

# The Beacon

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## *Marilyn's Message*

Dear Fellow Rotarians, Friends and Family,

Thanks to everyone who came along last week to help make our 48<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations such great fun. A special thanks must go to Micki and Ian for their fantastic Trivia contribution. (I learned that I did not know any of the Best Films from the 50's and my 50's music knowledge was also woefully inadequate.) A rousing rendition of Happy Birthday was sung as we lit the candles on the delicious birthday cake, provided by George. (Thank you George. It was one of the best fruit cakes I have tasted and we did save you a piece!) Everyone went to an effort to wear something reminiscent of the 50's era. Kevin and Maureen Young were an impressive 50's couple, complete with Kevin's original dinner badge. They won a fine bottle of red for their efforts. Jeremy also shone in his school tie, cap and shoes. (And they still fitted him!) Also looking fabulous in a 50's cloche hat was Laurelle. Thanks to everyone for getting into the spirit of the occasion.

Tonight we welcome back the ever popular Bernie Rodgers. It should be a good night.

On Sunday we are holding our Rotary white elephant stall. Funds raised from the stall will help with our Youth projects. Please sort through your stuff and take this opportunity to de-clutter. You can drop your donations down to the markets early on Sunday morning or ring me on Saturday to arrange a pick up.

On a more serious note, we send our very best wishes for a speedy recovery to Scott Ferguson who was injured in a motor cycle accident last week. Get well soon Scott!

Pres. Maz

## *Last Week*

What a great night! Congratulations to Micki and Ian on a challenging 50s quiz. Congratulations to the winning team – Team 6, consisting of Bill, Lillian and Jack – they couldn't have done it without the help and assistance of team 5. The editor was a bit concerned about the fashions on the night, I think Jeremy's cap and tie, Marilyn's and Chris' outfits and Laurelle's fake fox hat are best left in the fifties!

Micki has asked me to include the following apology!

*Micki wishes to grovellingly apologize to Team Number 1 for arguing about the spelling of that idiosyncratic word "idiosyncrasy". They were, of course, correct but it didn't make a difference to the final score if that makes them feel better!!*

*No apologies to the bloke on Team 3 who tried to add a new word to the dictionary with "sepErate". Not even the Americans spell it like that!!!*



**AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP EXTENSION MONTH**

## *Program*

**Tonight:** DGE Bernie Rogers on Membership

<b>TASK</b>	<b>24 August</b>	<b>31 August</b>	<b>7 September</b>
<b>Greet /welcome/wheel</b>	Bob Aston	Marshall Binstock	Bill Hardie
<b>Cashier</b>	George Barker	Ted Bladwell	Bob Aston
<b>Toast / thanks</b>	Kris Elphick	Bob Aston	Bill Hardie
<b>4-way test</b>	Neville Gough	Laurelle Pacey	George Barker
<b>3-minute talk</b>	Jeremy Ferguson	Bill Hardie	Chris Elphick
<b>FINES</b>	Chris O'Brien	Bob Aston	John Messner
<b>Introduction</b>	Bob Aston	John Messner	Laurelle Pacey

*If you can't make it to the next Rotary meeting, please ring our attendance officer Ted Bladwell the day before 4476 4676 or you will be charged for your meal. (R) signifies a Rotary talk, if you can.*

**Next Week:** NYSF students - Alissa & Siobhan talking on the selection experience in Canberra

### **COMING EVENTS:**

**27 August**            **ROTARY MARKETS ON NATA OVAL**

7 September        PP Maureen Manning of RC Batemans Bay will run a membership recruitment workshop

14 September      Board Meeting

**24 September**      **ROTARY MARKETS ON NATA OVAL**

21 September

28 September

*29 & 30*            *Blues Festival*

*September*

*1 October*

28-29 October      DISTRICT CONFERENCE AT BATEMANS BAY – theme is 'Building on a strong Foundation'

## *Rotary Foundation – Snippets*

Rotary's contributions to the global polio eradication effort will soon have exceeded US\$600 million. This is the largest private sector donation to this initiative and second only to the US government in total contributions. PolioPlus has made the world take notice of Rotary and what we can achieve. We now have respected partnerships with such groups as UNICEF, the World Health Organisation (WHO), and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

In the words of Carol Bellamy, former executive director of UNICEF - "Rotary's presence has been vital for the PolioPlus effort. Without Rotary, everything would have been different."

International Director – Jack

## *Who is Bernie Rogers?*

Bernie has been to our Club on many occasions – I think he has more Narooma Rotary coffee mugs than just about anyone else. In case you don't know him, here is some information from the website.

Bernie joined the Rotary Club of Hall in 1998 and served as Sergeant and Club Service Director before becoming President in 2001/2. Bernie served as Foundation Director for three years following his presidency.

In 2002, Bernie took on the Chairmanship of the District Polio Eradication Sub-Committee and visited all District clubs with his presentation on the polio eradication programme. He was awarded the Key Rotarian for 2002/3 for this endeavour.

This experience of District 9710 helped Bernie in his two years as Assistant Governor between 2004 - 2006. Bernie has been recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow by his club and is also a member of the Rotary Foundation Bequest Society.

Bernie was a pilot in the Fleet Air Arm of the Royal Navy before becoming an Air Traffic Controller at Sydney airport. He then spent thirteen years as an Air Safety Investigator with the Department of Transport and Regional Services before retiring in 2003 to take up a position as Lay Pastoral Leader with Wattle Park Uniting Church.

In 2003, Bernie was awarded the Australia Day Medallion for services to air safety investigation.

Bernie was born and bred in Wales before emigrating to Australia in 1968 with his wife Liz. They have one daughter, Nerys. Liz is a bookkeeper for small business and is a Rotarian in her own right with the Rotary Club of Ginninderra. Bernie and Liz have a small hobby farm near Murrumbateman and Bernie is also Captain of the local (Jeir) bush fire brigade.

## *Some Youth Projects*

### **NYSF**

Over the past three years the Rotary Club of Narooma has sponsored 4 students to NYSF a great achievement!

The National Youth Science Forum is a two-week program for students moving into Year 12 who are thinking about a career in science, engineering and technology.

The forum is fully residential and takes place in January at [the Australian National University](#). The cost includes travel to and from Canberra. All activities are fully supervised by student staff and resident [Rotary](#) counsellors. The program is extremely intensive with little time for outside activities except for meeting those people already in the program.

The most important aspect coming from the NYSF is a network of friends, colleagues and support groups throughout Australia which will be of value to participants for the whole of their lives.

The NYSF continues after January, first in the form of university seminars and industry site visits in March and April and afterwards as a long term personal network of people with common aims.

### **Encouraging Excellence**

The NYSF helps students moving into Year 12, who wish to follow careers in science, engineering and technology by introducing them to research and researchers, by encouraging the achievement of excellence in all their undertakings, and by helping to develop their communication and interpersonal skills. It also fosters discussion of and interest in major national and global issues and emphasises the importance of maintaining continuing active interests in sport, arts and music.

In the January programme, the NYSF places equal emphasis on pure research, applied research and engineering in both the physical and biological sciences. However in the human biology fields the emphasis is placed on biomedical research and biotechnology rather than medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, pharmacy, physiotherapy or similar professions.

## *The Funny Side*

### **The Rules of Golf – According to Nyngan**

Nyngan invented a number of rules to make play more enjoyable and entertaining. Rotarians generally use Nyngan Rules when playing at the Royal Narooma Course on a Sunday afternoon.

#### **Rule 3**

The third shot out of a bunker may be a throw!

#### **Supplementary Rule 3**

Any player who scores an unassisted par (see a later rule) shall shout the other players at the post match debrief

### **Some views on golf**

1. "Golf is like chasing a quinine pill around a cow pasture." -- Winston Churchill
2. "Give me the fresh air, a beautiful partner, and a nice round of golf and you can keep the fresh air and the round of golf." -- Jack Benny
3. "You can make a lot of money in this game. Just ask my ex -wives. Both of them are so rich that neither of their husbands works." -- Lee Trevino
4. "Golf is not a game, its bondage. It was obviously devised by a man torn with guilt, eager to atone for his sins." -- Unknown
5. "It took me seventeen years to get 3,000 hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course." -- Babe Ruth
6. "Columbus went around the world in 1492. That isn't a lot of strokes when you consider the course." -- Lee Trevino
7. "I'm not saying my golf game went bad, but if I grew tomatoes, they'd come up sliced." -- Lee Trevino
8. "These greens are so fast I have to hold my putter over the ball and hit it with the shadow." -- Sam Snead
9. "[Players today] throw their clubs backwards, and that's wrong. You should always throw a club ahead of you so that you don't have to walk any extra distance to get it." -- Tommy Bolt
10. "Putting allows the touchy golfer two to four opportunities to blow a gasket in the short space of two to forty feet." -- Tommy Bolt
11. "Golf and sex are about the only things you can enjoy without being good at." -- Jimmy Demaret
12. "If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball." -- Jack Lemmon
13. "If you're caught on a golf course during a storm and are afraid of lightning, hold up a 1-iron. Not even God can hit a 1-iron?" -- Lee Trevino

### **Tonight's international toast**

Tonight we greet the Rotary Club of Gijon in District 2210. It was chartered in 1927 and has 16 members. Historically a fishing village, Gijon is an important port on the Atlantic coast of northern Spain.

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