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Marilyn's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

It seems a very long time since we met up at the Whale. The Cinders Trophy night was a huge success and last Saturday's Ringland's reconnoitre was very pleasant with perfect weather for a walk along the track. Kevin has made some notes and plans of what needs to be done.

This week's meeting is going to be a very exciting one with our Pride of workmanship awards and a visit from ADG Phil Armstrong. Many thanks to Laurelle for all her hard work in organising this special event.

See you all on Thursday. Have a great week!

Luv,
Pres. Maz

The Foundation Snippet

This one is about a Matching Grant project that took place in Israel. Sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Holon, Israel and Mill Hill, England, this grant provided armchair-beds for Palestinian mothers to be close to their children recovering from heart operations at the Wolfson Medical Centre in Tel Aviv. Without these armchair-beds, mothers would not have been able to be at their children's side as they recovered. These armchair-beds, which are in constant use, have provided a saving grace for both mothers and children going through a very difficult time in their lives.

Vocational Service

(From the RI Website)

Many Rotary clubs in Australia sponsor Pride of Workmanship Awards, which are given by employers to recognize employees who display a distinct quality in their approach, attitude, and dedication on the job. Since 1975, District 9680, led by the Rotary Club of Pennant Hills, has produced guidelines and plaques for use in the Pride of Workmanship Award. Several districts in Australia now give this award.

MAY IS PLANNING MONTH

Program

Tonight: Pride in Workmanship Awards! Partners Night

TASK	17 May 2007	24 May 2007	31 May 2007
Greet /welcome/wheel	Bill Hardie	Ted Bladwell	Phil Gaffney
Cashier	Ted Bladwell	Phil Gaffney	Lin Morey
Toast / thanks	Phil Gaffney	Lin Morey	Chris O'Brien
4-way test	Lin Morey	Chris O'Brien	George Barker
3-minute talk	Chris O'Brien	George Barker	Bob Aston
FINES	George Barker	Bob Aston	John Messner
Introduction	Bob Aston	John Messner	Tony Fahey

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.

COMING EVENTS: Next Week Board Meeting

27 May **Narooma Rotary Markets at NATA Oval**

31 May

7 June **David Ashford – Rotary Club of Batemans Bay – Walking the Kokoda Track**

14 June

21 June

24 June **Narooma Rotary Markets at NATA Oval**

28 June **Changeover – Partners Night**

Last Week

Last week there was no meeting – instead a few hearty soles met at Ringlands on Saturday morning to check out the Ringlands Rotary Walk. The first and only priority of the day was to survey the state of the track and to workout future plans. It was agreed that Bob and Bill would set out from the western end of the walk and meet the dad's army crew led by Kevin, Jack and Lin who started from the eastern side along the way. (Marilyn starting a little later than the dynamic trio caught up to them in no time at all, rather than continuing the expedition Marilyn decided to retrace her steps to the starting line to wait for the arrival of Laurelle and Ian). Although there was some concern that the older crew would not make it I can report that the trio ended the walk with as much spring in their step as when they started. Bill and Bob did a great job hacking through the many vines, trees and ferns blocking the path on the western side – those with a green tinge among us would be proud! The pocket size gardening saw provided by Jack to the younger duo did a wonderful job carving through trees the size of which you have never seen before! The meeting of the two parties along the track reminded all those present of that famous meeting of Stanley and Livingstone in the jungle of Africa many hundreds of years ago.

The only down side to the walk was the discovery later in the day of a number of engorged leaches attached to the editor's legs – no doubt obtained when the eager cadet followed his leader into the secret rainforest at the end of the walk.

Following the survey Marilyn, Laurelle, Kevin, Jack and others met at the Quaterdeck for lunch and to discuss plans for future track upgrades and maintenance, meanwhile the editor headed off to Broulee to cheer on Jenni and Clare in netball.

No doubt we will get a full report this Thursday!

The Funny Side

Classified errors, from a small-town daily:

(Monday) FORE SALE - R. D. Jones has one sewing machine for sale. Phone 555-0707 after 7 p.m. and ask for Mrs. Kelly who lives with him cheap.

(Tuesday) NOTICE - We regret having erred in R. D. Jone's ad yesterday. It should have read: One sewing machine for sale. Cheap: 555-0707 and ask for Mrs. Kelly who lives with him after 7 p.m.

(Wednesday) NOTICE - R. D. Jones has informed us that he has received several annoying telephone calls because of the error we made in his classified ad yesterday. His ad stands corrected as follows: FOR SALE - R. D. Jones has one sewing machine for sale. Cheap. Phone 555-0707 and ask Mrs. Kelly who loves with him.

(Thursday) NOTICE - I, R. D. Jones, have NO sewing machine for sale. I SMASHED IT. Don't call 555-0707, as the telephone has been disconnected. I have NOT been carrying on with Mrs. Kelly. Until yesterday she was my housekeeper, but she quit."

Some more classifieds

WHIRLPOOL BUILT IN OVEN -- FROST FREE!

FROZEN SOFT & GENTLE BATH TISSUE - 4 ROLLS 99 CENTS

AMERICAN FLAG - 60 STARS - POLE INCLUDED - \$100

TIRED OF WORKING FOR ONLY \$9.75 PER HOUR? WE OFFER PROFIT SHARING AND FLEXIBLE HOURS. STARTING PAY: \$7 - \$9 PER HOUR.

NOTICE: TO PERSON OR PERSONS WHO TOOK THE LARGE PUMPKIN ON HIGHWAY 87 NEAR SOUTHRIDGE STORAGE. PLEASE RETURN THE PUMPKIN AND BE CHECKED. PUMPKIN MAY BE RADIOACTIVE. ALL OTHER PLANTS IN VINCINITY ARE DEAD.

THE MOST ROMANTIC LOVE SONGS OF THE '50s: INCLUDING "16 TONS" BY TENNESSEE ERNIE FORD

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT QUEEN SIZE MATTRESS & BOX SPRING - \$175.

OUR SOFA SEATS THE WHOLE MOB - AND IT'S MADE OF 100% ITALIAN LEATHER.

JOINING NUDIST COLONY, MUST SELL WASHER & DRYER - \$300.

FOUND: DIRTY WHITE DOG...LOOKS LIKE A RAT...BEEN OUT AWHILE... BETTER BE A REWARD.

Tonight's international toast

Further to the piece in *The Beacon* of 2nd May about Waterloo which is not far from Brussels (HQ of the European Union) and home to a number of international companies, the population includes a substantial proportion (over 20%) of expatriates who can avail themselves of many expat-oriented social and cultural services. Found in "Tips for living in Belgium" (www.expatica.com) is this advice from Marg, Ozziwino: "Have discovered a fab new wine shop ... All Australian wines many from 'boutique' wineries. Great range and free wine tastings on Friday night."

Belgium online in English lists two Lions' clubs but no Rotary clubs. We know there are two Rotary clubs in the city and we salute the Rotary Club of Waterloo International, chartered in 2005 with 27 members.

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the Ideal of Service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- 1. The development of acquaintances as an opportunity for Service;*
- 2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying by each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;*
- 3. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;*
- 4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.*

The 4-Way Test

of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Rotary Grace

O Lord and giver of all good.

We thank Thee for our daily food.

May Rotary friends and Rotary ways.

Help us to serve Thee all our days.

The Narooma Rotary Beacon

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