



The Beacon

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Laurelle's Musings (by Vice President Ian)

We were delighted to welcome our Immediate Past District Governor Mick Newling and Lori to our meeting last week. Also visiting again was Rotarian Marien van den Linde from the Rotary Club of Dunstable Downs, UK, who comes to Narooma twice a year to visit his daughter.



Following a fiendish “fines” session from Phil Gaffney where members had to use some brain power on a list of collective nouns, we listened with great interest to PDG Mick who gave us an excellent overview on The Rotary Foundation with suggestions on various ways of contributing whilst at the same time commending Jack Wightman for his active role in promoting the Foundation at club level. Incidentally, PDG Mick won the port and a block of chocolate for the “fines quiz” and also took away the speaker’s gift mug. Not a bad night’s work!

Next week we welcome Mark Westwood who amongst other talents is a local tour guide known to many as the “expert” on whale watching and Montague Island trips. We look forward to hearing the latest about this season’s whale movements.

President Laurelle has now had the knee job done and all reports suggest that she will be fit to play next season! It is likely her first outing will be in the first week of December, but until fully fit she will require the full support of her team mates.

Enjoy the meeting,

Ian

Program

Tonight: Mark Westwood – On Whale watching. Partner's night.

TASK	18 October	25 October	1 November
Greet /welcome/wheel	Marilyn Gibson	Kevin Young	Bill Hardie
Cashier	Kevin Young	Bob Aston	Lin Morey
Toast / thanks	Bill Hardie	Lin Morey	Phil Gaffney
4-way test	Lin Morey	Phil Gaffney	Ian Thomlinson
3-minute talk	Phil Gaffney	Chris O'Brien	Neville Gough
FINES	Jack Wightman	Neville Gough	Jeremy Ferguson
Introduction	Neville Gough	Jeremy Ferguson	Chris O'Brien

If you can't make it to the next Rotary meeting, please ring our attendance officer Ted Bladwell the day before on 4476 4676 or you will be charged for your meal. (R) signifies a Rotary talk, if you can.

COMING EVENTS: Next week (25 October 2007) TBC

19 – 21 October	RYPEN. Club is sponsoring two students Tom Sydenham and Josh Hayes
28 October	Narooma Rotary Markets on NATA Oval
1 November	Music Trivia Night – Partner's night
8 November	TBC
15 November	Board Meeting
16 – 18 November	District Conference
22 November	Thanksgiving Dinner – Partner's night

From the International Service Director

The Rotary Club of Salamander Bay has been recognised by the United Nations Development Program for its assistance in the Maldives. Here is their report, published in *"Defining Success"*, which I have taken from the May 2007 issue of *"RAWCS Rover"*, the newsletter of RAWCS Eastern Region. I'm not sure about the "suburban NSW" bit.

"Nestled in the coastal sunshine of suburban NSW, Salamander Bay is home to a kind-hearted community of Tomaree - and to an energetic, charitable Rotary Club. Both groups raised over US\$22,500 to adopt the tsunami affected community of Maamigilli, where years of careful planting of local residents had built up a proliferation of small gardens and cultivated plots prior to the disaster. At least 2 metres above sea level and lacking any protection in the face of the oncoming tsunami waves, Maamigilli suffered serious agricultural losses. One important need was to replace the lost tools and equipment that are essential for agriculture. Thanks to the Rotary Club of Salamander Bay, the island's farming community has resumed cultivation."

DISTRICT 9710 – Annual Conference 16 – 18 November

The theme for the District Conference is: Enjoy your Rotary

The Conference activities will occur at the Hellenic Club, in Woden in the ACT.

Conference Program See the website

Registration is only online via the District web site

<http://www.d9710.rotary.org.au/Conference/index.php>

There is no registration fee, but there are charges for all Conference functions that involve meals.

There is also information about accommodation on the website

From the RI Website

Vocational project gives Brazilian youth a taste of success

A Rotary club-sponsored oasis in the middle of the troubled Praça Mauá neighborhood in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, is giving teenagers there a foothold into a promising future.

As part of a series of ongoing programs supported by the Padre Francisco da Motta School in collaboration with Rotary clubs, teenage students are learning to bake bread. The idea is to help prepare them for the job market as they pursue their regular studies.

Three clubs in Rio de Janeiro — Flamengo, Paranapuã, and Ramos — joined forces with the Rotary clubs of Köln am Rhein, Germany, and Bhagyanagar, Andhra Pradesh, India, to gather club and District Designated Fund money for a Matching Grant of US\$33,000. With those funds, Rotarians purchased new industrial baking equipment, including an oven, a kneading machine, and a mixer, to equip a space just a few doors away from the school.

Local Rotarians have been partnering for the past decade with clubs from Germany and elsewhere on a series of 17 Matching Grant projects to help young people from the community, which struggles with unemployment, drugs, and prostitution. Projects at Padre Francisco da Motta and the adjoining Sonja Kill High School have included providing nutritious lunches and offering shop and graphic arts courses.

“Today, more than 5,000 children are safe, off the streets, and have a future because Rotarians care,” said Past District 4570 Governor Adélia Villas, a longtime Rotarian volunteer at the site.

In May, students baked their first product: French rolls. “I am really happy,” said 16-year-old Nayara Araújo de Oliveira. “I never thought the bread would turn out so tasty. Now this is my favorite class. I like being able to see the results of our work so fast.”

Noting how the Sonja Kill students shared their first bread with kindergartners from Padre Francisco da Motta, Villas, said: “Here you can feel the love that exists in this school. You see how different this school is from others.”

What is RYPEN?

RYPEN is a Rotary created and sponsored developmental program aimed at Year 9, 10 and Year 11 students aged from 15 to 17 years. It is based on a long-weekend residential camp which is funded by Rotary. The program is aimed at students who could benefit from an infusion of some self-esteem, self confidence and leadership development. However, if there are some students who would be an asset to the camp in passing-on some of those qualities, then we would be delighted to have them as well. RYPEN has experienced extraordinary results in personal development over thirty years now, and in that time, no student has said that RYPEN did not change his or her outlook on life. RYPEN is not designed to assist the really difficult students who have deep-seated emotional or learning problems.

While RYPEN is a fun weekend where students will make new friends and generally have a great time, there is a learning aspect to a number of the activities which all participants will be required to enter into enthusiastically.

Many RYPEN students go on to participate in other Rotary programs like International Youth Exchange, and for more information, inquiries may be made at local Rotary Clubs or with Year Advisers.

How candidates are selected ?

Rotarians have the responsibility of locating suitable candidates for the camp and these young people may be known to the Rotarians or indeed recommended to them by other parties, such as friends or work colleagues.

However, the vast majority of candidates come from schools where the Rotary Youth Directors have deposited letters of invitation and explanation, including applications for potential candidates to study and discuss with their parents whose consent is definitely required to attend the camp.

Duration Of the Camp

The camp normally runs from lunchtime Friday to Lunchtime Sunday and transport is arranged by the Rotary Clubs. Buses and personal motor vehicles are involved and so strict adherence to the protocols included in the Guidelines for Transport of Youth To, From and In Rotary International District 9710 is mandatory.

The Club has two students attending RYPEN at Mogo this weekend!

The Funny Side

Technical Support for the Baby Boomer (Adapted from the article *Tech-ed Off* - Readers Digest April 2007)

The usual response

Support Person: Can I help you?

Me: OK, I have this Vortex Sound- Loin music player thingie my kids gave me for Father's Day, and I'm trying to figure out how to play a song on it. I think I have it turned on, but I'm not sure. I definitely pushed all the buttons, but nothing seems to be happening. At least, I don't -

Support Person: (interrupting) What music format are we using?

Me: Format? Oh, Motown.

Support Person: Excuse me?

Me: "Chain of Fools" by Aretha Franklin. OK, I know technically she didn't record it for Motown, but her genre definitely was -

Support Person: (interrupting) No, I mean what digital format. MP3? WMA? WAV?

Me: (silence)

Support Person: Hello?

Me: (sheepishly) I don't know my format.

Support Person: (sighing) Tell me the serial number of the unit. It's a 63-digit number that should begin with either EX93857 or EX93957.

Me: (squinting) I can't see anything like that. You don't know where my reading glasses are, do you? Ha ha!

Support Person: (silence)

Me: Sorry. OK, really, I can't find the serial number.

Support Person: It's on the bottom.

Me: (squinting again) Which side is the bottom?

Support Person: (sighing) the side where you insert batteries.

Me: It takes batteries?



So I USUALLY come out of a typical technical support experience with no solution to my technical problem and, as a bonus, I feel like a moron. This is why Technical Support for Boomers would be such a terrific business. You would talk to a person your own age, someone who is truly sympathetic to your needs:

Support Person: Can I help you?

Me: OK, I have this Vortex Sound- Loin music player thingie, and I'm trying to play a song on it. It's turned on, but nothing's happening.

Support Person: I hate it when that happens! I think with these new music players, before you get music out, you have to put music in.

Me: Really? How?

Support Person: Well, I can't say for sure without my reading glasses, but think you have to use a computer.

Me: Oh, God.

Support Person: I know! It's crazy!

Me: All I want to do is listen to one song: "Chain of Fools".

Support Person: Aretha! I love that song! (Singing) *You told me to leave you alone...*

Me: (singing) *My father said, "Come on home..."*

Support Person AND Me: (singing together) *My doctor said, "Take it eeeeeeeeeeeEEEEASY.."*

Me: Damn, that woman can sing.

Support Person: I know. You hear singers today, like whatshername...

Me: The one with the cleavage?

Support Person: Yes!

Me: She has no talent.

Support Person: Aretha has talent *and* cleavage.

Me: You could lose a small truck in there. Well, I'm sure you have other people waiting on the line. Thanks for the help!

Support Person: It's why I'm here.



Tonight's International Toast

After the American Revolution, the former British Province originally called Carolana became North Carolina, the 12th state of the Union. It leads the nation in the production of textiles, tobacco and wooden household furniture.

We go beachcombing at Kitty Hawk on the Outer Banks shoreline of North Carolina where the Wright Brothers achieved the first successful power driven airplane flight, and we greet the Rotary Club of Kitty Hawk in District 7720. The club was chartered in 1986 and has 21 members.

Attendance

Sadly Brian Hastie has resigned from the Club for personal reasons. Ted has once again taken over the role of attendance officer. Apologies must be phoned (or emailed) to Ted by 4.00pm on the Wednesday prior to the meeting. Ted's phone number is 4476 4676

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ROTARY SHARES

Rotary International President:	Wilfrid J. Wilkinson
District Governor:	Bernie Rogers
President:	Laurelle Pacey
President Elect:	
Vice president:	Ian Thomlinson
Secretary:	Ted Bladwell
Treasurer:	Kris Elphick
Club Service:	Marilyn Gibson
Community Service:	Kevin Young
International Service:	Jack Wightman
Vocational Service:	Bob Aston
Youth Service:	
Foundation:	Jack Wightman

PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF NAROOMA

1958-59 Syd Morgan	1975-76 Jim Lavis	1992-93 Ian Thomlinson*
1959-60 Bill Smyth	1976-77 David Ryan	1993-94 Paul Rayner
1960-61 Moran Callaghan	1977-78 Ray McCarthy	1994-95 David Banson
1961-62 Neville Gough*	1978-79 Tony Cobcroft	1995-96 Kevin Young*
1962-63 Fred Wood	1979-80 Ted Oliver	1996-97 Fred Doctor
1963-64 George Barker*	1980-81 Mike Barry	1997-98 Peter Bull
1964-65 Miles Brice	1981-82 Bob Dorling	1998-99 Ian Thomlinson*
1965-66 Charlie Matheson	1982-83 John Williams	1999-00 James Denny
1966-67 Ray Cooper	1983-84 Alex Venn	2000-01 Jeremy Ferguson*
1967-68 Jeff Brice	1984-85 Barry Lake	2001-02 Bob Aston*
1968-69 Allen Swan	1985-86 Norm Hoyer	2002-03 Paul Schaefer
1969-70 Bill Smyth Jr.	1986-87 Peter Nelson	2003-04 Bill Hardie*
1970-71 Kevin Young*	1987-88 Peter Maclean+	2004-05 Georgina Staley
1971-72 Norm Hoyer	1988-89 Jack Ings+	2005-06 Richard Lovatt
1972-73 Harry Dudley	1989-90 Ron Simpson	2006-07 Marilyn Gibson*
1973-74 Ted Rose	1990-91 Bruce Grimmond	2007-08 Laurelle Pacey
1974-75 John Taylor	1991-92 Bruce Barrett	