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Apologies and additional guests to Phil Gaffney the Tuesday before the meeting on 44765547 or you will be charged for your meal.

The Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin

Ted's Tips

Hi all,

Last weeks Assembly highlighted the many projects yet to come in this Rotary year. These included club participation in the ROTARY YOUTH DRIVER AWARENESS CAMPAIGN this year in Moruya run by the Batemans Bay Club on the 7th April, CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA in March, BOWLSCAN starting on the 7th March and the Club's probable involvement in the BERMAGUI SEASIDE FAIR to support SHELTERBOX in March. All of these will need some involvement by some members.

Also the decision to push ahead with the promotion of the Car Boot Sale as a part of the monthly markets starting this week. Hopefully this will boost the local content of the markets as far as stallholders go. May take a while to catch on but should in time increase the popularity of our markets.

As far as the meetings go, the 19th will see us at Jeremy and Heathers and our annual combined meeting with our 'mother' Club Bega at Cobargo in early March. There are 18 members travelling to Batemans Bay in a week's time for the Bateman's Bay Club's Charity Concert with dinner on our way home at Tomakin. If anyone else would like to come please let me know asap.

Make Dreams Real

Cheers

Ted

Tonight

Transitional Towns

Duties

| TASK | 12 February | 19 February | 26 February |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Welcome/Wheel | Bob Aston | BBQ | Laurelle Pacey |
| Cashier | Laurelle Pacey | @ | Max Reid |
| Toast / thanks | Max Reid | Paradise Point | Marilyn Gibson |
| 3-minute talk | Marilyn Gibson | | Bob Antill |
| FINES | Bob Antill | | Angie Ulrichsen |
| Introduction | Angie Ulrichsen | | Kris Elphick |

Coming Events

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| 12 February | Transitional Towns |
| 19 February | BBQ @ Paradise Point |
| 22 February | Narooma Rotary Markets on NATA Oval |
| 26 February | TBC |

Narooma Rotary Website

Check us out on the Web at <http://www.naroomarotary.com/>

Last Week

Last week was the Club Assembly – Ted has given a good summary in *Ted's Tips*. Angie won both the wine and the port and we made up a fine session on the sport with each member present fining at least one other for their recent indiscretions!

Kris reminded us that subs for the half year are now due - \$100.00.

Phil also reminded members that if they are going to be away they must advise him by phone or email by the Tuesday before the meeting. Phil also asked for members to let him know if they will be bringing gests to the meeting.

PE Jack would like to see a good turn out at the District Assembly. Please let Jack know if you can attend.

THE TRANSITION TOWN MOVEMENT & TRANSITION TOWN TRIANGLE PLUS

Information about this week's program

Transitions Towns are communities that are preparing for the challenges of Peak Oil and Climate Change. They are attempting to make a smooth transition from high carbon dependency to low carbon dependency.

Transition Towns are a worldwide movement, originating in the UK and growing rapidly across the world. There are now groups established in Bega, Eden and the Triangle+, which is the community known as The Triangle (Tilba, Cobargo, Quaama and Bermagui) plus Mystery Bay and Narooma.

Peak Oil is the time when oil production 'peaks' or reaches maximum output. That time is now. It marks the end of easy oil. After that the oil is harder to extract, needs more refinement and will cost much more. Climate Change refers to the effects of global warming, caused by the accumulation of greenhouses gases in the atmosphere, especially carbon dioxide.

Communities that prepare for these challenges by developing the skills, networks, tools and techniques for low-energy living are likely to have an easier time than communities that don't.

TTT+ is commencing the development of a local Energy Descent Action Plan, which ideally is created by the community and reflects the community's values and initiatives. It will require liaison with community groups as well as Council staff and other government agencies.

TTT+ is keen to involve the many committed and resourceful people in our community who are already making a difference or have the ideas and skills to do so, and to build on (rather than reinvent) the successes of other groups with similar goals.

Speakers: Ros Barr and Carolyn Wells

International Toast

Continuing our trip through Germany this week we toast Rotary Club of Hamburg, District 1890, chartered in 1927, has 96 members and meets on Wednesday at lunchtime.

Anniversaries

The only one anniversary for February. Heather and Jeremy celebrate their wedding anniversary on the 16th – No doubt we will help them celebrate at Paradise Point on the 19th

The Funny Side

The ostrich joke

A man walks into a restaurant with a full-grown ostrich behind him. The waitress asks them for their orders.

The man says, "A hamburger, fries and a coke," and turns to the ostrich, "What's yours?"

"I'll have the same," says the ostrich.

A short time later the waitress returns with the order 'That will be \$9.40 please,' and the man reaches into his pocket and pulls out the exact change for payment.

The next day, the man and the ostrich come again and the man says, 'A hamburger, fries and a coke'

The ostrich says, 'I'll have the same.'

Again the man reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change.

This becomes routine until the two enter again. 'The usual?' asks the waitress.

'No, this is Friday night, so I will have a steak, baked potato and a salad,' says the man.

'Same,' says the ostrich.

Shortly the waitress brings the order and says, 'That will be \$32.62.'

Once again the man pulls the exact change out of his pocket and places it on the table.

The waitress cannot hold back her curiosity any longer. 'Excuse me, sir. How do you manage to always come up with the exact change in your pocket every time?

'Well,' says the man, 'several years ago I was cleaning the attic and found an old lamp. When I rubbed it, a Genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I would just put my hand in my pocket and the right amount of money would always be there.'

'That's brilliant!' says the waitress. Most people would ask for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live. It's brilliant!

'That's right. Whether it's a litre of milk or a Rolls Royce, the exact amount of money is always there,' says the man.

The waitress asks, 'What's with the ostrich?'

The man sighs, pauses and answers, 'My second wish was for a tall chick with a big butt and long legs who agrees with everything I say.'