

The Beacon



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Laurelle's Musings (by Vice President Ian)

Our club has been very fortunate to hear Mark Westwood talking on various wildlife subjects, and last week was another memorable experience with Mark presenting some very recent footage of hump back whales performing very, very close (and under) Daryl Stuart's charter boat. A very timely talk as we are right in the middle of the whale season and looking forward to the first sighting of Narooma's own whale 'Naroo'. A big thank you to Mark, and to Daryl who generously allowed his wonderful video to be used.

We were very pleased to welcome Maureen Young, Daiva Gaffney, Sam Bladwell, Micki Thomlinson and Jim Gibson. Our Honorary Rotarian Pam Rayner was also with us and was delighted to finally receive her Hon. Rotarian badge.

News from Frank McGovern that he is undergoing surgery in Sydney to replace a couple of arterial stents which we sincerely hope will improve his health which has been well below par in recent months.

Pres. Laurelle is making good progress we understand and is right into physiotherapy .I expect we shall see a rejuvenated Laurelle very soon so beware, stand by for action!

Markets this Sunday. Please let Kris know if your name can be added to the roster to help on the day.

Enjoy the meeting,

Ian

Tonight's International Toast

North Carolina ceded the territory of Tennessee to the US in 1789, several years after the Revolutionary War, and Tennessee became the 16th state of the Union in 1796.

The city of Nashville in Tennessee attracts our attention as the country music capital of the world. Though renowned as a music recording centre and tourist destination, its largest industry is actually health care. It is the second largest city in the state, yet it has only one Rotary club. This is the Rotary Club of Nashville, an influential club of 432 members in District 6760, chartered way back in 1914. They whoop it up weekly at the Wildhorse Saloon.

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

Program

Tonight:

TASK	25 October	1 November	8 November
Greet /welcome/wheel	Kevin Young	Bill Hardie	Lin Morey
Cashier	Bob Aston	Lin Morey	Phil Gaffney
Toast / thanks	Lin Morey	Phil Gaffney	Chris O'Brien
4-way test	Phil Gaffney	Chris O'Brien	Neville Gough
3-minute talk	Chris O'Brien	Neville Gough	Jeremy Ferguson
FINES	Neville Gough	Jeremy Ferguson	George Barker
Introduction	Jeremy Ferguson	Chris O'Brien	Bill Hardie

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: Music Trivia Night – Partner's Night

28 October	Narooma Rotary Markets on NATA Oval
8 November	TBC
15 November	Board Meeting
16 – 18 November	District Conference
22 November	Thanksgiving Dinner – Partner's night

From the International Service Director

This report is from the August 2007 issue of "RAWCS Rover", the newsletter of RAWCS Eastern Region.

"Long term and highly valued RAWCS project, the establishment and maintenance of the Kokoda Memorial Hospital and ancillary buildings, is the subject of a takeover offer from the Seventh Day Adventist group in PNG.

"The management of the hospital had been vested in the Health Dept of the PNG Government which had recognised, but not necessarily funded, the years of work carried out by RAWCS.

"Kokoda stalwarts Bob Young and John Read journeyed to Canberra to discuss the issue with the Director of Veterans' Affairs (Office of Australian War Graves). Both parties agreed to pursue the Memorandum of Agreement previously written to ensure the identity of the hospital as being a memorial to our troops in WW2, and that provision be made to maintain two six-bed guest houses for the use of Kokoda Track trekkers."

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

Rotary to receive UN Association's Humanitarian Award

By Vanessa N. Glavinskas

Rotary International News - 19 October 2007

Photo by Rotary Images

The [United Nations Association of New York](#) will honor Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation of RI with its 2007 Humanitarian Award on 25 October, in recognition of Rotary's significant efforts to provide safe water and sanitation and its commitment to sustainable development worldwide.

"In the years since Rotary International has started focusing on water as one of its annual service emphases...We've learned just how much can be accomplished with relatively little, how a single small water project, perhaps a pump or a filter, can change the life of a community," says RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson. "However, our work has also included participation in many other major water projects."

The award is presented annually in observance of [United Nations Day](#) (24 October). This year's award ceremony will focus on the global water crisis. Other honorees include Antony Burgmans, former chair of Unilever, and Cirque du Soleil's One Drop Foundation.

Prof. Jeffrey D. Sachs, director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University and special adviser to the UN secretary-general, will serve as honorary chair of the event.

Last October, the association honored Robert L. Corcoran, president of the General Electric Foundation and Ann M. Veneman, executive director of UNICEF, for their significant work in global education.

The proceeds from the black-tie dinner will benefit organizations and enterprises working to alleviate water-related problems around the world.

The Funny Side

Fathers then & now

In 1900, fathers prayed their children would learn English.

Today, fathers pray their children will speak English.

In 1900, a father's horsepower meant his horses.

Today, it's the size of his minivan.

In 1900, if a father put a roof over his family's head, he was a success.

Today, it takes a roof, deck, pool, and 4-car garage. And that's just the vacation home.

In 1900, a father waited for the doctor to tell him when the baby arrived.

Today, a father must wear a smock, know how to breathe, and make sure film is in the video camera.

In 1900, fathers passed on clothing to their sons.

Today, kids wouldn't touch Dad's clothes if they were sliding naked down an icicle.

In 1900, fathers could count on children to join the family business.

Today, fathers pray their kids will soon come home from college long enough to teach them how to work the computer and set the VCR.

In 1900, fathers pined for old country Romania, Italy, or Russia.

Today, fathers pine for old country Hank Williams.

In 1900, a father smoked a pipe.

If he tries that today, he gets sent outside after a lecture on lip cancer.

In 1900, fathers shook their children gently and whispered, "Wake up, it's time for school."

Today, kids shake their fathers violently at 4 a.m., shouting: "Wake up, it's time for hockey practice."

In 1900, a father came home from work to find his wife and children at the supper table.

Today, a father comes home to a note: "Jimmy's at baseball, Cindy's at gymnastics, I'm at adult-Ed, Pizza in fridge."

In 1900, fathers and sons would have heart-to-heart conversations while fishing in a stream.

Today, fathers pluck the headphones off their sons' ears and shout, "WHEN YOU HAVE A MINUTE.."

In 1900, a father gave a pencil box for Christmas, and the kid was all smiles.

Today, a father spends \$800 at Toys 'R' Us, and the kid screams: "I wanted Sega!"

In 1900, if a father had breakfast in bed, it was eggs and bacon and ham and potatoes.
 Today, it's Special K, soy milk, dry toast and a lecture on cholesterol.
 In 1900, a Father's Day gift would be a hand tool.
 Today, he'll get a digital organizer.
 In 1900, fathers said, "A man's home is his castle."
 Today, they say, "Welcome to the money pit."
 In 1900, "a good day at the market" meant Father brought home feed for the horses.
 Today, "a good day at the market" means Dad got in early on an IPO.
 In 1900, a happy meal was when Father shared funny stories around the table.
 Today, a happy meal is what Dad buys at McDonald's.
 In 1900, a father was involved if he spanked the kid now and then.
 Today, a father's involved only if he coaches Little League and organizes Boy Scouts and car pools.
 In 1900, when fathers entered the room, children often rose to attention.
 Today, kids glance up and grunt, "Dad, you're invading my space."

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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+	2205-06 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	