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## *The Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin*

### **Ted's Tips**

Hi all,

Jeremy and Heather's this week for a B-B-Q. Make sure you let Phil know the numbers and if you are bringing a friend. It's always a great night for fellowship and food.

It's hard for us to imagine the grief and hardships and the complete devastation and loss of life that the recent Victorian Bushfires have created. People having nothing left and to start from scratch to rebuild their lives. We have already given \$1000 to the District 9710 Disaster appeal with a further contribution from the monthly markets this Sunday.

We'll be calling for helpers for the 'Clean up Australia Campaign to be on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March starting at 10.00am from the Ken Rose Park, if you can give an hour or so to help just turn up.

Katie brought us up to date with her travels and with only 5 months left and a lot to see yet. Don't forget if you are doing anything that she can go with you please contact host parents. Liam, our last year's scholarship winner told of his plans now that he's returned home after a trip abroad.

Make Dreams Real

Cheers

Ted

### **Tonight**

**BBQ @ Paradise Point**

## Duties

TASK	19 February	26 February	5 March
Welcome/Wheel	BBQ	Laurelle Pacey	Max Reid
Cashier	@	Max Reid	Marilyn Gibson
Toast / thanks	Paradise Point	Marilyn Gibson	Bob Antill
3-minute talk		Bob Antill	Angie Ulrichsen
FINES		Angie Ulrichsen	Kris Elphick
Introduction		Kris Elphick	Lin Morey

## Coming Events

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/>

### International Toast

Continuing our trip through Germany this week we toast the Rotary Club of Essen, District 1900, chartered in 1950, has 79 members and meets on Tuesday at lunchtime.

### Last Week

A packed meeting last week.

Marilyn gave a very interesting talk on her first job as a sales assistant in Woolworth's – she said it was pretty boring watching the clock tick over and getting paid about 18 cents an hour.

Katja updated us on what she has been doing for the past 7 months – it's just amazing what our exchange students fit in with visits to most parts of the District, a couple of trips to Melbourne and Sydney as well as visits to the 12 Apostles and wake boarding on the Nepean.

Liam Phelps was also with us, he gave a brief insight to his gap year, work in Merimbula for 6 months and travelling for another 6. Liam is off to the University of NSW to study Engineering and Architecture.

Our guest speakers were Ros Barr and Carolyn Wells who spoke to us on Transitional Towns and Peak Oil – an interesting if daunting topic.

Lin won the eggs, George the port and our Rotary Scholar, Liam took home the wine.

## **RI President Elect John Kenny announces theme for 2009-10**

RI President-elect John Kenny announced the 2009-10 RI theme, *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*, to incoming district governors at the 2009 International Assembly.

The 2009-10 RI theme acknowledges the important role individual Rotary clubs will play in shaping the future of Rotary.

RI President-elect John Kenny unveiled the theme, *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*, on Monday during the opening plenary session of the International Assembly, an annual training event in San Diego, California, USA, for incoming district governors.

"The future of Rotary will not be shaped at RI headquarters -- it will be shaped in each and every Rotary club," Kenny said, "because it is for each of us -- as Rotarians -- to do what is necessary to keep Rotary strong."

Kenny acknowledged the foundation established by past Rotary leaders and laid the responsibility for building upon that success on every Rotarian.

"Each one of us is standing on the shoulders of generations of Rotarians past, and it is our responsibility to determine Rotary's future," Kenny said.

"The goals we set, whatever our action plan, it is in our hands to accomplish or not," said Kazeem Mustapha, governor-elect of District 9125 (Nigeria). "Everybody has to be involved."

Chuck Cicchella, governor-elect of District 6710 (Kentucky, USA), likes the theme's emphasis on the future. "I have always had a strong desire to nurture along young people. It's vital to us."

Kenny emphasized that every Rotary club is and must be autonomous.

"Everything begins and ends with our clubs," he said. "Our clubs can and do work together; they work through their own districts, in cooperation with other clubs and districts, and with the support of our Foundation.

"But at the end of the day, everything that we accomplish is done through the strength of our clubs. And so each club must have autonomy to serve where and how it can serve best."

At the same time, Kenny highlighted the importance of the RI Strategic Plan, adopted by the RI Board of Directors, as an essential tool in providing continuity.

"The plan is designed to strengthen and proclaim the core values of Rotary: service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership," Kenny said. The training sessions for incoming governors during the weeklong assembly are all tied to some component of the strategic plan, and a final group discussion on Saturday will seek to tie all the pieces together and show the future district leaders how to take the strategic plan to the club level.

Kenny concluded his remarks by sharing a favourite saying from his homeland, Scotland: "We must look beyond our own parish pump."

"It means that we must look beyond our own home and our own community," Kenny said. "We must look beyond our own needs, and we must be aware that ours is only one community, of one country, of the many communities and countries in this world."

## **The Funny Side**

### The First Parent

Whenever your kids are out of control, you can take comfort from the thought that even God's omnipotence did not extend to his kids. After creating heaven and earth, God created Adam and Eve.

And the first thing God said to them was:

"Don't."

"Don't what?" Adam asked.

"Don't eat the forbidden fruit, said God."

"Forbidden fruit? Really? Where is it?"

Adam and Eve asked, jumping up and down excitedly.

"It's over there," said God, wondering why he hadn't stopped after making the elephants.

A few minutes later God saw the kids having an apple break and he was very angry.

"Didn't I tell you not to eat that fruit?" the First Parent asked.

"Uh huh," Adam replied.

"Then why DID you do it? " God asked exasperatedly.

"I dunno," Adam answered.

God's punishment was that Adam and Eve should have children of their own. Thus the pattern was set and it has never changed. But there is a reassurance in this story.

If you have persistently and lovingly tried to give your children wisdom and they haven't taken it, don't be so hard on yourself. If God had trouble handling his children, what makes you think it should be a piece of cake for you?