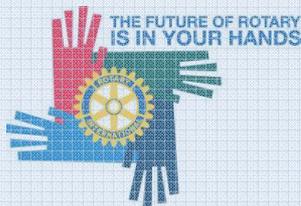


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OR you will
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SEE WEED OR SEA WEED
Well Dr Mel sees sea weed
and goes wild!!!

The Bateman's Marine Parks
Dr Melinda Coleman came to
clear up any misconceptions
on Marine Parks and set the
record straight.

The members at last
Thursday's meeting were
privileged to hear first hand
from the delightful Dr Mel on
the why and wherefore of
Marine parks.

A former Rotary exchange
student and traveller who
studied global biodiversity in
Marine Parks, Melinda is an
asset to our community.

More on pgs 3and 4....

TONIGHT: Dalmeny Bowling Club Bistro \$22
Board Meeting to follow

INTERNATIONAL TOAST: We are off to the Rotary Club of Arkangelsk in Russia. Chartered in 2002 they have 11 members and meet at 12.30 on Wednesdays at the Pur Navalok Hotel.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: None 'till December

TASK	19th November	26th November	3rd December
Wheel	Terry Irvine	Lindsay Morey	Bob Antill
Cashier	Bob Antill	Max Reid	Kris Elphick
Thanks	Rolf Gimmel	Chris O'Brien	George Barker
3-minute talk	Ted Bladwell	Laurelle Pacey	Max Reid
FINES	John Messner	Terry Irvine	Lin Morey
Introduction	Kris Elphick	Bob Antill	Chris O'Brien

COMING EVENTS

12 th November	Dr Melinda Coleman – Batemans Marine Park
19 th November	Board Meeting – At Dalmeny Bowling Club
22 nd November	Markets
26 th November	Brian Martin CEO Operation Cleft Aust.
3 rd December	Chris Kowal – Executive member Clean Energy for Eternity
10 th December	Annual Meeting & Board Meeting
17 th December	Christmas Dinner
24 th December	No meeting – Christmas Holidays
27 th December	Markets
28 th December	Tent at Apex park (to 2 nd Jan)
31 st December	No meeting – New Year Holiday

- ❖ Markets this Sunday
- ❖ This weekend November is the Clean Energy Festival at Bega – a project of the Bega Rotary Club.
- ❖ Raffle tickets for Pam's Hamper to be sold for draw 17th Dec.

JACK'S JOURNAL

Full marks to Max for taking Youth Exchange in-bounders for their Adventure Weekend away at Tumut (7-8-9 November). That would be worth at least four make-ups which we can't afford to let him have anyway. Can a bus load of exchange students be compared with a bus load of local school children? I don't know, but we do know how our members would behave (or misbehave) envisaged on a school bus. Bob 2 virtually put us in his bus for his fines session last week and produced some recognisable character studies (none too embarrassing).

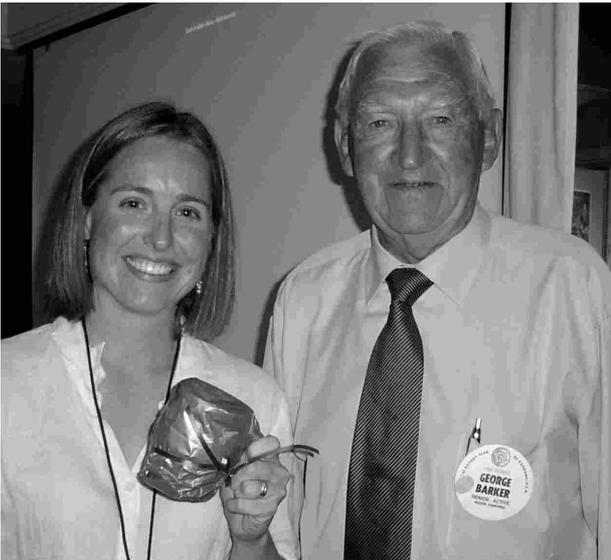
Full marks to Melinda Coleman, too, for her presentation about Batemans Marine Park which gets bad press now and then. Melinda highlighted the long term benefits of the restrictions imposed by the zoning plan to protect marine biodiversity and increase the density of marine life. She promised us bigger fish to fry.

John Messner has been attending meetings of the Narooma Australia Day Committee as the Rotary representative. With Quota, Lions, CWA and Scouts, we each have our part to play on Australia Day at Ken Rose Park. We are to set up the stage for the official party. (We used to provide a marquee to shelter the stage but since we didn't (couldn't) put it up one windy day it doesn't seem to be needed any more.)

Always mindful of our welfare, Pam Rayner has put together a magnificent basket of Christmas cheer as a fund raiser for the club, so we are having a raffle to be drawn at our Christmas dinner on 17th December. Tickets are available in books of 10 for you to take tonight. For Pam's sake, every ticket must be sold.

Tonight we "dine out" at the Narooma Sporting and Services Club's Dalmeny Bowlo for a change, 6.30 pm for 7.00 as usual. Ted has negotiated the price of the two-course meal down to \$22 which is a considerable reduction from the normal price. The Dalmeny Bistro doesn't have the French flair of the Whale but it is a popular local eatery with a good reputation. See you there!

Yours in Rotary fellowship,
President Jack



George thanked Dr Mel and presented her with a token of our appreciation.

Bateman's Marine Park is the youngest in NSW and has been on the receiving end of a lot of negative publicity. Fishing is still allowed but restricted from only a few places.

Commercial fishing has decreased giving the weekend guys a bigger share.

Hopefully the end result will be that Fathers can take the sons and daughters fishing in the decades to come. If this happens then it will all be good, if not !!!!

An Australian poet Adam Ford has a poem about Jesus who goes fishing. The punch line is that he didn't catch any fish which upset the locals who demanded to know why. After all he could walk on water, part the seas etc.

Jesus looked at them and said that "it is called fishing, not catching!!" ,..... sums up what I do.

On a sad note. Marilyn's chooks (her girls) were foxed and only a few survived so egg production is down.

On the Lighter Side – Some "How do you" jokes

How does a bloke keep his Youth?
By giving her money, diamonds and designer clothes.

How do you stop a bloke breaking in to your house?
Replace all the locks with bra fasteners.

How do you stop your bloke reading your emails?
Rename the mail folder "Instruction manuals".

How many blokes does it take to put the toilet seat down:
Nobody knows. It hasn't happened yet.

From the Bay Rotary Club...

Boat people are again a hot topic.

The most sensible idea I've heard is the a statutory body be set up similar to the Reserve Bank, that would set the number of Migrants each year based on our countries capacity to cope.

*Our 365 day Buddhist offering calendar offered this on the 15th November
"You can feel compassion regardless of whether you view the other person as a friend or enemy.*

It is based on the other's fundamental rights rather than your own mental projection.

By the 14th Dalai Lama

I mention this as it struck a chord with me as a Rotarian, I think we should be compassionate for all people and leave the politics out of the debate.

