



# The Beacon

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## *Laurelle's Musings*

Sorry I won't be with you this evening, but I extend a very warm welcome to Graham Harding of Eurobodalla Shire Council who will be talking about the increasing menace of fireweed. Last Saturday we had a very successful working bee at Harold Buckeridge Lookout organised by Jeremy Ferguson. What a view! We had a good number turn up complete with chainsaws, whipper snippers and bush saws and secateurs. The team was Phil, Jack, Ted, Ian, Jack, Neville, Bob, Kevin, Jeremy and me – and the job was done within an hour. Then there was morning tea... Great work! Thanks everyone. Jeremy may like to say more.

What a busy month! I anticipate us delivering the balloons around this Saturday morning Can you please give names to Ted tonight and maybe

organise yourselves into teams to cover Plaza, mid town, the Flat and maybe Forsters Bay/Pepper Lane! Do we need to do Dalmeny?

Don't forget the markets this Sunday and the big van cleanup after in readiness for the Blues Festival. Have been in contact with Brian Leonard of Queanbeyan West and some will be arriving Friday night and some Saturday morning so Narooma mans all Friday night. Will pass on more details to Ted for tonight.

Enjoy the evening.

President Laurelle

### *From the International Service Director*

Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) Eastern Region has published a list of projects requiring funding. Of the 40 listed projects carried on in various African and South West Pacific countries, the Board has selected three to receive funding support from the club subject to confirmation that they currently need it. These are the projects we propose to assist -

**141/2005** Restoration of Natarbora Agricultural College Accommodation Blocks, Manatuto District, East Timor. Funding required for building material and educational resources.

**31/2005-06** Shelterbox Australia. Funding required to increase stock of shelter boxes. Project coordinated by RC Endeavour Hills, D9820.

**13/2006-07** Kokoda Aid Post & School Maintenance, Papua New Guinea. RSL/Rotary partnership to maintain Aid Posts and Schools in the villages of Kebara, Waju and Wairope. Joint project of RCs Gosford North and Port Moresby.

**SEPTEMBER IS YOUTH ACTIVITIES MONTH**

## Program

**Tonight: Graham Harding – Senior Noxious Weeds Officer Eurobodalla Shire.**

TASK	20 September	27 September	4 October
Greet /welcome/wheel	George Barker	<b>Blues Festival</b>	Kris Elphick
Cashier	Kris Elphick	<b>preparation at</b>	Chris O'Brien
Toast / thanks	Chris O'Brien	<b>Bill Smyth Oval</b>	Marilyn Gibson
4-way test	Marilyn Gibson		Kevin Young
3-minute talk	Kevin Young		Bob Aston
FINES	Bob Aston		Lin Morey
Introduction	Lin Morey		Phil Gafney

*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.*

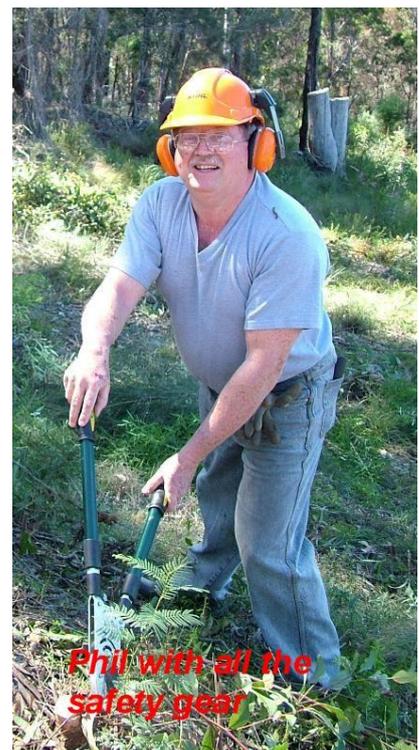
**COMING EVENTS: Next week (27 September 2007) Preparation for the *Blues Festival*. Set up van at Blues site followed by dinner at Taylor's**

23 September	<b>Narooma Rotary Markets on NATA Oval. Followed by van clean up.</b>
28, 29, 30 September	<b>Blues Festival</b> Weekend. Including Blues Markets on Sunday 30 September <i>Possible Breakfast with Queanbeyan West RC at Rotary Park – Saturday 29 September</i>
4 October	Club Assembly followed by Board Meeting
11 October	Bob Chalmers from Goulburn on his recent trip to Antarctica Partners Night
18 October	TBC
25 October	TBC
28 October	<b>Narooma Rotary Markets on NATA Oval</b>

## Last Week

A short meeting last week because of the Board meeting that followed the dinner. Marilyn gave us a three minute talk on her life as a teacher in the western suburbs of Sydney. Kevin entertained us with a great fine session and the winner on the wine and port is a mystery!

On Saturday Jeremy organised a working bee to tidy up Buckeridge look out. It was an excellent turn out with ten members present with whipper snipers, chain saws, saws, rakes and shovels a plenty. The work was done in no time at all and the look out is much tidier as a result. Thanks to Jeremy for organising the day.



## *From the RI Website*

### **President Wilkinson appoints the 2007-08 Youth Services Resource Group**

Rotary International News

**6 September 2007**

RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson recognized the importance of youth in Rotary's future by appointing the Youth Services Resource Group at the start of the 2007-08 year.

Led by General Coordinator Friedrich Neddermeier and Assistant General Coordinator Charles Frazier, the resource group aims to provide information and support for Rotary clubs and districts in programs, projects, and activities that serve youth in their communities.

The group also strives to promote and grow Rotary's youth services by improving current program data, sharing details on best practices, and enhancing local program marketing efforts.

Rotary International has three official youth programs; Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Youth Exchange, by which Rotarians can extend the family of Rotary for years to come.

## *The Funny Side*

Merv was in a terrible accident at work. He fell through a floor tile and ripped off both of his ears. Since he was permanently disfigured, he settled with the company for a rather large sum of money and went on his way. One day, Merv decided to invest his money in a small, but growing telecom business called Plexus Communications. After weeks of negotiations, he bought the company outright. But, after signing on the dotted line, he realized that he knew nothing about running such a business and quickly set out to hire someone who could do that for him.

The next day he had set up three interviews. The first guy was great. He knew everything he needed to and was very interesting. At the end of the interview, Merv asked him, "Do you notice anything different about me?" And the gentleman answered, "Why yes, I couldn't help but notice you have no ears." Merv got very angry and threw him out.

The second interview was with a woman, and she was even better than the first guy. He asked her the same question, "Do you notice anything different about me?" and she replied: "Well, you have no ears." Merv again was upset and tossed her out.

The third and last interview was the best of all three. It was with a very young man who was fresh out of college. He was smart. He was handsome. And he seemed to be a better businessman than the first two put together. Merv was anxious, but went ahead and asked the young man the same question: "Do you notice anything different about me?" And to his surprise, the young man answered: "Yes. You wear contact lenses."

Merv was shocked, and said, "What an incredibly observant young man. How in the world did you know that?"

The young man fell off his chair laughing hysterically and replied, "Well, it's pretty hard to wear glasses with no ears!"

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

The Commonwealth of Virginia in the US was the scene of the first permanent English settlement in the New World. Named for Queen Elizabeth I, the "Virgin Queen", its favoured nickname, the "Old Dominion", is said to have been given by Charles II in return for the colony's loyalty during the English Civil War.

The town of McLean, VA, deserves our attention this evening, if only because it was once home to your toastmaster and his family. The Rotary Club of McLean, VA, in District 7610 was chartered in 1965. It has 69 members and sponsors an Interact club.

## **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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