



The Beacon

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Laurelle's Musings



Erin Fahey, President Laurelle, Tom Sydenham and Josh Hayes

Last week we heard from the two Narooma High students we sponsored to the recent RYPEN weekend at Mogo – Tom Sydenham and Josh Hayes. It was interesting to try and determine/extract from them just what they got out of the weekend but it all sounded positive, or as Tom put it “insane”.

I always find it interesting to hear some of the kids say how intimidating they find it to just front up to a whole group of people and not know anyone. The good thing is that by the end of the weekend they had new found confidence and made new friends from places other than Narooma.

Erin Fahey, Tony's daughter who has recently transferred from Cowra

to Narooma High, went to Bega for the Rotary sponsored driver education program during her first week at Narooma High. This was a project organised by Bega Rotary Club that drew Year 11 students in from all around the region on different days. Erin spoke glowingly of this program and what her fellow Year 11 students learnt from it, particularly about hazard perception.

I, for one, feel strongly about supporting this program. Our community has lost a number of young people over the years on the roads, and some been involved in accidents. I feel anything we can do to increase the driving skills and awareness of our young people is an extremely worthwhile investment in our community's future.

Our Club paid for the bus for the students which put the cost more in reach of more of families.

Unfortunately none of us were able to assist Bega with running it, but hopefully next year, when Bega Club runs it again, we might be able to also assist in this way

Tonight is a Board meeting after the break. I aim to start the Board meeting by 8.

I think we might also be welcoming Angie back from India.

Don't forget next week is a partner's night with a Thanksgiving Theme.

Enjoy your evening.

Laurelle

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Program

Tonight: Board Meeting

TASK	15 November	22 November	29 November
Greet /welcome/wheel	Phil Gaffney	Chris O'Brien	Neville Gough
Cashier	Chris O'Brien	Neville Gough	Jeremy Ferguson
Toast / thanks	Neville Gough	Jeremy Ferguson	George Barker
4-way test	Jeremy Ferguson	George Barker	Bill Hardie
3-minute talk	George Barker	Bill Hardie ^(R)	Tony Fahey
FINES	Bill Hardie	Tony Fahey	Marilyn Gibson
Introduction	Tony Fahey	Marilyn Gibson	Kevin Young

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: Thanksgiving Dinner – Partner's night

16 – 18 November	District Conference
25 November	Narooma Rotary Market – NATA Oval
29 November	Barbecue at Rotary Park for the Canadian team on Friendship Exchange and Rotarians from Pambula. Narooma Rotary members are required to transport the team to Batemans Bay. Normal meeting Thursday evening
6 December	AGM – A 2008/09 President is needed urgently
13 December	Board Meeting
20 December	Christmas Party at the Whale
23 December	Christmas Rotary Markets – NATA Oval

Foundation Snippet

Approximately 95% of all polio cases occur in Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) member states. But two OIC statesmen are leading efforts to reduce that alarming statistic.

Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has made polio eradication a top priority. In 2003, Malaysia placed the topic on the agenda of the Tenth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, and after the summit resolved to support polio eradication, Malaysia was the first member state to contribute financially.

To combat misinformation in Nigeria, OIC Secretary-General Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu took measures to encourage leaders, clerics, and parents to have their children immunised. He also asked the governors of five states in northern Nigeria with a high incidence of polio to provide necessary support to stop the spread of polio in their communities.

In recognition of their outstanding contributions to polio eradication, Rotary International presented them with the Polio Eradication Champion Award. Past recipients of this award include Prime Minister John Howard.

Foundation month a great time for ERM pledge

Dear family of Rotary,

In 2004, The Rotary Foundation embarked on a new venture to boost its ability to do good in the world. The goal was to encourage every Rotarian to support Foundation programs by giving at least US\$100 to the Annual Programs Fund every year.

We've come a long way since the Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) effort began. Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund have nearly doubled – from \$55.8 million in 2002-03 to a record \$102.5 million in 2006-07.

But reaching the 2007-08 Annual Programs Fund goal of \$120 million is not merely about every Rotarian donating \$100. It's about each of us generously giving to the best of our ability. For some Rotarians, that amount might be \$100, for others \$1,000, for still others \$10,000.

By raising the bar for support of our Foundation, we can guarantee that its educational and humanitarian programs will be available to more people than ever before. More students will become Ambassadorial Scholars, and many more young professionals will take part in a Group Study Exchange. Increased donations will give greater access to safe drinking water, food supplies, and health care. Imagine once-malnourished children becoming doctors, newly literate people becoming teachers, and those in conflict areas becoming peacemakers.

Learn how Rotarians are turning EREY into high-energy fuel for the Foundation's programs by subscribing to the free [Every Rotarian, Every Year newsletter](#) newsletter. Let's open this promising pipeline of help even further to a hurting world, bringing with it greater hope for understanding and peace.

Robert S. Scott
Trustee Chair, The Rotary Foundation, 2007-08

The Funny Side

- A President of a democracy is a man who is always ready, willing, and able to lay down your life for his country.
- A backscratcher will always find new itches; a brown-noser will always find new sense.
- A bad day fishing is better than a good day at work.
- A bird in the bush usually has a friend in there with him.
- A bird in the hand is always safer than one overhead.
- A bird in the hand is dead.
- A bird in the hand makes it hard to blow your nose.
- A boss with no humour is like a job that is no fun.
- A clean tie attracts the soup of the day.
- A closed mouth gathers no foot.
- A committee is a group that keeps minutes and loses hours. - Milton Berle
- A committee is twelve men doing the work of one.
- A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.
- A consensus means that everyone agrees to say collectively what no one believes individually. - Abba Eban
- A conservative is a man who believes that nothing should be done for the first time.
- A conservative is a man with two perfectly good legs who has never learned to walk. - Franklin D. Roosevelt
- A consultant is an ordinary person a long way from home.
- A coup that is known in advance is a coup that does not take place.
- A couple of months in the lab can often save a couple of hours in the library.
- A crisis is when you cannot say "let's just forget the whole thing."

Tonight's International Toast

Rajasthan, a north-western state of India, is the holiday destination of Ian and Micki. We guess they will tour the palaces of Jaipur, marble Jain temples, the desert forts of Jodhpur, Bikaner, etc. and many other attractions which, for Micki, must include shopping in Jaipur.

There are 14 Rotary clubs in Jaipur, the state capital. We trust that our intrepid travellers have exchanged banners with the Jaipur Mid Town Rotarians. The Rotary Club of Jaipur Mid Town, Rajasthan, in District 3050 was chartered in 1984. They have 78 members and sponsor an Interact club and a Rotaract club.

2007 – 2008
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	



President Laurelle presents Tony Fahey with a donation to assist students to travel to Bega Rotary's Driver Education Program