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Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin



The President Writes:

Humanity in Motion

Last week we had with us DG-elect Phil Armstrong and AG Roger Bayley. Amongst other things Roger Bayley brought to our attention and excellent publication "Humanity in Motion – 2nd edition". I recommend that all members study this publication in detail and use it as a tool for promoting the good work undertaken by Rotary in Australia. It is also a great publication for explaining what Rotary does when talking to prospective members. They cost \$4.00 each. If we had a DVD capturing the detail of some of the projects contained in this publication it would also be a great publicity tool.

RI President Kalyan Banerjee will visit Canberra 23 May.

District 9710 is privileged to have a visit from the world President of Rotary on 23 May 2012. The Rotary Club of Canberra City is organising a combined Rotary meeting where he will be the guest speaker.

All members are invited to join this meeting which will be held at the Hellenic Club, Phillip ACT. The time is 6.00 for 6.30pm and to be finished by 8.30pm. It is also a partners and guests night.

It is 7 years since an RI President attended a Rotary meeting in D9710.

D9710 Bulletin Editor for 2012-13

I have been informed that our bulletin editor (Bob Aston) is going to be the editor of the monthly publication "The District Chronicle" in 2012-13. His talents have been recognised by DG-elect Phil Armstrong. Well done Bob (I am not so sure – The editor).

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TONIGHT
A meeting of the Board

COMING EVENTS

22 March	Board Meeting
25 March	Markets
29 March	Mark Jolly – The latest on defibrillators PARTNER'S NIGHT
5 April	TBC
12 April	Graeme Peachey - CEO of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority
19 April	Board Meeting

TASK	22 March	29 March	5 April
Cashier	John Rungen	Bob Aston	Lin Morey
3-minute talk	Ian Thomlinson	John Rungen	Bob Aston
Wheel	Chris O'Brien	Ian Thomlinson	John Rungen

The President Writes (Cont)

BowelCare Program

President-elect Terry recently spent a weekend at a Pharmacy Conference where one of the papers was presented by Dr Cameron Bell, Gastroenterologist and Director of Bowel Cancer Australia, an organisation involved in Bowelscreen Australia. Dr Bell revealed that there are two methods of screening, the test endorsed by Bowelscreen that has the potential to identify 9 out of 10 tests correctly, and the test distributed through Rotary that detects 4 out of 10 tests correctly.

The Rotary test costs \$10 (or \$8 if you are sufficiently remote from Sydney) whereas the cost of other test is nearly \$40 for the kit and the pathology.

Terry will no doubt have more to say on this tonight and our future involvement in this program.

President John

Rotaract: Inspiring new generations to service

By Andrea Tirone, a member of the Rotaract Club of the University of Toronto, in celebration of World Rotaract Week 12-18 March.

When I joined Rotaract many years ago, our club's president was phenomenal at getting everyone motivated for the basic health and literacy project we were establishing in Krishnanagar, India.

We began the InspiReacHope project, through a partnership with a local Rotary club and non-governmental organization. It was one of the most enthusiastic, driven, and focused groups of people I had ever met. The project lasted for many years.

As the club changed, so did our focus. We began efforts to prevent malaria overseas, to raise awareness of the basic water and sanitation needs of communities both around the world and at home in Canada, and became passionate about ending polio now.

In 2009, as an Ambassadorial Scholar in South Africa, I joined a local Rotaract club. Through the Rotaract Club of Durban Berea, I participated in a community development project with nineteen other Rotaractors to Ponta D'Ouro, Mozambique. In a very short amount of time, our group of young people came together to produce one of the most successful projects I have ever been a part of.

The Rotaract Club held two extremely popular fundraising events that featured local South African bands and DJs and welcomed crowds of up to 1,500 people; more than we ever imagined possible. With the funds that we raised, we were able to give the local school a major facelift and provide a number of Portuguese and English books to both the school and surrounding community.

Reflecting on World Rotaract Week 12-18 March, I realize that thanks to Rotaract, I have been a part of so many different projects which have addressed Rotary's areas of focus. Rotaract helps pave the way into Rotary for future generations. I look forward to bringing my experiences to a Rotary Club in the near future.

From Rotary Voices at:

<http://blog.rotary.org/2012/03/12/rotaract-inspiring-the-next-generation-to-service/>

Australian scientist to receive top Foundation alumni awards

By Ryan Hyland and Megan Ferringer
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John Skerritt, a research scientist who is deputy secretary of the Department of Primary Industries for the state of Victoria, Australia, has been chosen by The Rotary Foundation Trustees as the recipient of the 2011-12 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Carlingford, New South Wales, Skerritt studied as a 1983-84 Ambassadorial Scholar at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA. A member of the Rotary Club of Hampton, he will receive the award on 8 May at the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand.

"An award like this has so many well-deserving candidates. I'm honored and humbled to be recognized," says Skerritt.

Over the past 30 years, Skerritt has led a wide range of training and assistance projects addressing agriculture, medical science, environmental, and public administration issues in India, Indonesia, and other Southeast Asian and African countries.

Skerritt, who manages a staff of 1,250 and an annual budget of US\$250 million, is one of the government's top public policy architects for fisheries, forestry, and agricultural emergencies. In 2010, he led a successful response to a major locust plague in eastern Australia, which otherwise would have caused \$2 billion in damage. And last year, his team helped the farming community in that region recover quickly after unprecedented flooding.

A former Rotaractor and Interactor, Skerritt has received numerous awards for his research and governmental work in agricultural science and development.

“I learned during my Ambassadorial Scholarship how international collaborations are such a powerful way of addressing big issues,” says Skerritt. “Whether it’s medical, food security, or environmental causes, the basis of my work is to improve the lives of others. Rotary showed me the importance of giving.”

Some Humour!

A woman at a gas station noticed a spaceship landing in front of her. An alien stepped out of the spaceship and started to pump gas into it. The woman noticed the letters U.F.O. printed on the side of the ship. She turned to the alien and asked Does U.F.O. stand for Unidentified Flying Object? The alien answered, No, it stands for Unleaded Fuel Only!

For the first time in many years, an old man travelled from his rural town to the city to attend a movie. After buying his ticket, he stopped at the concession stand to purchase some popcorn. Handing the attendant \$1.50, he couldn’t help but comment, the last time I came to the movies, popcorn was only 15 cents. Well, sir, the attendant replied with a grin, you’re really going to enjoy yourself. We have sound now.

Three old ladies met on the street on a very stormy day. The wind was so strong and loud that they had difficulty in hearing each other. ‘It’s windy’, said one. ‘No, it’s Thursday’, said the next. ‘So am I’, said the third. ‘Let’s go and have a drink’!