



# The Beacon

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## *Laurelle's Musings*

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends

This is a very special night where we welcome our District Governor Bernie Rogers and his wife Liz. We also welcome our Assistant Governor Phil Armstrong and of course our partners.

It should be a good night.

We had another good meeting last week with our special guest Heather Gow-Carey, a Year 11 student from Narooma High, who will be going through the gruelling selection process for the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra this Saturday. It was wonderful to be joined by her mother Merryn and by Chris O'Brien's mother Joan who celebrated a birthday through the week.

Talking of birthdays, of course Jack Wightman celebrated a big one last Saturday. Again, a very happy birthday Jack from us all.

Talking of Jack, a huge well done to Jack and his team for their sterling efforts with the Ranfurly project, especially their fine entrepreneurial flair.

I chaired my first official Board meeting last week. The major item was we endorsed our plan for the year which was developed over two Club assemblies and a meeting of the incoming Board. The plan is included in this bulletin.

Enjoy your evening.  
President Laurelle

## *The Foundation Snippet*

### **History of PolioPlus** (continued)

Rotary's pledge of US\$120 million to fund its PolioPlus program was announced in October 1985 at the 40th Anniversary of the United Nations. This ambitious commitment electrified the global health community. Within three years, Rotarians had more than doubled their fundraising goal, donating US\$247 million. By the time the world is certified polio-free, Rotary's contributions to the global polio eradication effort will exceed US\$600 million.

Rotary's role in polio eradication continues to evolve. Initially its role was that of a catalyst, providing money for vaccine and volunteer support to overcome problems associated with distribution. A Rotary Foundation grant funded a core group of polio experts at the World Health Organisation (WHO), who have guided the global program. In more recent years, PolioPlus funds have funded transportation and other operational costs associated with vaccine delivery, surveillance efforts (including laboratory needs) to identify areas where the virus circulates, and training for healthcare workers and volunteers involved in the immunisation process.



## *Program*

**Tonight: DG Bernie Rogers Visit; Partners and loud tie night**

| <b>TASK</b>                 | <b>26 July 2007</b> | <b>2 August</b> | <b>9 August</b> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Greet /welcome/wheel</b> | Jeremy Ferguson     | Marilyn Gibson  | Bob Aston       |
| <b>Cashier</b>              | Marilyn Gibson      | Bob Aston       | Chris O'Brien   |
| <b>Toast / thanks</b>       | Bob Aston           | Chris O'Brien   | Phil Gaffney    |
| <b>4-way test</b>           | Chris O'Brien       | Phil Gaffney    | Ian Thomlinson  |
| <b>3-minute talk</b>        | Phil Gaffney        | Ian Thomlinson® | Jeremy Ferguson |
| <b>FINES</b>                | Ian Thomlinson      | Jeremy Ferguson | Brian Hastie    |
| <b>Introduction</b>         | Tony Fahey          | Brian Hastie    | George Barker   |

*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 Tony Fahey – This is my life!**

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| 29 July      | Christmas in July at Pam Rayner's residence, Dalmeny. It will be a partner's event!                             |
| 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 |
| 6 September  | Dinner at Narooma HS – Hosted by Hospitality Class. Partners Night  |
| 13 September | TBC   |
| 15 September | Buckeridge Lookout working bee – Jeremy Ferguson organising   |

### *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.

### *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.

### **Tonight's international toast**

One of the original thirteen British colonies of North America was the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations which became the state of Rhode Island with Providence as its capital. Providence is noted for its jewellery and silverware industry - and (not especially noted) for having the most coffee & doughnut shops per capita of any city in the US.

The Rotary Club of Providence RI in District 7950 was chartered in 1911. It is a lunch club with over 130 members.

# GOALS OF NAROOMA ROTARY CLUB for 2007-2008

Endorsed by Board 19-Jul-07 – developed by members over two Club Assemblies and meeting of incoming Board

## MEMBERSHIP

*Largely DG Bernie's with some modification*

- Net increase of one member by 31 March 2008.
- Hold onto existing members. Restrict attrition to 5% for the year
- President to bring a new member into Rotary between 1 July 2007 and 31 March 2008.
- Recruit alumni from Foundation programs (Ambassadorial Scholars, Group Study Exchange team members)
- Reducing the average age of our Club by bringing in younger members.
- New members
  - Encourage diversity of membership
  - Conduct an analysis of professional and business people within the community to identify prospective members.

## CLUB ADMINISTRATION

- Have interesting speakers.
- Board meetings to be held every 3rd Thursday after meeting.
- Partners nights once a month
- Vary meetings IDEAS:
  - Botanic Gardens – in summer – in January
  - Guess who's coming to dinner – idea from Queanbeyan West
  - Theme nights e.g. Halloween, Melbourne Cup
  - Christmas in July Dinner at Pam Rayner's place on 29<sup>th</sup> July.
- Give every member the opportunity to be responsible for a Club project or activity
- Twinning with Queanbeyan West
  - Blues Festival – help with manning van; hosting of QW Rotarians
  - Possible big picnic at Nelligen with Moruya, Batemans Bay and us and our twins.
- **Club's 50 years** - Sub Committee of George, Marilyn, Pres. Laurelle, Ted. Gold theme for the 50<sup>th</sup> year.
  - Changeover 2008 - Charter night 14th August 2008 at Narooma Golf Club but have celebrations on 16<sup>th</sup> at the Golf Club because some people will travel.

## SERVICE PROJECTS

### COMMUNITY

- **Rotary Park**  
Install plaque in Park marking Rotary's centenary year plus contribution in Marilyn's year.
- **Buckeridge Lookout**  
Working bee on 15<sup>th</sup> September to tidy up and do other work as needed. Suggested morning tea or sausage sizzle
- **Ringlands Walk**  
Work with Norm Lenehan of Council and Bushwalkers to ensure Ringlands Rotary Walk is accessible and informative.
  - Sunday 19 August Ringlands working bee with Bushwalking Club
- **Food Van.**
  - Look for opportunities for more use
  - Apply to council to operate the van at Apex Park near Bar Beach, say 8 am – 3 pm between Christmas and New Year.
- **Elderly.**
  - Have a BBQ during Seniors Week at Rotary Park.
  - Have sausage sizzles at Dalmeny Nursing Home twice a year at weekends – need 3-5 people each time.
- **Markets**

- Look at having permanent sign for the fence on NATA fence near Visitors Centre advertising Narooma Rotary Markets every fourth Sunday.
- New banner for Markets.
- Investigate public liability insurance where we pay the premium and then that covers casual exhibitors on the day who would reimburse us.
- **Blues Festival**
  - Organising Festival weekend – Ted Bladwell will organise weekend, except for food.
  - Kris to organise food again for the Festival (with assistance)
  - Look at assisting town's welcome.
- **BowelScan**
  1. Will continue for next year.
- **Duck Races**
  - 2 duck races, on 26<sup>th</sup> January and June long weekend.
  - Continue the **book to baby program** in conjunction with Batemans Bay and Moruya Clubs

## VOCATIONAL

- RYLA - ask George for any potential candidates from footie
- Pride of Workmanship
- Possible activity during Vocational Service Month (October)
- Possible vocational visits to consider – partners nights
  - Narooma High new commercial kitchen
  - Regional Botanic Gardens
  - Visit an oyster farm with fish & chips at Taylor's

## YOUTH

- Need to appoint Youth Protection Officer.
- NYSF
- Honeywell Engineering
- MUNA
- Siemens
- RYPEN at Mogo – 12-13 October
- Scholarship



## INTERNATIONAL

- Donate a Shelter Box. Investigate raffle for it.
- Support Natabora Agricultural College in Timor Leste Support
- Consider contributing to a matching grant

## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

- Continue with member contributions. Weekly contributions by members to be recorded.
- Contribute US \$1,000 this year.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

- **Services Sign.** Look at re-establishing services sign on the south end of town
- Establish website
- Distribute Club's Pamphlet

**JULY IS LITERACY MONTH**

## *The Funny Side*

### **Church Bloopers**

- Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
- Evening massage - 6 p.m.
- The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.
- The audience is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.
- Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please use the back door.
- Ushers will eat latecomers.
- The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.
- The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."
- During the absence of our pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J.F. Stubbs supplied our pulpit.
- Next Sunday Mrs. Vinson will be soloist for the morning service. The pastor will then speak on "It's a Terrible Experience."
- Due to the Rector's illness, Wednesday's healing services will be discontinued until further notice.
- The music for today's service was all composed by George Friedrich Handel in celebration of the 300th anniversary of his birth.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
- The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement on Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- The concert held in Fellowship Hall was a great success. Special thanks are due to the minister's daughter, who laboured the whole evening at the piano, which as usual fell upon her.
- 22 members were present at the church meeting held at the home of Mrs. Marsha Crutchfield last evening. Mrs. Crutchfield and Mrs. Rankin sang a duet, The Lord Knows Why.
- A song fest was held at the Methodist church Wednesday.
- Today's Sermon: HOW MUCH CAN A MAN DRINK? with hymns from a full choir.
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the church help.
- Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to church secretary.

## **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 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.*

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