



## *Marilyn's Message*

Dear Fellow Rotarians, Friends and Family,

Hello Everyone. Maz is off with a bad back so no message. I hope everyone has a great night!

The Editor



## *Last Week*

Last week we were fortunate to have a new Rotary Scholar, Elizabeth Downie with us. Also joining Elizabeth were past scholars, Gemma Behrens, Emma-Lyn Barrett and Calum Robertson. Elizabeth will be having a year off before perusing a career in pharmacy. Calum is about to start his research degree in Science at ANU, Gemma has completed her studies and Emma-Lyn is about to start her third year at the Bega Campus of the University of Wollongong.

**FEBRUARY IS ROTARY WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH**

## *Program*

**Tonight: Alissa Van Soest NYSF Student**

<b>TASK</b>	<b>1 February 2007</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>15 February</b>
<b>Greet /welcome/wheel</b>	Jack Wightman	No Meeting	George Barker
<b>Cashier</b>	George Barker	Cocktail Party	Ted Bladwell
<b>Toast / thanks</b>	Ted Bladwell	Bob & Therese's	Marshall Binstock
<b>4-way test</b>	Marshall Binstock	6.00pm Saturday	Chris O'Brien
<b>3-minute talk</b>	Chris O'Brien	10 February	Laurelle Pacey
<b>FINES</b>	Laurelle Pacey		Bob Aston
<b>Introduction</b>	Bob Aston		Kris Elphick

*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: No Meeting next Thursday instead we will meet at Bob & Therese Aston's place at 6.00pm on Saturday 10 February for a cocktail party. Partners Night.**

### **COMING EVENTS:**

- 8 February            No Meeting
- 10 February            Cocktail Party. Bob & Therese Aston's place. 6.00pm to 8.30pm. Need to bring finger food. Refreshments provided \$20.00 per head – Bring your friends!
- 15 February
- 22 February
- 25 February            **Rotary Markets at NATA Oval**
- 24 & 25  
February                President Elect Training weekend
- 1 March

## *Quiz Answers*

The answers to last week's quiz were:

- Question 1    a  
Question 2    c  
Question 3    b  
Question 4    b            Bonus Answer Winnipeg

The winner was Fred Doctor! Congratulations Fred.

## *The Foundation Snippet*

Rotarians have rallied to the aid of nearly 3.5 million people affected by famine in Niger, one of the world's poorest countries. The two Rotary clubs of Niger, both based in the capital Niamey, have set up a crisis committee and a bank account to coordinate and facilitate relief efforts. In addition to contributing US\$1,000 towards a disaster fund, the Niamey clubs are helping with the collection and distribution of emergency relief, including bags of rice from Rotary clubs in Cote d'Ivoire and mosquito nets from Dakar, Senegal. The crisis committee is also working on procurement and transportation of food items, creation of cereal banks, and a food exchange program.

We need to remember that even small gifts make a huge difference to people in need. Support of **Every Rotarian, Every Year** is a way for our club to make a real and lasting difference.

## *Facts About Rotary*

Rotary International is a volunteer organization of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service, and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. There are approximately 1.2 million Rotary club members belonging to more than 32,000 Rotary clubs in nearly 170 countries.

Founded in Chicago in 1905, Rotary celebrated 100 years of service in 2005. During the past 60 years, The Rotary Foundation has awarded more than US\$1.1 billion in humanitarian and educational grants, which are administered at the local level.

### *What is the purpose of Rotary?*

Rotary clubs exist to improve communities locally and around the world. Rotary also encourages high ethical standards in business and professions. Rotary clubs work to advance international understanding by partnering with clubs in other countries.

### *What do Rotary clubs do?*

Rotary clubs address critical issues in communities worldwide. Examples of Rotary's focus areas include the following:

**Polio eradication** — In 1985, Rotary's members vowed to make the world free of the crippling disease polio. This commitment to end polio represents the largest private-sector support of a global health initiative to date. Rotary has already committed US \$600 million and countless hours of volunteer work to help immunize nearly 2 billion children throughout the world. Fewer than 2,000 new polio cases were reported worldwide in 2005, a 99 percent reduction since 1988, when polio paralyzed more than 350,000 children a year. Rotary is a spearheading partner — along with UNICEF, WHO, and the CDC — in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

**International education** — Rotary is the world's largest privately funded source of international scholarships. Each year, about 1,000 university students receive Rotary scholarships to study abroad. Rotary clubs also coordinate a high school-age student exchange program that sends nearly 8,000 students abroad for three months to a year.

**Peace** — In an effort to educate current and future peacemakers and ambassadors, Rotary administers two peace-related educational programs. The Rotary Centers for International Studies provides master's level education in conflict resolution at eight prestigious universities worldwide to groups of 60 Rotary World Peace Fellows chosen annually. The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program provides professional development training for up to 30 professionals chosen biannually from a wide variety of industries and professions.

**Humanitarian projects** — Rotary clubs initiate thousands of humanitarian projects every year. Rotary addresses problems that create instability and trigger conflicts — hunger, poverty, poor health, and illiteracy.

**Literacy** — Rotary clubs are engaged in the fight against illiteracy worldwide. One example is a program in Thailand that dramatically reduced school failure and was adopted by the Thai government for all the nation's schools.

**Water management** — Recognizing the importance of clean water, many Rotary clubs help to install wells and develop water treatment and distribution systems to increase access to fresh drinking water for communities in need, especially in developing countries.

(From RI Website)

### *Congratulations*

Congratulations to Jack Wightman for his nomination as Narooma Citizen of the year. Unfortunately Jack missed out on the big award, however, it was good to see his work in the community recognised.

## *The Funny Side*

### Ten common fishing terms explained

Catch and Release - A conservation motion that happens most often right before the local Fish and Game officer pulls over a boat that has caught over its limit.

Hook - (1) A curved piece of metal used to catch fish. (2) A clever advertisement to entice a fisherman to spend his life savings on a new rod and reel. (3) The punch administered by said fisherman's wife after he spends their life savings (see also, Right Hook, Left Hook).

Line - Something you give your co-workers when they ask on Monday how your fishing went the past weekend.

Lure - An object that is semi-enticing to fish, but will drive an angler into such a frenzy that he will charge his credit card to the limit before exiting the tackle shop.

Reel - A weighted object that causes a rod to sink quickly when dropped overboard.

Rod - An attractively painted length of fibreglass that keeps an angler from ever getting too close to a fish.

School - A grouping in which fish are taught to avoid your \$29.99 lures and hold out for spam instead.

Tackle - What your last catch did to you as you reeled him in, but just before he wrestled free and jumped back overboard.

Tackle Box - A box shaped alarmingly like your comprehensive first aid kit. Only a tackle box contains many sharp objects, so that when you reach in the wrong box blindly to get a Band Aid, you soon find that you need more than one.

Test - (1) The amount of strength a fishing line affords an angler when fighting fish in a specific weight range. (2) A measure of your creativity in blaming "that darn line" for once again losing the fish.

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### Tonight's international toast

Whist in Sweden we pay regard to the Rotary Club of Jokkmokk in the north - in Lapland, near the Arctic Circle.

This area is the home of the reindeer herding *Sami* people. Jokkmokk is known for the *Sami* market held on the first weekend in February. It has been held for 400 consecutive years.

RC Jokkmokk in District 2320 was chartered in 1953 and has 20 members. The town's population is 3,200.

A Gentle reminder that subs for the second half of the year are now due.  
Please see Treasurer Kevin or his able lieutenant Jack. Subs are \$100.00.