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# The Beacon

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## *Laurelle's Musings*

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends

It was great to have so many people at last week's very enjoyable meeting. Our guest speaker was Norm Lenehan from Eurobodalla Shire Council who explained what he is doing with Ringlands Point, the funding available for weed control and signage, and how our various plans could inter-relate.

It was good background to how our Club and the Bushwalkers can work together with Council to ensure the Ringlands Rotary Walk remains as a great little natural walk accessible for locals and visitors alike. We also welcomed Margaret Lynch from Bushwalkers who will be organising their involvement on the Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August working bee. Margaret and Jennifer Liney, the Herbarium Curator at Eurobodalla Botanical Gardens have been doing a botanical survey along the track for Council.

Our other guests included Heather Ferguson (partly with her Bushwalkers hat on) and Scott, Chris O'Brien's mother Joan, Lin Morey's daughter Robyn, and Angie Ulrichsen.

Tonight we welcome our NYSF Candidate Heather Gow-Carey.

A reminder that tonight is a Board meeting after the break.

Enjoy your evening.

President Laurelle

## *The Foundation Snippet*

### **History of PolioPlus**

Rotary's involvement in polio eradication began in 1979 with a five-year commitment to provide and help deliver polio vaccine to six million children of the Philippines. It was the first project of the new Health, Hunger, and Humanity (3-H) program. In the next four years, similar five-year commitments were approved for Haiti, Bolivia, Morocco, Sierra Leone, and Cambodia.

In the early 1980s, Rotary began planning for the most ambitious program in its history - to immunize all of the world's children against polio. The plan required collaboration with international, national, and local health agencies and took shape early in Carlos Canseco's year as RI President in 1984-85 when he appointed the Polio 2005 Committee. Dr. Canseco invited Dr. Albert Sabin, developer of the oral polio vaccine, to serve as a special consultant to the committee.

**JULY IS LITERACY MONTH**

## *Program*

**Tonight: Heather Gow-Carey Narooma Rotary NYSF Candidate.  
Board Meeting**

<b>TASK</b>	<b>19 July</b>	<b>26 July 2007</b>	<b>2 August</b>
<b>Greet /welcome/wheel</b>	Kris Elphick	Jeremy Ferguson	Marilyn Gibson
<b>Cashier</b>	Jeremy Ferguson	Marilyn Gibson	Bob Aston
<b>Toast / thanks</b>	Marilyn Gibson	Bob Aston	Chris O'Brien
<b>4-way test</b>	Bob Aston	Chris O'Brien	Phil Gaffney
<b>3-minute talk</b>	Chris O'Brien	Phil Gaffney	Ian Thomlinson®
<b>FINES</b>	Phil Gaffney	Ian Thomlinson	Tony Fahey
<b>Introduction</b>	Ian Thomlinson	Tony Fahey	Brian Hastie

*If you can't make it to the next Rotary meeting, please ring our attendance officer Brian Hastie at Narooma Real Estate the day before 4476 2169 or you will be charged for your meal. (R) signifies a Rotary talk, if you can.*

**COMING EVENTS:** Next week DG Bernie Rogers Visit; Partners and loud tie night

22 July	<b>Rotary Markets on NATA Oval</b>
29 July	Christmas in July at Pam Rayner's residence, Dalmeny. It will be a partner's event!
2 August	TBC
9 August	Rohan Gleeson on having a Youth Protection Officer.
16 August	Board Meeting
19 August	Ringlands working Bee
23 August	Update on Natabora Agricultural College in Timor Leste from representatives of Rotary Club of Pambula.
26 August	<b>Rotary Markets on NATA Oval</b>
30 August	Narooma Chamber of Commerce Acting President Nigel Jackson on revamped Chamber and plans for the Blues Festival

## *From the Foundation Chairman*

Members can now contribute to The Rotary Foundation in three ways -

- Put small change into the Foundation Box passed around at meetings at the Whale.
- Leave change from your dinner payment (or more) with the cashier - and gain credits for recognition.
- Make a substantial contribution once every year - and become a Sustaining Member or Centurion Member gaining credits for recognition.

A small amount paid with the dinner fee (\$3.00 or so) over the year could amount to enough for Centurion membership (\$100.00) or even Sustaining Membership (US\$100.00) depending on your attendance. I commend this method to you (and suggest that you make the box rattle too). Your progressive total will be reported personally to you after six months, and your contribution will be totalled and remitted to TRF at the end of the year.

## *From the Treasurer*

Subs are now due. Subs for the year are \$200.00 payable in two six monthly instalments of \$100.00. Please finalise as soon as possible.

## *From the International Service Director*

### **The Ranfurly Library project.**

Suitable books and magazines have been sorted and packed ready for despatch to Sydney. Members who will be driving to Sydney over the next few weeks and months can help by taking cartons from my place to the Ranfurly Library Service which is in Building 296 at the old Rozelle Hospital (about 200m on the left through Gate B on Balmain Road, Leichhardt).

They are open on Thursdays from about 8.00 am to 2.00 pm. If unable to deliver then, members can possibly be met on any other day by arrangement with Barry Moscrop - mobile number 0414 876 273.

## *Attendance*

Brian Hastie is the Club's new Attendance Officer. If you can not attend a meeting please advise Brian's receptionist at Narooma Real Estate at least 24 hours before the meeting. Brian's contact number is 44762169.

## *From the RI Website*

### **Rotary ranked among top five NGOs for corporate partnerships**

Rotary International News

**11 July 2007**

The *Financial Times* has ranked Rotary International one of the top five nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) for corporate partnerships. In the newspaper's special supplement, *Corporate Citizenship and Philanthropy*, Rotary came in fifth in the global rankings of 34 finalists.

Published in conjunction with the UN Global Compact Leaders Summit held 5-6 July in Geneva, the supplement reached some 1.4 million senior business executives, industry and government leaders, and private/institutional investors across 140 countries.

The summit, which was chaired by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, featured an international roster of business leaders, government ministers, and heads of civil society and focused on such key challenges to building future markets as human rights and climate change. RI Director Bernard Rosen of Belgium represented RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson at the event.

UN Global Compact and Dalberg Global Development Advisors, who developed the report in preparation for the summit, surveyed 20,000 companies worldwide, identifying 550 NGOs, UN agencies, foundations, and other organizations with which companies had partnered, and profiled 85 of those based on company ratings.

Organizations that ranked higher than RI showcased long-standing partnerships with corporations. Because RI's global partnerships include only UN agencies and other nonprofit organizations - and only Rotary clubs and districts have partnered with corporations to date - the organization's ranking should be considered exemplary. RI has a long and distinguished history of collaborating with other organizations in the name of humanitarian service.

## *The Funny Side*

Are You Ready for Children?

**Mess Test:** Smear peanut butter on the sofa and curtains. Now rub your hands in the wet flowerbed and rub on the walls. Cover the stains with crayons. Place a fish stick behind the couch and leave it there all summer.

**Toy Test:** Obtain a 55-gallon box of Lego's. (If Lego's are not available, you may substitute roofing tacks or broken bottles.) Have a friend spread them all over the house. Put on a blindfold. Try to walk to the bathroom or kitchen. Do not scream. (This could wake a child at night.)

**Grocery Store Test:** Borrow one or two small animals (goats are best) and take them with you as you shop at the grocery store. Always keep them in sight and pay for anything they eat or damage.

**Dressing Test:** Obtain one large, unhappy, live octopus. Stuff into a small net bag making sure that all arms stay inside.

**Feeding Test:** Obtain a large plastic milk jug. Fill halfway with water. Suspend from the ceiling with a stout cord. Start the jug swinging. Try to insert spoonfuls of soggy cereal (such as Fruit Loops or Cheerios) into the mouth of the jug, while pretending to be an airplane. Now dump the contents of the jug on the floor.

**Night Test:** Prepare by obtaining a small cloth bag and fill it with 8 - 12 pounds of sand. Soak it thoroughly in water. At 8:00 PM begin to waltz and hum with the bag until 9:00 PM. Lay down your bag and set your alarm for 10:00 PM. Get up, pick up your bag, and sing every song you have ever heard. Make up about a dozen more and sing these too until 4:00 AM. Set alarm for 5:00 AM. Get up and make breakfast. Keep this up for 5 years. Look cheerful.

**Physical Test (Women):** Obtain a large beanbag chair and attach it to the front of your clothes. Leave it there for 9 months. Now remove 10 of the beans.

**Physical Test (Men):** Go to the nearest chemist. Set your wallet on the counter. Ask the clerk to help himself. Now proceed to the nearest food store. Go to the head office and arrange for your salary to be directly deposited to the store. Purchase a newspaper. Go home and read it quietly for the last time.

**Final Assignment:** Find a couple who already has a small child. Lecture them on how they can improve their discipline, patience, tolerance, toilet training, and child's table manners. Suggest many ways they can improve. Emphasize to them that they should never allow their children to run riot. Enjoy this experience. It will be the last time you will have all the answers.

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