomlinson*

*CLUB GUESTS, VISITORS and PARTNERS*

*VISITING ROTARIANS AND THEIR PARTNERS*

*MEMBERS' PARTNERS and THEIR GUESTS*

*TOAST TO OUR PARTNERS: PP Marilyn Gibson*

*RESPONSE: Miki Thomlinson*

*DINNER*

*ROTARY INTERNATIONAL TOAST: Jack Wightman*

*RESPONSE: DG Bernie Rogers*

*RETIRING PRESIDENT'S REPORT*

*AND PRESENTATIONS*

*Laurelle Pacey*

*INSTALLATION OF PRESIDENT 2008-2009*

*INCOMING PRESIDENT'S REMARKS*

*INTRODUCTION OF 2008-2009 BOARD*

*Ted Bladwell*

*Fellowship*

## *Disbursements 2007/2008*

<b>Community</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Total</b>
District Children's Emergency Medical Fund	\$ 250.00	
NSW Cancer Council – Relay for Life	\$ 250.00	
Australian Rotary Health Research Fund		
Blacktown Rotary Club	\$ 200.00	
Direct from Club	\$ 1,900.00	
Duck Race prizes	\$ 1,100.00	
IRT	\$ 500.00	
Narooma VRA (Jaws for life)	\$ 1,500.00	
Narooma Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol	\$ 1,000.00	
Narooma Rural Fire Service	\$ 1,000.00	
Narooma Surf Club (for large shade tent)	\$ 1,000.00	
Narooma Pre-School (new bikes/helmets)	\$ 500.00	
Literacy Project – Books for Newborns	\$ 400.00	
Snowy Hydro South Care helicopter	\$ 2,000.00	
Angel Flight	\$ 2,000.00	
Special Olympics	\$ 500.00	
'Bush to Beach' – 3 x Taylor Bros meal vouchers	\$ 150.00	
BowelScan (from kit sales)	\$ 2,472.00	\$ 16,722.00
<b>Youth</b>		
NYSF – Heather Gow-Carey (50% of \$1,775)	\$ 887.50	
RYPEN for two students	\$ 520.00	
Narooma High School		
School Magazine	\$ 30.00	
RYDA 2007	\$ 352.00	
RYDA 2008	\$ 400.00	
Citizenship Award	\$ 60.00	
Big Gig	\$ 500.00	
Stewart House	\$ 200.00	
Narooma Public School - Dux x 2	\$ 110.00	
Narooma High School P&C	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 5,309.50
<b>International</b>		
RAWCS O/S Aus PNG Oro Province	\$ 500.00	
Rotary O/S Aid ShelterBox	\$ 4800.00	
Operation Cleft - RC Box Hill	\$ 600.00	
BAAS T/F Esther Benjamin Trust	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 6,900.00
<b>Rotary Foundation</b>		
Paul Harris Fellow \$1,070	\$ 1,070.00	
towards PHF	\$ 556.77	
Members contributions \$693	\$ 693.00	\$ 2,319.77
Grand Total		\$ 31,251.27
<b>FROM TRUST FUND – ALEXANDER BIRCH BEQUEST</b>		
3 Scholarships		\$ 4,000.00

*President-elect's Address to the RI Convention*

*Dong Kurn Lee, 2008-09 RI President*



There are certain moments in our lives that are filled with such joy that we wish we could hold on to them forever.

Standing here, at this Rotary convention, speaking to all of you, is one of those moments.

In my many years as a Rotarian, I have seen how Rotary changes lives. All over the world, Rotary means hope. It means health and literacy. It means honesty and fellowship. It means the courage to make things better. All over the world, there are people whose lives are different, whose lives have been touched, and transformed, because of Rotary. But as much as Rotary service changes the lives of others, it changes our own lives more.

Rotary changes who we are because it changes how we see ourselves and the world. We do not only see how things are now, but how they might be. We see potential, and we see possibility. Together, our abilities are stronger. Together, we really can make a lasting difference on a global scale. Together, there is no limit to what we can accomplish.

But when we truly understand the power that we have through Rotary, we must also understand that this kind of potential brings a responsibility: the responsibility to do the most good we can and to inspire other Rotarians to do the same.

How can we do the most good that we can? We do it by keeping our clubs strong, by bringing in new members and making sure that all of our members are serving well. We do it by giving to our Foundation, so that we have the resources to support projects around the world. And in the coming Rotary year, we will do it by coming together to succeed in our \$100 million challenge. This challenge is a promise we have made, as part of our promise to eradicate polio. And I will quote President Wilf when I say, "We Rotarians keep our promises."

Every project we take on in Rotary is a promise we must keep, which is why it is so important to choose our projects carefully. Our choices are not always easy or obvious. They are not simple questions of right or wrong. They are complicated questions of who needs our help the most and whom we can help the best. This is why, every year, it is the job of a

Rotary president to choose his emphases, to help guide the service of Rotarians in the coming Rotary year. It is one of the biggest decisions a Rotary president makes. And it was one that I spent many months considering.

I thought carefully about the emphases of past presidents and looked at some of the many projects that these emphases had inspired. Water, health and hunger, and literacy — these are the categories of Rotary service that have endured now for several years, and with good reason. These are the areas in which local Rotary clubs, working individually and in cooperation with other clubs, can do the most good. They are areas in which we now have many years' experience and expertise. They are areas of wise Rotary investment. They are areas that let us do the most good with everything that we have. I knew with my mind that these were the emphases we should continue.

And yet, my heart was pulled in another direction. Because, in the midst of my research on possible emphases, I came across a number. That number was 30,000 — the number of children under the age of five who died every day from preventable causes. At first, I thought that it had to be a mistake. Maybe there was an extra zero in that number, if not two. Maybe the number was per month, or per year. It was impossible, unthinkable, in the 21st century that 30,000 of our most precious children could be dying, needlessly, every day. But there was no mistake. I asked, how can it be possible?

The answers were as heartbreaking as the number. Children die needlessly of pneumonia, measles, and malaria — for the lack of basic medicines, vaccines, and mosquito nets. They die of diarrheal illnesses — for the lack of a packet of rehydration salts that costs only 10 cents. They die in the thousands, every day, because they have no clean water to wash in and to drink. They are killed by illnesses that become deadly in combination with poor sanitation and malnutrition. They die because their families are trapped in a cycle of extreme poverty, a cycle that is not interrupted because there is no access to education.

So much can be done to keep children healthy, with so little: mosquito nets, rehydration salts, vitamins, and vaccines. And so much can be done with just a little bit more: a trained birth attendant, a simple clinic, a school feeding program, a visiting nurse. These are simple and direct ways to save children's lives. In the last few years, the number of deaths per day has already gone down, from 30,000 to 26,000. I believe that part of the improvement has been through Rotary service in the areas of water,

health and hunger, and literacy. We are already doing a great deal. But I believe that if we focus our efforts, we can do a great deal more.

This is why in 2008-09, Rotary will keep the service emphases we have had in so many of our past years, the emphases that are grounded in our knowledge and experience: water, health and hunger, and literacy. But this year, I will ask you to direct your work in each of these areas toward children, and toward reducing the terrible rate of child mortality in our world. In 2008-09, I will ask you all to *Make Dreams Real* for the world's children. This will be our theme, and my challenge to all of you. We will *Make Dreams Real* by giving children hope and a chance at a future.

We will *Make Dreams Real* by bringing clean water to their communities, and by this I mean not only providing safe water to drink but creating the sanitation projects that keep children healthy. We will be as proud of building public toilets as we are of supplying drinking water, because by improving sanitation we prevent water from becoming contaminated, and we avoid so many needless deaths.

We will *Make Dreams Real* by giving children the chance at health through improving their environments and their access to care. We will *Make Dreams Real* by making sure that more children have a chance to go to school, because it will only be through education that the deadly cycle of poverty can be broken.

We will *Make Dreams Real* by working together on Rotary's \$100 Million Challenge.

And in 2008-2009, I ask you all to ensure that we will be able to continue to *Make Dreams Real* for many years to come by bringing new members in to Rotary. For many years now, worldwide Rotary membership has remained at the same level — just over 1.2 million members. Our membership is not growing. But the needs of the world's children are. In order to keep pace with these needs, we must have more members. And we must have more clubs.

This is why I have set ambitious new goals for membership in this Rotary year. This is why I asked every district to work toward a 10 percent net increase in membership. And I asked each district to establish at least two new clubs. I have asked each of my district governors to announce their own targets for new members and new clubs in their districts. If each district rises to the challenge that they have accepted, then by the time we meet again in Birmingham, we will have over 1.3 million Rotarians, and over 33,000 clubs.

How will we achieve this? We will do it by looking for qualified members where they are and not waiting for them to come to us, because in every community, we overlook candidates for membership simply because they are different from ourselves. They may be of a different age or profession. They may come from a different background or live in a different neighbourhood. But this is all the more reason to invite them to a meeting. If you know someone who is qualified for membership, but you think would not fit in your club, perhaps it is time to reconsider. What might that individual bring to your club? What skills and talents could that person contribute that your club does not now have? How could that person help *Make Dreams Real*?

In every zone, in every district, more Rotarians are needed to help us reach our goal of saving children, because in every community there are children who need our help. Child mortality is highest in developing countries. But there is not a single Rotary district where local club projects cannot save lives. Every day, in every part of the world, children die for the lack of a seatbelt or a smoke detector. Children die because they have nowhere safe to play. Children die because their parents cannot afford health care. Children die not because nobody can help them but because too often, nobody does. But you and I, here in this room, are

Rotarians, and helping is what we do best.

And so it is our job to open our eyes to these needs, in our own communities and in communities far away. Our job is to work together, one club with another, to do what is needed. Our job is to *Make Dreams Real*. We will turn those dreams of a safe and happy childhood — a childhood that becomes a long and healthy life — into a reality

because all of the world's children are our children. And our job is a simple one. It is saving lives with our hearts and our minds and our souls. And if, in 2008-09, every one of us does this job well, at the end of our year we will all have achieved something wonderful.



## *Funny Side*

### **Love and Marriage**

#### WHAT IS THE PROPER AGE TO GET MARRIED?

"Eighty-four. Because at that age, you don't have to work anymore, and you can spend all your time loving each other." (Judy, 8)

"Once I'm done with kindergarten, I'm going to find me a wife." (Tommy, 5)

#### WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

"On the first date, they just tell each other lies, and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date." (Mike, 10)

#### WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

"You should never kiss a girl unless you have enough bucks to buy her a big ring and her own VCR, 'cause she'll want to have videos of the wedding." (Jim, 10)

"Never kiss in front of other people. It's a big embarrassing thing if anybody sees you. But if nobody sees you, I might be willing to try it with a handsome boy, but just for a few hours." (Kally, 9)

#### THE GREAT DEBATE: IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

It's better for girls to be single, but not for boys. Boys need somebody to clean up after them." (Lynette, 9)

"It gives me a headache to think about that stuff. I'm just a kid. I don't need that kind of trouble." (Kenny, 7)

#### CONCERNING WHY LOVE HAPPENS BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE:

"No one is sure why it happens, but I heard it has something to do with how you smell. That's why perfume and deodorant are so popular." Jan, 9)

"I think you're supposed to get shot with an arrow or something, but the rest of it isn't supposed to be so painful." (Harlen, 8)

#### ON WHAT FALLING IN LOVE IS LIKE:

"Like an avalanche where you have to run for your life." (Roger, 9)

"If falling in love is anything like learning to spell, I don't want to do it. It takes too long to learn." (Leo, 7)

#### ON THE ROLE OF GOOD LOOKS IN LOVE AND ROMANCE:

"If you want to be loved by somebody who isn't already in your family, it doesn't hurt to be beautiful." (Jeanne, 8)

"It isn't always just how you look. Look at me. I'm handsome like anything and I haven't got anybody to marry me yet." (Gary, 7)

"Beauty is skin deep. But how rich you are can last a long time."  
(Christine, 9)

#### CONCERNING WHY LOVERS OFTEN HOLD HANDS:

"They want to make sure their rings don't fall off, because they paid good money for them." (David, 8)

#### CONFIDENTIAL OPINIONS ABOUT LOVE:

"I'm in favour of love as long as it doesn't happen when 'The Simpsons' are on TV." (Anita, 6)

"Love will find you, even if you are trying to hide from it. I've been trying to hide from it since I was five, but the girls keep finding me." (Bobby, 8)

"I'm not rushing into being in love. I'm finding fourth grade hard enough."  
(Regina, 10)

#### PERSONAL QUALITIES NECESSARY TO BE A GOOD LOVER:

"One of you should know how to write a cheque. Because, even if you have tons of love, there is still going to be a lot of bills." (Ava, 8)

#### SOME SUREFIRE WAYS TO MAKE A PERSON FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU:

"Tell them that you own a whole bunch of candy stores." (Del, 6)

"Don't do things like have smelly, green sneakers. You might get attention, but attention ain't the same thing as love." (Alonzo, 9)

"One way is to take the girl out to eat. Make sure it's something she likes to eat. French fries usually works for me." (Bart, 9)



## *Duties for the next two weeks*

<b>TASK</b>	<b>3 July</b>	<b>10 July</b>
<b>Greet /welcome/wheel</b>	Laurelle Pacey	Kris Elphick
<b>Cashier</b>	Kris Elphick	George Barker
<b>Toast / thanks</b>	George Barker	Jeremy Ferguson
<b>4-way test</b>	Jeremy Ferguson	Marilyn Gibson
<b>3-minute talk</b>	Marilyn Gibson	Lin Morey
<b>FINES</b>	Lin Morey	Ian Tomlinson
<b>Introduction</b>	Ian Tomlinson	Bob Aston

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

## *Coming Events*

3 July	Club Assembly & Board Meeting
10 July	TBC
17 July	BOARD MEETING
19 July	Our Youth Exchange student Katja Gfeller from Switzerland arrives in Australia.
20 July	Our Club is hosting a barbecue for the Conservation Volunteers on Ringlands Point. They will be working for the week on the Ringlands Track. Everyone is invited to help/host.

## *The Market Report*

Kris reports that the Market takings last Sunday were:

Gate	\$475.00
Van	\$255.25
Wishing Well	\$ 43.75
White Elephant	\$ 43.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$817.05</b>

