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RI Pres: Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar District Governor: Noel Trevaskis

Richard's Rambles

Welcome to the second half of Rotary Year 2005/2006.

I would like to thank everyone for ending 2005 so well by attending our Christmas party. It was a good fun night at Taylors and everyone seemed to adapt to wearing caps, earrings etc.

Thank you to Therese and Bob Aston and Micki and Ian Thomlinson for making their homes available to us all during the Christmas/New Year break. Our social evening were extremely enjoyable and we all greatly appreciated their warm and generous hospitality.

My gratitude too to everyone who gave their time so freely over the last six weeks to make our markets so successful.

I look forward to my time left to represent you as President. Let 2006 be a big one.

President Richard

FEBRUARY IS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

Program

Tonight: We hope to have many of our young people to our Youth night tonight, including our 2006 Tertiary Scholarship winner Calum Robertson. We also hope to have students who went on the Honeywell Engineering School.

We also welcome John Flynn Scholar Medical student Reva Manickavasagar who is spending two weeks at Lighthouse Surgery.

CELEBRATIONS: Happy belated birthday to Michelle Wignall (20/12), Stephen Elphick (4/1), Georgina Staley (19/1), Neville Gough (25/1), Richard Lovatt 27/1. Happy belated anniversaries to the Astons (6/1) and the Wignalls (5/1).

TASK	2 February	9 February	16 February
Greet/welcome/wheel	Jack Wightman	Marilyn Gibson	
Cashier	Peter Lynch	Neville Gough	NO MEETING
Toast / thanks	Laurelle Pacey	Bill Hardie	SAT TUROSS
4-way test	George Barker	Frank McGovern	GSE TEAM
3-minute talk	Reva Manickavasagar	Chris O'Brien	FAREWELL
FINES	NA	Kris Elphick	
Introduction	Robert Wignall	Robert Wignall	

NEXT WEEK : Youth night No. 2 featuring our NYSF students

COMING EVENTS:

- 16 February No meeting because of GSE team farewell on Saturday
- 18 February (SAT) In lieu of the 16th - Farewell at Tuross Head Community Centre to our outward GSE Team, including Kim Bush, bound to England. Cost \$25 a head.
7 for 7.30 pm. **PARTNERS NIGHT**
- 23 February John Gillett, PE Moruya Rotary, on Angel Flight. Special guest night.
- 26 February **ROTARY MARKETS AT NATA OVAL**
- 2 March **CLUB FORUM** and Presentation of Directors' reports

The week that was....

Calum awarded 2006 Scholarship

President Richard Lovatt took great pleasure in awarding the 2006 Rotary Club of Narooma Tertiary Education Scholarship to Calum Robertson who completed Year 12 at Narooma High last year.

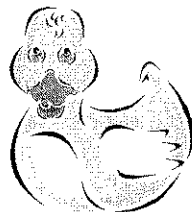
In presenting Calum with the three-year scholarship at Narooma's Australia Day ceremony last week, Richard said he was extremely impressed with the calibre of students who applied.

Calum thanked Richard and in doing so paid tribute to the many opportunities our Club offers local students to further their experience. It was a wonderful tribute to our Club's Youth program

Calum will defer his studies for a year before taking up the offer of a place at the Australian National University to study for the Bachelor of Philosophy in Science.

Duck race was a big success

The start of the 2006 Rotary Duck Race had all ducks dropped off the Narooma Bridge on an outgoing tide by Richard Lovatt and Peter Lynch . We were only 34 ducks short of our targets and they were removed before the race.



Well done to all who sold tickets, particularly Jack Wightman who put in a sterling effort with some others in pushing the sales along.

Some ducks started at a disadvantage by floating on their side or upside down (could the winged keel factor have been a factor in this year's race?) but all moved quickly downstream avoiding the problems experienced last year.

First duck past the finishing line was 91, sold to Tim Corey of the ACT who has been sent a cheque for \$1,000. The last duck past the finishing line was 318, bought by Joel Crowder of Junee who received \$100 donated by Narooma Glass Service.

Many thanks to all who supported the race and to the VRA, Scott Ferguson and Jed Murray and crews who helped round up the ducks, and to Narooma Glass Service and Englefield-Kohler who supplied the ducks.

Market reports over season

A big thank you to everyone who helped at the last three markets, particularly our markets manager Chris O'Brien.

Sunday 18 December

It was a good market, especially considering it was in the afternoon so many marketers could come from earlier markets held elsewhere. This was an extra market.

We kept the food van going for the evening for the Christmas Carols but Rotarians operated it rather than calling again on the P & C, as we had organised at the previous Board meeting.



We took \$660 at the gate. Our contribution from the food van was \$827.10 (combining our share through the afternoon plus all proceeds from the evening), and the P & C's \$202.60. The wishing well collected \$85.75. Total proceeds banked were \$1,745.

Tuesday 27 December

This was an excellent market which replaced our normal market day which fell on Christmas Day.

We took \$855 at the gate, \$706 at the food van of which we received \$470.70 and the P & C \$235.30. The wishing well collected an amazing \$324. Total proceeds banked \$1,885.

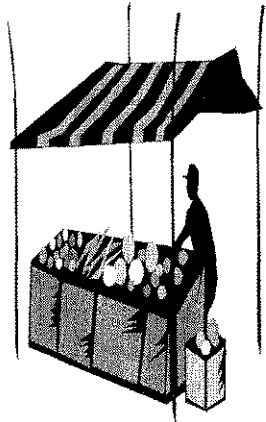
Markets manager Chris O'Brien says we turned away a number of marketers at both markets because they didn't have public liability insurance. This is a problem particularly at this time of year.

Sunday 22 January

This market snuck up on us a bit but it was very successful.

We took \$1,070 at the gate, \$396.70 at the food van and \$97.50 at the wishing well.

Community Services Director Laurelle Pacey



Across the Board

The Board met on 16 January with Bob Aston in attendance and apologies from Jeremy Ferguson and Laurelle Pacey. Laurelle had provided reports on certain matters to be considered at the meeting.

Membership: An application by Bill Hardie for extension of leave to 31 January was received and approved.

Membership recruitment: The Board decided to invite some prospective members to the club on 23 February (special guest speaker to be announced).

Program: The Board determined programs for certain meetings (see page 4). Robert Wignall was recorded as Program Chairman.

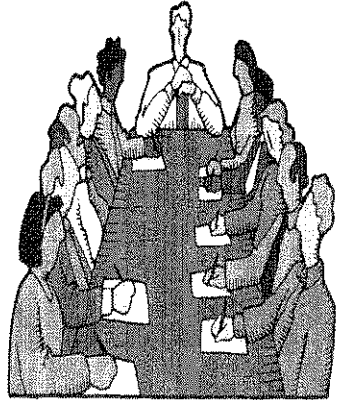
Bulletin: Bob Aston confirmed the High School would continue to print the bulletin. He suggested it be reduced from 8 pages to 4. Laurelle Pacey gave notice she wished to stand down as Editor at the end of this Rotary year. She recommended it be produced in Word format and emailed before each meeting (printed out for those not on line).

Finance: Reports for November and December were received from the Treasurer. Funds available at the time of the meeting were \$672.70 in the Administration a/c and \$2,778.07 in the Charity a/c.

In connection with the sharing of profit from the food van with the High School P&C Association, Treasurer Kevin provided separate figures from the previous six months' markets and the Blues Festival. He will provide further analysis to determine whether to vary the arrangement.

Junee Bushfire Appeal: An appeal by RC Junee for donations of cash or fodder was received via the DG. It was decided to allocate money from fundraising at the market on 22 January.

Markets: Laurelle Pacey reported total income from the markets of 18 and 27 December were \$1,775 and \$1,885 respectively of which



\$202.60 and \$235.30 was the P&C's share from the van. Some figures included in the total - \$85.75 and \$324.00 from the Wishing Well, and about \$220.00 from the van on 18 December at Carols by Candlelight.

The question of allowing marketers without Public Liability insurance to enter was raised. It was deemed unfeasible due to the expense of covering insurance.

Chris O'Brien was authorised to liaise with John Battersby and Bob Aston regarding the printing of flyers by the High School and their distribution to promote the February and March markets if at no or negligible cost.

An approach by Narooma Golf Club to have the market on 26 February held that evening in conjunction with Narooma Festival was considered. It was decided not to participate - notice to marketers would be too short and the Markets Manager would not be available to attend at that time.

Duck Race: With \$1,700 worth of tickets out with members, further selling was planned to include the market on 22 January and the Australia Day breakfast on the beach. The conduct of the race was put in the hands of President Richard and Peter Lynch, with Neville Gough (VRA) to be co-opted.

Rambukkana Children's' Village: With reference an appeal from Louise Murkins, Peter Lynch suggested an International Night involving Lions and Quota be held as a fundraiser for the Village. He was authorised to negotiate with Tilba Winery for a date, price, etc.

Bega scores the RI President

Our mother club Bega has had a great couple of years with many significant milestones in that time. It's next is having a visit from RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar on Thursday 23 March.

Needless to say, our club meeting as well as many others in the District will move to Bega that night, at Bega's invitation. Hopefully we will get many takers.



DG Noel writes ...

Sue and I hope that everyone enjoyed themselves over the festive season. It's hard to believe the first six months of this Rotary year have gone, this experience of Rotary has just been so great for both of us, Rotary for me just keeps getting better and better!

In January, Rotary Awareness month, I asked myself am I happy with what has been achieved to date? Mainly I am, but to be honest I have been disappointed in our efforts in gaining new members. Some Clubs have put in great efforts and have increased their membership; other Clubs have put in just as big an effort without the required results which is disappointing for them and for me, that can be really disheartening for the members of the Club.

I would encourage all of you to keep at membership. This is not going to happen overnight it is a long term effort, you and your Club will get new members, and we have to be consistent and persistent in our approach to seeking new members.

If all members of your Club are involved in BEYOND 2000 with the teams of two finding new members we can achieve our goals. With over 1400 members in the District, which relates to 700 teams, surely each team should be able to bring in one new member into Rotary this year that is the challenge. Can we do it? Of course we can if everyone in your Club is involved in membership.

We need to look at the gender balance of our Clubs; we need to target all those people who would make ideal Rotarians.

Some members of one particular Club enjoy reading the Trevaskis Times to check out how the membership target is going, They like to comment on how the membership drive is going, and have been heard to comment, "That membership was a dead issue and it wasn't worth the effort". How many members have they brought in to their Club, none, how is their Club going? It isn't! Will there Club survive into the future? I don't think so. What are they doing about it? Nothing!

Let's not be mistaken, membership will remain an issue for Clubs forever because our demographics are changing and we need to change to accommodate that Membership is each and every Rotarians responsibility; the only way someone will join Rotary is if a Rotarian asks them to join.

Regards, Noel Trevaskis

Notes from our secretary...

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Narooma Sporting and Services Club has generously sponsored the printing of enough bulletin covers to see us through 2006 and 2007. In return they point out how much less will be available for supporting the community as the NSW tax on registered clubs grows, and ask that we support the Club movement.

St Judes School

In thanking us for our donation, Monica Hart (Australian Coordinator of The East African Fund) said, "From its opening in 2002 the school of St Jude continues to rise to enormous heights. The dream of a young woman from Guyra ... [Gemma Rice Sisia] certainly typifies the true meaning of the "Power of One"".

Rotary Foundation Chairman to visit

Past RI President Frank Devlyn will address a dinner meeting co-hosted by D9710 and RCs Canberra and Canberra City to be held at the National Press Club on 3 April. This is an open meeting for all clubs in the District. Time, cost and registration details to be advised.

District Cricket Competition

Matches are to be played at Bowral on Sunday 19 February for the inaugural D9710 Cricket Trophy. Costs (for oval hire, etc.) and match times, rules and so forth will depend on the number of players. The Bradman Museum may be available on the Saturday evening for Rotary fellowship. Clubs have been grouped for teams, our group being Batemans Bay, Narooma and Moruya. Members wishing to participate should make their interest known to AG Bob Aston without delay.

Jack Wightman

International Toast

For something different, tonight's international toast is to our own Club, the Rotary Club of Narooma in District 9710, chartered in 1958. May this be a good year.

