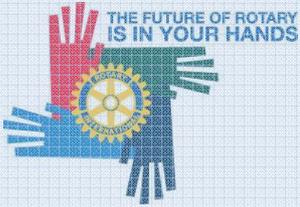


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RYPEN STUDENTS RETURN WITH NEW CONFIDENCE

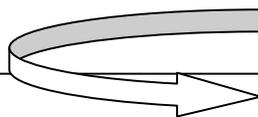
Our students from Narooma High who attended the RYPEN camp returned confidently and reported on a very positive and enjoyable time. Conor, Joshua and Maia thanked all and president Jack.

Our club assembly was well attended and included Bob 1 and Bob 2 debating the merits of the Anthem being sung!



Despite the cold, our Markets proceeded on Sunday just missing the rain. Laurelle filled in for Chris who was in Canberra nursing her mother, Joan. Sadly Joan passed away on Saturday night and will be missed by all who knew her. (More on pg 3).

Our Exchange student in Germany, Erin Fahy has sent in a report which appears on page 4.



TONIGHT:

Terry Irvine makes himself known

INTERNATIONAL TOAST: The Rotary Club of Changi, Singapore in District 3310.
The club was chartered in 1988 and has 35 members.

TASK	29th October	5th November	12th November
Cashier	John Messner	Jeremy Ferguson	Kris Elphick
3-minute talk	Rolfe Gimmel	John Messner	Lindsay Morey
Wheel	Lindsay Morey	Laurelle Pacey	George Barker
FINES		Bob Antill	Jeremy Ferguson
Introduction	Marilyn Gibson	Ian Thomlinson	Angie Ulrichsen
Thanks	Kris Elphick	Marilyn Gibson	Chris O'Brien

COMING EVENTS

29 October	Terry Irvine makes himself known
5 th November	Phil Armstrong on RI Convention
12 th November	Dr Melinda Coleman – Batemans Marine Park
19 th November	Club Assembly and Board Meeting
26 th November	Brian Martin CEO Operation Cleft Aust.
3 rd December	TBA
10 th December	Annual Meeting & Board Meeting
17 th December	Christmas Dinner
24 th December	No meeting – Christmas Holidays
28 th December	Van at Apex park (to 2 nd Jan)
31 st December	No meeting – New Year Holiday

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: Angie Ulrichsen on the 31st 😊 and 1st of November Rolf Gimmel 😊 have birthdays.

JACK'S JOURNAL

We had such a full program last week that the Board meeting to follow started late and left some business to be carried over to this evening. To use a favourite phrase of the PM, 'I make no apology whatsoever' for allowing time for every member to contribute their ideas to the club assembly after reviewing progress with our goals. I came to the conclusion that our most important goal is to increase our membership numbers, having regard to what we aim to do (and what we'd like to do) as well as inevitable losses including the temporary absences of members for family and business reasons.

We do not lack strength in membership but it is concentrated amongst those members relied on to do specific jobs. As Fundraising Ted can emphatically confirm, it's not easy to fill duty rosters. So keep in mind the continuing need to bring in new members, and be proactive in approaching suitable prospects. They will not come unless asked, and if you need a proxy to do the asking, ask Membership Ted or Secretary Ted – a man of many parts.

Our full program included Angie's thought-provoking 3-minute talk, Ted's brain-teasing Rotary quiz, and the RYPEN report by Joshua, Maia and Connor. It was pleasing to have them come back with their parents and gratifying to hear how they enjoyed and valued the RYPEN camp. We also welcomed Francophile Ian back from his sojourn, during which he was without webmail, cast adrift by his ISP, and therefore in blissful ignorance of goings on at Pub Hill in his absence.

The club was represented at the District Conference on Saturday by Marilyn, Angie, Ted and me. It was a worthwhile trip, not only for the day's program but importantly for the opportunity to meet with fellow Rotarians – colleagues in other clubs and in District appointments. The theme "Love, Peace & Understanding" was well brought out by the keynote speakers.

Carolyn and I are saddened to have received news of the death of Chris' mother Joan Landon. Whenever Joan stayed with Chris she came as Chris' guest to our dinner meetings (and was our guest speaker on one occasion) and so became a well loved member of our Rotary family. Joan will be greatly missed and Chris has our heartfelt sympathy.

Yours in Rotary fellowship,
President Jack

Hello again well another 3 months has come and gone and i find myself sitting here looking at the computer scree trying to figure out the best highlights to send to you. The time is flying by and with school once again under way i have not much time. I started the 12th year which is the equivalent to our year 11 with a music profile, which means my courses are music, english, german, biologie, art, history, math, sport and a seminar about melle and suurrounding areas. These months have also been really busy with birthdays, my 19th, four of my freinds turning 18 and a couple of 16th birthdays. I was even lucky enough in August to experience a german wedding, which is not that uch different from our weddings but here they have 2, one in the townhall that is compulsory and one like ours which isn't and the bride gets to wear her white dress etc etc.

These months have also been filled with rapid photo taking as in november photos of mine will be put up in all tthe local banks to help the community understand the differences that exchange students experince in the town. My rotary club hosted their sister club from england in in first weekend of september and we visited mueseums in and around osnabruiek, we toured an art museum of felix nÃ¼Ã¼baum who was a jewish painter on the run from nazi imprisonment. On my birthday the 16th of september, i found it amazing how many people came up to me at school wished me a happy birthday and so on, i wasn't able to eat my lunch there were so many. but i found that the germans here are amazingly nice and that i am lucky to be here in melle with such good friends. on the weekend of my birthday was a celebration of the small town next to us 'gesmold' and i attended the gesmolder kirmes which turns out to be be fairly similar to the sea side fair or a town show. but the kirmes has been running longer than oktobeerfest.

On 23rd of september 2009 i attended a very important match for osnabrÃ¼ck VFL we were playing a team two leagues above us to continue on with the national cup. It was a very close game but VFL won 7:5 in penalty shoot outs after already having extra time and keeping the score at 3:3.

once again it was apparently all because of me. The next weekend saw the arrival of the autumn holidays and at 4 am on the saturday morning my host family and i travelled to hamburg to see the sights and the fish market...what we found out when we got there was that the fish maket is only open on sundays, oh well, it was beautiful non the less and i found out that the ship thattravels to australia is the one that undertakes the longest journey, 114days. as the weather wasn't amazing we decided to drive back home On the sunday i went to my counsellor Bernd Johannings house, we had coffee and planned to have a games night some time in the near future.

On the 8.10.09 i stood in line for 3 hours waiting for tickets for the next national cup game for VFL against Dortmund BVB, and i am going to watch the game next tuesday at 8.30pm

but on the 10.10 i started on my germany tour with 3 other exchange students we went first du erfurt and weimar where we did a tour of the concentration camp BuchenwÃ¼ld, which was one of the main camps but didn't have gas chambers and was made up mainly of men. on the sunday 11.10 we attended a small oktober fest where rotary bought us all a maÃ beer seeing as rotary paid for it i am assuming that its ok ;)after erfurt we travelled to berlin and saw all the sights but unfortunately they were renovating most of the museums so we weren'T able to go in. We did attend the parliament and we saw the holocost monument in the centre of the city, we even got into madame tousends which was super, there was a hitler figure but you wern'T allowed to take pictures or pose with him for obvious reasons.

We spent 3 days in and around berlin, and the last day the thursday was spent travelling back to our towns and on the way we stopped at wolfsburg which is a car town, housing audi, VW, bugati lambourghini and so on

This week schoo, started again and we are just getting back tests from the last term, i got back my english test which was the only one i took and i did fairly well by their standards but by mine it was disgraceful.

This weekend is a ballet concert for my host sister from my second family and i am going tto watch it should be good.

I'D like to thankyou again for this opportunity and apologise for keeping my reports so short and only over 3 months periods

but now that my time here is drawing to a close i really don't know how to thank rotary enough for the wonderful opportunity it has given me.

All my love (liebe GrÃ¼Ã¼e) Erin