



The Beacon

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Laurelle's Musings

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends



My apologies for not being able to be at the special dinner at Narooma High tonight.

I was really looking forward to seeing the new commercial kitchen and tasting the students' delicious cooking again. Enjoy this special evening.

Last week was a fascinating update by Colleen and Allan Elton of the Rotary Club of Pambula of the Natabora Agricultural College in Timor Leste. It was extraordinary to see the progress made in the two years since they last spoke to us about it.

It was also wonderful last week to induct Angie into the Club, my first induction as President. I know Angie will be a wonderful and generous member of our Club.

Thanks to everyone who helped at the markets on Sunday. It was a slow start but the place was buzzing by mid morning so most marketers should have been reasonably happy.

See you next week.

President Laurelle

The Foundation Snippet

On 24 July, Rotary International recognized Cote d'Ivoire President Laurent Gbagbo with its *Polio Eradication Champion Award* in honour of his commitment to eradicating polio worldwide.

Under Gbagbo's leadership, the West African country has been free from polio since 2005. Despite civil war in Cote d'Ivoire, Gbagbo facilitated mass polio immunization campaigns, giving the occasions the highest level of political support. In addition, he made a personal contribution of US\$36,000 to the cause.

Other leaders who have been honoured with the award include Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, former Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, and former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP EXTENSION MONTH

Program

Tonight: Tonight we meet at Narooma HS– Hosted by Hospitality Class. Partners Night.
NOTE It is an alcohol free night!

TASK	30 August	6 September	13 September
Greet /welcome/wheel	Ian Thomlinson	Jeremy Ferguson	Brian Hastie
Cashier	Jeremy Ferguson	Brian Hastie	George Barker
Toast / thanks	Brian Hastie	George Barker	Kris Elphick
4-way test	George Barker	Kris Elphick	Chris O'Brien
3-minute talk	Bob Aston	Jack Wightman	Marilyn Gibson
FINES	Jack Wightman	Marilyn Gibson	Kevin Young
Introduction	Marilyn Gibson	Kevin Young	Bob Aston

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 (6 September 2007). Narooma Chamber of Commerce Ben Bate on revamped Chamber and plans for the Blues Festival

13 September	TBC
15 September	Buckeridge Lookout working bee – Jeremy Ferguson organising
20 September	Board Meeting
23 September	Narooma Rotary Markets on NATA Oval
27 September	Preparation for the <i>Blues Festival</i> . Set up van at Blues site followed by dinner at Taylors
29, 30 September	<i>Blues Festival</i> Weekend. Including Blues Markets on Sunday 30 September

Last Week

A very interesting meeting last week, it was great to hear of the excellent work being done at the Natabora Agricultural College in Timor Leste by Rotarians and others from the Bega Valley. Laurelle also inducted our Angie into our team – Welcome Angie. It is good to see the numbers heading in the right direction.

George updated us on the latest in the paint world; Jack won the port and Marilyn the wine. We even got word from Kevin! Hi's not lost just enjoying an extended holiday on the wallaby. He will be back before Christmas.

Blues Festival

Don't forget that the Blues Festival is not far away we need as many hands as possible to help out on the Friday night, Saturday and Sunday (28-29, 30 September) so enlist, friends, partners, family and lovers to help out. Names will be needed soon.

The Market Report

Stand in Treasurer Jack Wightman reports that the takings at Sunday's Markets were:

Site fees	\$600.00
Van sales	\$496.20 total (\$165.40 for P&C)
Wishing well	\$96.55
White elephant	\$38.50
Grand total -	\$1231.25

Well done and thanks to all who helped out on the Weekend.



From the RI Website

Rotarians climb Mt. Kilimanjaro to help African orphans

A group of seven Australian Rotarians will climb Mount Kilimanjaro on 23 August to raise money for African orphans living with AIDS, ascending 19,340 feet over several days to the highest peak in Tanzania, Africa.

The project, called Kili 28/8 was organized by the Rotary Club of Coolamon, N.S.W, Australia to raise AU\$100,000 for the 15 million orphans suffering from AIDS in Africa. Two of the Rotarian climbers are from the Coolamon club, the five others are from neighbouring clubs in Dubbo, Forbes, Griffith, Horsham, and Lockhart.

So far, the club has collected \$50,000 in donations. They hope a Matching Grant through The Rotary Foundation will provide the remaining \$50,000.

The money raised will be given to three different African organizations – Operation Medical Hope in Hout Bay, South Africa; Rotarians for Fighting AIDS Orphan Rescue in Nairobi, Kenya; and the School of St. Jude in Moshono, Tanzania.

During the last Rotary year, the Coolamon club's major service project was to create and publish a large-print phone book for all local residents. They also sponsored a "Hot Rod Day," where area residents showed off their classic cars and Rotarians dressed as clowns handed out balloons to the children.

The Funny Side

Things not to say to a police officer!

- Sorry, Officer, I didn't realize my radar detector wasn't plugged in.
- Aren't you the guy from the Village People?
- Hey, you must've been doin' about 125 km/h to keep up with me. Good job!
- Are You Andy or Barney?
- I thought you had to be in good physical condition to be a police officer. You're not gonna check the trunk, are you?
- I pay your salary!
- Gee, Officer! That's terrific. The last officer only gave me a warning, too!
- Do you know why you pulled me over? Okay, just so one of us does.
- I was trying to keep up with traffic. I know there are no other cars around. That's how far ahead of me they are.
- When the Officer says "Gee Son....Your eyes look red, have you been drinking?" You probably shouldn't respond with, "Gee Officer your eyes look glazed, have you been eating doughnuts?"

Tonight's international toast

We go to Pennsylvania in the USA, which was the Province of Pennsylvania in British North America, one of the 13 original colonies. It became the second state and is known as the Keystone State, the keystone in the federal union.

The capital of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is Harrisburg. The city (pop. about 50,000) sustains three Rotary clubs. Rather than visit the senior club which has nearly 200 members, we might find RC Harrisburg Keystone more sociable.

The Rotary Club of Harrisburg Keystone, PA in District 7390 was chartered in 2005. Their 22 members meet at Appalachian Brewing after the day's work is done.

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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