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Marilyn's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians, Friends and Family,
It is with very great pleasure that I welcome Lin Morey back to Narooma Rotary Club following his return from the Sunshine State. Lin was inducted back into our club last Thursday and was very warmly welcomed by everyone.

Tonight we induct a new member to our Club. I extend a very warm welcome to Phil Gaffney and his wife Daiva. Welcome to the family of Rotary.

Last week we had as our guests Karl Barrett and Kim Bush. Unfortunately we ran short of time so Kim very graciously agreed to come back tonight to be our guest speaker.

Kim also helped add a special twist to our markets last Sunday when she brought over her pipe band colleagues to play for the market crowds. They were very impressive with their bagpipes and twirling drumsticks. They also sounded great. Many thanks Kim for your continuing support of our club.

Welcome tonight to our partners. I wish everyone a wonderful evening.

Pres. Maz

Last Week

Last Thursday it was a pleasure to have Karl Barrett with us – Karl has just returned from a week at RYLA, an experience that was very positive for him. We also inducted Lin Morey into the Club Lin has been inducted 5 times into three Rotary Clubs, Shepparton, Mooloolaba and Narooma.

Kim Bush and Phil Gaffney also joined us. Kim will be back again next week and Phil was a guest for the last time!

Kris quizzed us in the fine session and Bob Aston gave a three minute talk on writing ministerial briefings. I think Laurelle won the wine!

The Foundation Snippet

The Ambassadorial Scholarships program is one of the world's largest privately funded international scholarships programs. In 2005, 737 Ambassadorial Scholars from 70 different countries studied and served as ambassadors of goodwill in over 60 countries. The Rotary World Peace Fellow program had 64 Peace Fellows from 27 different countries studying at seven different Peace Centres. Although this program is still young, we are already seeing our graduates take important positions. One is Richard Gee who is serving as senior legal advisor to the chief electoral officer for Afghanistan.

MARCH IS POLIO ERADICATION MONTH

Program

**Tonight: Kim Bush on Youth Matters.
Induction of Phil Gaffney – Partners Night**

TASK	1 March 2007	8 March 2007	15 March 2007
Greet /welcome/wheel	Marshall Binstock	Meeting at Jeremy	Chris O'Brien
Cashier	Chris O'Brien	Ferguson's place	Laurelle Pacey
Toast / thanks	Laurelle Pacey		Bob Aston
4-way test	Bob Aston		Kris Elphick
3-minute talk	Kris Elphick		John Messner
FINES	John Messner		Kevin Young
Introduction	Kevin Young		Ian Thomlinson

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: Meeting at Jeremy and Heather Ferguson's place – Partners night

COMING EVENTS:

- 8 March Meeting at Jeremy and Heather Ferguson's place
- 15 March Club Assembly and Board Meeting
- 22 March
- 25 March **Rotary Markets at NATA Oval**

NYSF

Below is a shortened version of Alissa Van Soest's report on her recent NYSF experience

NYSF has brought such a positive change to my life. I have gained confidence in my ability to handle new situations and have made some invaluable friendships. It has opened me to new ideas and allowed me to hear from some of the greatest minds of today as well as many that will become the great minds of the future. I have come away from this experience wanting to make a difference and knowing I can. It has fostered in me a love of science that I hadn't believed could be so vast. I have become more conscious of my own choices, my ability to control my own life and responsibility for the repercussion that eventuate from those choices. I now have a quality of direction and drive that I would never have been able to acquire without my time at NYSF. I feel like a much more informed citizen and I have always thought that the best way to make difference is to become informed and inform others. The knowledge that I can converse and feel comfortable around people to which I so greatly admire for their work and ethics only gives me more resolve to become someone that makes a difference. Science is the future because science gives us a future.

The people that organised and attended this event were of such an amazing calibre I feel humbled to have been given the opportunity to not only meet them but to become friends. The people I met will stay with me for life, as they are truly exceptional in so many ways. The students, staff and Rotarians all made this work and all elements culminated in what was a consummate encounter. At NYSF I felt as though I was able to talk freely about my beliefs and hopes for the future and that I was understood and heard without judgement merely acceptance. I could converse with people who shared my ideals for the future and could learn from those who thought differently. It was well organised as all time was used efficiently.

The final night was well planned. I had the good fortune to be a member of the concert committee. This meant I was able to truly appreciate the last night and the hard work of all concerned. The concert and the lack of restrictions on bedtime for the final night meant we could say goodbyes personally and over a

period of time. Goodbyes were hard but I knew that I would see most of them again, as we are all too similar to stay apart for long.

All activities I did at NYSF, all the people I met can not be explained in just one word. So here is a list of words to try and explain them, funny, smart, sporty, intellectual, influential, confident, diverse, friendly, inspiring, loving, helpful, kind, happy and enthusiastic. Words can never truly explain these people and the activities as they are so much more than I can fathom.

I have learnt many priceless lessons from those two weeks, all of which I hope to keep with me long into my future. My ability to confer with people in not only normal situations but those of a more formal nature has improved phenomenally. I have more confidence within myself and in others. My future is what I wish it and only I can decide what that will be. I now know that there are many people out there who wish to help people such as myself to success and that it is fine to accept their help but that I must always stay true to what I believe is right (and this too will change). I feel that the best way to get what you want is to help others get what they want that way everyone wins.

This has been a most rewarding experience and the repercussions will filter through my life improving all aspects. Rotary has brought this opportunity to me and I value it more than I can explain. Rotary Mum and Dad and Aunt's and Uncle's really became our family. There was so much love and care for all of us that it wasn't hard to believe they were our family. The NYSF chairman for District 9710 Bruce McFarland, thank you for your efforts, especially at the beginning as your updates and reminders and knowledge of the whole procedure enabled me to make it to NYSF. To Tony and Bridget Brickwood you were wonderful rotary hosts and you made our rest day fun. To my local Rotary Club of Narooma I give my sincerest thanks. You were the instigators of all this and you helped me through all of it. I will endeavour to retain this strong bond. My life is brighter because of your efforts. It is through my school that I became aware of NYSF. The students who told me about it and made it sound so wonderful, thank you for planting the seed of thought and for answering my never ending questions. To my teachers and Principal who encouraged me all the way helping where ever they could.

Geoffrey Burchfield and Sandra Meek your tireless efforts are evident in the magnificent results. Not only is NYSF enjoyable and educational but it is an experience of such worth to all that attend. Never did we feel as though we were children on a camp but adults learning how we can make a difference through science. Geoff your own career has proven how science can have such resounding influence on society. You are truly dedicated to NYSF and all those who attended are forever indebted to you for making this what it is.

All the student staffies were wonderful enthusiastic people who brought the experience to life. Never once did we feel as though you were controlling us and enforcing the rules upon us but rather being our friends and guiding us. To my floor staffie Damien I give special mention for his unswerving ability to compel us to follow the rules and make it fun.

There are many businesses and individuals which made this all possible. Those who spoke to us gave us insight and understanding. Those who sponsored NYSF played a crucial role for which all who attended are grateful for your contribution, to our present and future happiness.

The National Youth Science Forum has made my path in life clearer. I know now I can fulfil my dreams and that there are people, like myself, who will help me in my hopes for a better world and with whom I can share life. What I have gained will help to make me the best person I can be.

Alissa Van Soest

The Funny Side

Obey the speed limit

Sitting on the side of the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, a State Police Officer see's a car puttering along at 22 MPH.

He thinks to himself, "This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over.

Approaching the car, he notices that there are five old ladies, two in the front seat and three in the back, wide eyed and white as ghosts.

The driver, obviously confused, says to him, "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?"

"Ma'am," the officer replies, "You weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers."

"Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly twenty-two miles an hour!" the old woman says a bit proudly.

The State Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains to her that "22" was the route number, not the speed limit.

A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

"But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask... Is everyone in this car OK? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't muttered a single peep this whole time," the officer asks.

"Oh, they'll be all right in a minute officer. We just got off Route 142."

The Market Report

At last Sunday's markets the return from the gate was \$620.00, the food van returned a total of \$596.00. The wishing well granted wishes to a total of \$194.00 and Marilyn and Georges second hand emporium returned a total of \$79.10.

Tonight's international toast

Carnoustie, pop 9,155, in north-eastern Scotland, is a coastal resort with a very tough championship golf course. That may be the reason for the Norwegian vikings to have visited in 807. In July 2007 the Carnoustie Golf Club is host to the British Open.

The Rotary Club of Carnoustie in District 1010, chartered in 1956, has 26 members (six foursomes and two in the 19th).