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Marilyn's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians, Friends and Family,

Last week's meeting was a very interesting and thought provoking one. Our guest speaker Ken Mitchell raised some very relevant issues about our beautiful town and the current concerns about the Blues Festival. Ken urged everyone to work in a united and collaborative way for the betterment of the town. I am sure we would all agree that this would be a good thing.

Tonight we have our monthly board meeting. Many thanks to Jack Wightman for filling in as both Treasurer and Secretary tonight!

Next week we have as our club guests Narooma Rotary Club scholarship recipient Emma Lynn Barrett as well as Pam Raynor, Past president of Bega Rotary Club and Past District Governor Ron Thornton and his wife.

The following week we have Ray Johnson and Junette Harris from the St. John's ambulance service talking to us about their goals for the year.

I hope you all have a good week. Take care of yourselves and your loved ones.

President - Maz

Rotary Foundation – Snippets

This is about the SHARE system

Through **SHARE**, Rotary districts **share** in the decision making process by choosing which Rotary Foundation programs they wish to support and participate in. Fifty cents of every dollar contributed to the Annual Programs Fund is returned to the district in the form of District Designated Funds (DDF). DDF can be used by the district and clubs to fund Ambassadorial Scholars, Group Study Exchanges, Matching Grants, and District Simplified Grants. The other half of the funds raised through APF-**SHARE** remain in the World Fund for matches to Matching Grants, funding for 3-H Grants, and the yearly Group Study Exchange award. When you make a contribution to the Annual Programs Fund you are helping to support worthy Foundation projects all over the world and also in your own community

International Director – Jack

OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL MONTH

Program

Tonight: Board Meeting

TASK	19 October	26 October	2 November
Greet /welcome/wheel	Kris Elphick	Ted Bladwell	Laurelle Pacy
Cashier	Jack Wightman	Marshall Binstock	Jack Wightman
Toast / thanks	Lin Morey	George Barker	Bob Aston
4-way test	Bob Aston	Chris O'Brien	Marshall Binstock
3-minute talk	Marshall Binstock	Laurelle Pacey	Marilyn Gibson
FINES	Ted Bladwell	Kris Elphick	John Messner
Introduction	Chris O'Brien	Jack Wightman	Jack Wightman

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: Emma Lynn Barret (2004 Scholarship recipient), Past Dist. Governor Ron Thornton

COMING EVENTS: Ideas, suggestions or comments!

22 October **Narooma Rotary Markets at NATA Oval**

27-29 October **DISTRICT CONFERENCE AT BATEMANS BAY – theme is 'Building on a strong Foundation'**

2 November Ray Johnson & Junette Harris, St.John's Ambulance service.
Kokoda Track Day Anniversary. Australian Troops retake Kokoda on this day in 1942

9 November Board meeting

16 November

23 November Thanksgiving Day – Special Roast Turkey Dinner. Carolyn Wightman will thrill us with a recount of a real Thanksgiving Day.

Special dates for October

Jack & Carolyn Wightman Wedding Anniversary 19 October

Rotary District 9710 – Annual Conference **Batemans Bay – 27 – 29 October 2006**

Have you registered yet?

Register at

<http://www.d9710.rotary.org.au/Conference/>

One of the Key note speakers is: Jennifer McMillin

Jennifer McMillin is a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar sponsored by Rotary District 6630 of Cleveland, Ohio USA and hosted by the Canberra Sunrise Club.

She is studying at the Australian National University for a Master of Environmental Science.

Her research involves "Education for Sustainability" within the university and the extent to which undergraduate students are exposed to the concepts of sustainability from the curriculum. She argues that all graduates need to be "environmentally literate", not just a handful of well trained environmental professionals, as it is our collective actions that impact the planet. She is attempting to determine if simply hearing about sustainability issues in the classroom is enough and what factors lead to behaviour change for a sustainable future.

Vocational Service – Some Information (From the RI Website)

Global Networking Groups

As of 1 July 2005, the Rotary Fellowships program belongs to a new parent entity known as Global Networking Groups. The new entity includes groups of individual Rotarians organized to focus on shared topics of interest on an international basis. Effective 1 July 2006, all existing and future fellowship groups with a service-oriented focus will be reclassified under a new category called Rotarian Action Groups, while existing and future fellowship groups focusing on fellowship of a recreational or vocational nature will remain under the designation of Rotary Fellowships.

During this period of transition, both Rotary Fellowships and Rotarian Action Groups will be represented on the Rotary Fellowships pages of the RI Web site. Pending the development of a separate Rotarian Action Groups Web page, both pages will be linked through a common portal for Global Networking Groups. Please check back periodically for further updates.

Global Networking Groups currently comprise more than 90 independent Rotary Fellowships and Rotarian Action Groups. Join the growing number of Rotarians who are sharing their favourite activities and professional interests through organized recreational and vocational groups in Rotary Fellowships, or explore new opportunities for international partnership in service in Rotarian Action Groups. Whether you are interested in bird watching, motorcycling, volunteer dentistry, or the fight against AIDS, Rotary's Global Networking Groups are fantastic resources for all Rotarians to develop new friendships and to advance opportunities for service.

Rotary Fellowship Groups

Accountants	Amateur Radio	Antique, Classic & Historic Automobiles	Automobile & Motor sports
Bird Watching	Bridge	Canoeing	Caravanning
Chess	Convention Goers	Cricket	Curling
Computers	Cycling	Disaster Managers & Responders	Dog Ownership
Doll Lovers	Drug Abuse Prevention	Editors & Publishers	Education-Secondary
Education-Special	Egyptology	Engineers & Applied Sciences Professionals	Environment
Esperanto	Finance/Banking Professionals	Fine Arts & Antiques	Fishing
Floral Design	Flying	Football	Genealogy & Heraldry
Golf	Gourmets	Handicrafts	Heart Surgery Survivors
Home Exchange	Horseback Riding	Internet	Latin Culture
Lawyers	License Plate Collecting	Literacy Providers	Magic
Magna Graecia	Marathon Running	Military Personnel	Motorcycling
Mountain Climbing & Hiking	Music	Nurses	Paper Industry
Parades and Festivals	Performing Arts	Petanque	Pharmacology
Physicians	Plastic Surgeons	Police/Law Enforcement Professionals	Poultry Industry
Pre-Columbian Civilizations	Psychiatry/Psychology	Quilters & Fibre Artists	Railroads
Recreational Vehicles	Rotary Global History (Internet project)	Rotary Heritage & History	Rotary on Stamps
Running & Fitness	Scuba Diving	Shooting Sports	Skiing
Scouting	Stockbrokers	Tyre Industry	Total Quality Management
Tennis	Travel & Hosting	Travel Agents	Venture Capitalists
Veterinary Science	Wine	Yachting	Yoga

The Funny Side

The following are a sampling of real answers received on exams given by the California Department of Transportation's driving school.

Q: Do you yield when a blind pedestrian is crossing the road?

A: What for? He can't see my license plate.

Q: Who has the right of way when four cars approach a four-way stop at the same time?

A: The pick up truck with the gun rack and the bumper sticker saying, "Guns don't kill people. I do."

Q: When driving through fog, what should you use?

A: Your car.

Q: How can you reduce the possibility of having an accident?

A: Be too drunk to find your keys.

Q: What problems would you face if you were arrested for drunk driving?

A: I'd probably lose my buzz a lot faster.

Q: What changes would occur in your lifestyle if you could no longer drive lawfully?

A: I would be forced to drive unlawfully.

Q: What are some points to remember when passing or being passed?

A: Make eye contact and wave "hello" if she is cute.

Q: What is the difference between a flashing red traffic light and a flashing yellow traffic light?

A: The colour.

Q: How do you deal with heavy traffic?

A: Heavy psychedelics.

Q: What can you do to help ease a heavy traffic problem?

A: Carry loaded weapons.

Q: Why would it be difficult to be a police officer?

A: It would be tough to be an idiot all day long.

Tonight's international toast

We leave Afghanistan and go to Eastern Russia to greet the first Russian club established in District 5010 - the Rotary Club of Irkutsk which was chartered in 1990 and has 22 members. District 5010 also includes clubs in Alaska, USA and Yukon Territory, Canada.

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