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## *The President Writes:*

### **12 April meeting – Dr Jenny Wray**

Next week we are privileged to have Dr Jenny Wray as our guest speaker. Jenny has been working as a GP in Narooma since 1977 and late last year she was presented with the prestigious Royal Australian College of General Practitioners' General Practitioner of the Year Award. In presenting the award, RAGP President Professor Claire Jackson said that Dr Wray had built a strong reputation for providing high quality healthcare. "She's a highly inspirational and dedicated doctor who has demonstrated how one's drive to make a difference can literally be a life-changing for the community and extremely rewarding for those with a passion to care", Professor Jackson said.

Next week Jenny will tell her story about her vision and achievements since arriving in Narooma 35 years ago.

We are going to make this a **special night** and an invitation is extended to partners, family members and others wishing to find out more about our local health services and Rotary in general. Be there!

### **Historic moment for ShelterBox**

ShelterBox and Rotary International (RI) formed a project partner agreement last month signed by John Hewko, Rotary International's General Secretary, and Tom Henderson OBE, ShelterBox Founder and CEO.

The formalisation of this partnership cements a 12-year relationship providing emergency shelter and life-saving humanitarian aid for hundreds of thousands of families around the world, who have been made homeless by disaster.

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## **TONIGHT**

Club night, Rotary Quiz (suggested reading-- RDU magazine, March issue)

## COMING EVENTS

5 April	Club night, Rotary Quiz (suggested reading-- RDU magazine ,March issue)
12 April	Dr Jenny Wray – Special Event <b>PARTNER'S NIGHT</b>
19 April	Board Meeting
26 April	Cinders vs. Moruya RC. <b>PARTNER'S NIGHT</b>

TASK	5 April	12 April	19 April
<b>Cashier</b>	George Barker	Terry Irvine	Chris O'Brien
<b>3-minute talk</b>	Bob Aston	Rolf Gimmel	Terry Irvine
<b>Wheel</b>	John Rungen	Bob Aston	Rolf Gimmel

### *The President Writes (Cont)*

Through the new partnership, the two organisations will assist Rotarians to be part of a critical solution at times of disaster through providing humanitarian service when disasters occur in their area; engaging with ShelterBox in disaster preparedness initiatives within their country or District; and supporting ShelterBox readiness, awareness and capacity building.

*About ShelterBox* - Based in Cornwall, UK with 21 international affiliates, ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity that delivers emergency shelter, warmth, and dignity to people made homeless by disasters worldwide. (See more in an article on page 4)

#### **Food Van Cleaning**

As many of you would be aware, the interior of the food van needs another scrub down. Due to unusual weather conditions in March, the high humidity and heat has generated an unacceptable build-up of mould inside the van.

The next monthly market will be held 22 April. The van will be towed to NATA oval on Saturday, 21 April and a working bee is planned for that afternoon. We will have a new barbeque by then so the Saturday afternoon may be an appropriate time to trial the new equipment by way of a "Sausage Sizzle".

#### **President John**



Mark Jolly Discussing defibrillators at last week's meeting

## *Bowelscreen and Bowelcare*

PE Terry has been chasing up some information on Bowelscreen and BowelCare. Below is an email he received from Julien Wiggins – Chief Executive, Bowel Cancer Australia.

Dear Mr Irvine

Thank you for taking the time to contact us regarding bowel cancer screening tests.

Having attended Dr Bell's presentation and hearing the evidence, you can understand why Bowel Cancer Australia feels it can no longer endorse guaiac tests such as Rotary's Bowelscan.

We appreciate the important role Rotary plays in bowel cancer awareness and how vital it was that access to a screening kit was provided when Bowelscan was first established. However, technology has moved on and there is now widespread availability of the immunochemical test kit which detects 9 out of 10 cancers compared to guaiac tests that detect 4 out of 10.

Immunochemical tests are used by the Government's own screening program and they are also recommended by the Gastroenterology Society of Australia's (GESA).

I have attached the following documents to provide further information on why we focus on immunochemical tests as the preferred screening option.

- Bowel Cancer Australia's position statement re FOB tests
- Gastroenterology Society of Australia's (GESA) recommendations re screening
- Comparison of a Brush-Sampling Fecal Immunochemical Test for Hemoglobin With a Sensitive Guaiac-Based Fecal Occult Blood Test in Detection of Colorectal Neoplasia, published in American Cancer Society

For your information, we have recently sent a letter to the Secretary of the National Bowelscan Committee regarding various developments in bowel cancer screening and to see if our two organisations may be able to work together. We both have the same aims when it comes to bowel cancer – saving more lives by getting more people to screen.

Bowel Cancer Australia was a sponsor of the Rotary Program for a number of years in District 9680, with our funding helping to ensure people who returned their test kits outside of published Program dates in any Rotary District throughout the country, would still have their pathology results processed.

Also, at the time we were developing the BowelScreen Australia® Program, Rotary District 9680 were given every opportunity to join the Program, adopt immunochemical test kits as well as offer a reduced test kit price for Rotary promotions. This offer was made at least six months before we launched BowelScreen Australia® in 2010. So, we have been serious about working with Rotary.

If there is anything else you require, please feel free to contact me.

*Julien Wiggins*

# *Rotary International signs project partner agreement with ShelterBox*

Ryan Hyland

Rotary International News – 30 March 2012

**Rotary International and ShelterBox**, a grassroots disaster relief organization, signed a project partner agreement this month, allowing the two organizations to collaborate more closely to provide relief and temporary shelter to survivors of natural disasters.

“Project partner” is a special status RI gives to groups started or managed by Rotary clubs. The agreement will build on the strengths of both organizations in responding to disasters all over the world.

“Our Rotary friends have always been there ready to assist – from generous donations to direct operational support on the ground Rotary has always been part of our DNA,” said Tom Henderson, ShelterBox CEO. “I feel like we have 34,000 ShelterBox offices around the world working together to help those who have lost everything when they need us the most.”

## **Saving lives**

RI General Secretary John Hewko said the agreement will enable Rotary club members to have an immediate, lifesaving impact in communities hit by natural disasters. “ShelterBox will be able to ensure that local Rotarians are provided an opportunity to participate in the distribution of ShelterBox containers,” he said.

Each ShelterBox typically provides a bespoke tent designed to withstand extreme weather conditions, stove, water purification kit, blankets, tools, and other necessities to help a family survive for six months or more after a disaster.

Henderson, a civil engineer and former search-and-rescue diver for the British Royal Naval, founded ShelterBox in 2000. Its response teams of trained volunteers have brought lifesaving supplies to victims of more than 175 disasters in nearly 80 countries.

## **Mutual goals**

“For more than 10 years, ShelterBox has given light to over one hundred thousand families worldwide in their darkest hour,” said Hewko. “This project partner agreement represents our mutual goal of helping those in need. It gives RI a forward-facing approach to immediate disaster relief.”

Noted Henderson: “This partnership with Rotary International is a formal recognition of our good work over the past 12 years. It will help Rotarians get a better understanding of what we do. I hope Rotarians worldwide will see us as a coherent and able disaster relief organization.”

Earlier this month, a ShelterBox team distributed more than 550 tents to communities in Madagascar where powerful cyclones left more than 250,000 people homeless



## *The Week that was!*

It was a busy meeting with a great talk from Mark Jolly on the new generation of defibrillators, these automated external defibrillator (AED) machines seem to be fool proof and have the potential to save hundreds of lives, they are easy to use and take the operator through very clear step by step instructions in their correct use. The public AEDs range in price from \$1600.00 to around \$5000.00. Mark's vision is to have a machine on every street corner and in clubs and pubs and other public buildings – he hopes Rotary can help.

John Rungen chimed in after Mark's address to provide a little more information on how defibrillators are used in the operating theatre.

The bread was won by President John, Angie won the eggs , Jack had the privilege of serving the port and Bob Antill won the wine.



## *Message to all District 9710 Clubs*

As most Rotarians will be aware, *World Malaria Day* is 25 April. Because of the significance of this day in Australia, the National Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) Committee decided to recognise 30 April as *Malaria Awareness Day* here.

This year that day falls on a Monday. Might I suggest that during that week, you invite someone to speak at your Club on malaria. It might be one of the District RAM Committee members located close to your Club, or it could be someone from the local hospital or your local GP. If you are lucky enough to be close to a tertiary education centre, it could be someone from there who might be researching malaria.

You might also consider making a donation to the *Adopt A Village* program during that week. I have seen a draft research paper on the results of surveys showing changes in the prevalence of the malaria parasite in Papua New Guinea. We hope the final paper will be released before *Malaria Awareness Day* but meantime, let me assure you that the interventions being carried out, including the distribution of long lasting insecticide treated mosquito nets, are working. Contact me to find out how to go about making a donation.

Yours in Rotary

Ian Sayers  
District 9710 RAM Committee Chair

## *Some Humour!*

### GM Like Computer Industry

At a recent COMDEX, Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated that:

"If GM had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon."

General Motors has issued a press release stating:

1. For no reason whatsoever your car would crash twice a day.
2. Every time they repainted the lines on the road, you would have to buy a new car.
3. Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason, and you would just accept this, restart and drive on.
4. Occasionally, executing a manoeuvre such as a left turn, would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
5. Only one person at a time could use the car, unless you bought "Car XP" or "Car 2000". But then you would have to buy more seats.
6. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive, but would only work on 5% of the roads.
7. The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning light would be replaced by a single "general car default" warning light.
8. New seats would force everyone to have the same size butt.
9. The airbag system would say "Are you sure?" before going off.
10. Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key, and grab hold of the radio antenna.
11. GM would require all car buyers to also purchase a deluxe set of Rand McNally road maps (now a GM subsidiary), even though they neither need them nor want them. Attempting to delete this option would immediately cause the car's performance to diminish by 50% or more. Moreover, GM would become a target for investigation by the justice dept.
12. Every time GM introduced a new model, car buyers would have to learn to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.
13. You would press the "start " button to shut off the engine.

