



The Beacon

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Laurelle's Musings

What a wonderful and busy time we've had since we last met at the Whale. So welcome back tonight to the 'normality' of regular meetings. We have a great six months ahead of us with some surprises along the way.

The Board met last week – it was a marathon (with dinner) lasting just under 2.5 hours! We mapped out a very full program for the next few months, among many other things. Full report next week. A special welcome tonight to all our young people, especially our 2008 Scholarship winner Liam Phelps and our guest speaker Heather Gow-Carey who is just back from the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra (among other things!).

Many thanks to everyone who helped in whatever way they could over the Christmas period with our three markets, our first time venture with the food van at Bar Beach between Christmas and New Year (will discuss this fully at our next Club Assembly to see what everyone thinks about it), and with the Duck Race and Australia Day duties. It has all been an absolutely tremendous team effort. We were very grateful to the VRA for helping out with rounding up the ducks although next year skipper Steve Urquhart says they will bring two IRBs.

The two summertime gatherings – one at the Astons' home (thank you Bob and Therese!) and one at Anton's – were a great hit. We continue our summertime theme at Fergusons on 14th February for Valentine's Day.

This summer has also highlighted the fellowship we all enjoy and the need for us to try to attract new members with whom we can share that. A comment made to me on Sunday at the markets reminded me of the assertion; I think by Noel Trevaskis, that there are potentially lots of members out there waiting for us to ask them along.

Maybe it's time we start making a point of asking.

Enjoy your evening.
Laurelle



Chief Duck (or should that be Drake!) Jack with our two VRA volunteers Mick Mauer and Steve Urquhart and winning duck 40 (won by Jim Gibson) and the last duck 186 (won by Paul Goad).

JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

Program

Tonight: Rotary Tertiary Scholars Night. Tonight we meet our new Scholar – Liam Phelps as well as a few of the old hands

TASK	31 January	7 February	14 February
Greet /welcome/wheel	Tony Fahey	Marilyn Gibson	Meeting at the
Cashier	Marilyn Gibson	Kevin Young	Ferguson's
Toast / thanks	Kevin Young	Lin Morey	
4-way test	Angie Ulrichsen	Bob Aston	
3-minute talk	Bob Aston	Phil Gaffney	
FINES	Phil Gaffney	Jeremy Ferguson	
Introduction	Jeremy Ferguson	Neville Gough	

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: Angie Ulrichsen – This is My Life

2 February	Queanbeyan West Rotary Club – Combined BBQ at Island View Caravan Park
14 February	A romantic night under the stars as we celebrate Saint Valentines Day at the Ferguson's
16 February	Quota Dinner - Malaysian theme
21 February	Meet at VRA Headquarters at 6.00pm followed by dinner at the Whale
24 February	Narooma Rotary Markets – NATA Oval
28 February	Club Assembly followed by a Board Meeting
7 March	No Meeting on 6 March we meet on 7 March instead and entertain some cyclists from Bankstown
13 March	A Bollywood Night – The Thomlinson's take us on a tour of India Partner's Night
20 March	Board Meeting
27 March	Combined meeting with Bega Rotary at the Cobargo Pub



Welcome Back

Hello everyone and welcome back to the Whale for the second half of the 2007-2008 Rotary Year. It has been a great holiday period with lots of hard work and Rotary fun. Congratulations to Jim Gibson on winning the Duck Race and thank you to all those who helped out in so many ways over the holiday period.

The deadline for the Beacon remains at 3.00pm on the Sunday before the meeting. It will be available via email on Sunday or Monday evening. Printed copies will continue to be available on Thursday's for those who don't have access to email.

From the International Service Director

The flock of ducks let loose on Wagonga Inlet on Australia Day went so far before it was rounded up by our VRA collaborators that I thought they were headed for Paradise Point to be rescued by Jeremy.

Ticket selling for the Duck Race was a great success, thanks to all members who assisted by raffling and buying tickets. I wish some members who took books to sell were not caught having to buy too many tickets themselves, however such sacrifice can have its rewards - ask Jim!

I'm sure the community (locals and visitors) was well primed to buy tickets, having a specific cause to support this year. Many thanks to Laurelle for the publicity obtained in Narooma News, and to Kris for allowing us to display the ShelterBox at "which" bank.

District wants the ShelterBox back before 8th February. Anyone travelling south and able deliver it to Bowral by then is asked to contact me.

The Foundation Snippet

In the first half of this Rotary year contributions made by members with dinner fees amounted to \$386. Your Foundation Chairman advises that we only have four months in which to keep adding our individual donations - \$1, \$2, \$3 or more - before he has to wrap it up and send your contributions to TRF. He hope that each contributing member will have earned a substantial credit towards a PHF.

2008 – 2009 Rotary Theme

RI President-elect Dong Kurn Lee has announced the Rotary theme for 2008 – 2009. It s *Make Dreams Real*

Emphases key to Lee's lofty challenge

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International News - 14 January 2008

After RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson talked about RI President-elect Dong Kurn Lee's new emphases, Lee and his wife, Young, wave to the crowd of district governors-elect.

The 2008-09 theme challenge to reduce the child mortality rate is a tall order, RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson told incoming district governors at the International Assembly yesterday, but by working within the framework of Rotary's emphases set by RI President-elect Dong Kurn Lee, it's a goal worth achieving.

Guided by Lee's emphases of water, health and hunger, and literacy, Rotarians can help prevent needless deaths of children, Wilkinson said. "There is no question that this is something that Rotary is very capable of doing."

Wilkinson told district governors-elect that the lack of safe water worldwide contributes to at least 6,000 preventable deaths of children under the age of five every day. It's why the first emphasis in 2008-09 will ask district leaders to encourage clubs to create water and sanitation projects.

"Every Rotary club should be proud of the work they do in this area, and every Rotary club should be involved in work in this area, directly or in partnership in other clubs," he said.

Health and hunger is the second emphasis of the upcoming Rotary year. Wilkinson cited bleak statistics of children dying from preventable diseases such as acute respiratory infection, diarrheal illnesses, and malaria. Prevention begins with knowledge, he said.

"All of us need to know what it is that kills children," said Wilkinson. "If we are to stop the deaths, we must understand the causes."

The third emphasis for 2008-09 is literacy "because many of the issues affecting children's health are issues of access, knowledge, and education," Wilkinson said. Rotarians can provide children education, a gift that only improves the future generations.

Reducing child mortality is a "monumental" task, Wilkinson told the audience, but one he believes the global network of Rotarians is uniquely capable of taking on. "We talk a lot in Rotary about the need to balance ambition and realism, our minds and our hearts, small projects with large ones. I can't think of any better example of how to do this well than President-elect Lee's theme and emphases for 2008-09."

The Funny Side

School 1960 vs. School 2007

Scenario: Johnny and Mark get into a fistfight after school.

1960 - Crowd gathers. Mark wins. Johnny and Mark shake hands and end up mates.

2007 - Police are called; SWAT team arrives and arrests Johnny and Mark. Mobiles with video of fight confiscated as evidence. They are charged with assault, AVOs are taken out and both are suspended even though Johnny started it. Diversionary conferences and parent meetings conducted. Video shown on 6 internet sites.

Scenario: Jeffrey won't sit still in class, disrupts other students.

1960 - Jeffrey is sent to the principal's office and given a good paddling. Returns to class, sits still and does not disrupt class again.

2007 - Jeffrey is given huge doses of Ritalin. Counselling to death. Becomes a zombie. Tested for ADD. School gets extra funding because Jeffrey has a disability. Drops out of school.

Scenario: Billy breaks a window in his neighbour's car and his Dad gives him a whipping with his belt.

1960 - Billy is more careful next time, grows up normal, goes to college, and becomes a successful businessman.

2007 - Billy's dad is arrested for child abuse. Billy is removed to foster care and joins a gang. Psychologist tells Billy's sister that she remembers being abused herself and their dad goes to prison. Billy's mum has an affair with the psychologist. Psychologist gets a promotion.

Scenario: Mark, a college student, brings cigarettes to school.

1960 - Mark shares a smoke with the school principal out on the smoking area.

2007 - Police are called and Mark is expelled from School for drug possession. His car is searched for drugs and weapons.

Scenario: Johnny takes apart leftover firecrackers, puts them in a model plane paint bottle and blows up an anthill.

1960 - Ants die.

2007 - Security and ASIO are called and Johnny is charged with domestic terrorism. Teams investigate parents, siblings are removed from the home, computers are confiscated, and Johnny's dad goes on a terror watch list and is never allowed to fly again.

Scenario: Johnny falls during recess and scrapes his knee. His teacher, Mary, finds him crying, and gives him a hug to comfort him.

1960 - Johnny soon feels better and goes back to playing.

2007 - Mary is accused of being a sexual predator and loses her job. She faces three years in prison. Johnny undergoes five years of therapy.



Left

George and Marilyn study Meccano for beginners and try and work out Tony's numbering system at last Sunday's markets.

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+	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	

International Toast

We closed last year greeting clubs of Past RI Presidents. This year we begin by visiting RC Trenton, Ontario, RIP Wilfed J Wilkinson's home club. Trenton is the location of Canadian Forces Air Command transport and search & rescue operations. It is also a hot spot for sport fishing.

The Rotary Club of Trenton, ON, in District 7070 was chartered in 1922. The club has 54 members. A brief history of the club, taken from the Rotary Global History Fellowship's website of Histories of Clubs of RI Presidents, is circulating this evening.