



The Beacon

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Laurelle's Musings

What a great night we had last week at Heather and Jeremy's home at the aptly named 'Paradise Point'. Thank you from us all for your generous hospitality. It always amazes me too how when we all get together and 'bring a plate', we end up with so many different and delicious dishes. Well done to all the cooks! Absolutely scrumptious. It was great too that David and Deb Graham from RC Canberra East joined us on their last night of a week's holiday at Narooma, as well as our honorary member Pam and Jeremy's mother Trudy.

It has been a huge time for Jeremy since – he has endured all kinds of teasing at the

Club over the years about his yacht in the backyard that was going nowhere. Well on Saturday Jeremy and Scott took the yacht out to sea for the very first time and she went superbly. We should hear from Jeremy tonight about it. I have included a photo to prove it. She has absolutely beautiful lines. Fantastic Jeremy!

Don't forget the markets this Sunday – we still have a few places to fill so hopefully we can sort that out tonight.

Enjoy your evening.
Laurelle

PLEASE NOTE:

Don't forget tonight we meet at the VRA's new headquarters at 6pm (on the headland directly behind the Coastal Patrol headquarters), followed by our normal meeting 6.30 for 7 at the Whale when we will be joined by some VRA representatives. It would be good to get as many members as possible up there to really see what this amazing group of volunteers does in our community.

FEBRUARY IS ROTARY WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

Program

Tonight: Meet at VRA Headquarters at 6.00pm followed by dinner at the Whale

TASK	21 February	28 February	7 March
Greet /welcome/wheel	Kevin Young	Lin Morey	Bob Aston
Cashier	Lin Morey	Bob Aston	Phil Gaffney
Toast / thanks	Bob Aston	Phil Gaffney	Jeremy Ferguson
4-way test	Phil Gaffney	Jeremy Ferguson	Marilyn Gibson
3-minute talk	Jeremy Ferguson	Marilyn Gibson	Chris O'Brien
FINES	Marilyn Gibson	Chris O'Brien	Kris Elpkick
Introduction	Chris O'Brien	Kris Elpkick	Ian Tomlinson

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: Club Assembly followed by a Board Meeting

24 February	Narooma Rotary Markets – NATA Oval
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



From the International Service Director

ShelterBox News Update 29 January 2008. In calendar year 2007, ShelterBox responded to emergencies in 16 countries with some 6,000 boxes. It was the highest number of yearly deployments in the history of ShelterBox.

In this Rotary year to date, donations to ShelterBox Australia have now passed \$550,000. What continues to amaze is that boxes purchased with funds donated from 8th January have been deployed in Kenya and Zambia in just the last several days. It underscores again the imperative of a constant stream of donations to *attempt* to meet global demand.

In this Rotary year to date, Australian donations have provided ShelterBoxes that have given comfort to almost 5,000 people in Bangladesh, Kenya, Mexico, Nepal, Nicaragua, Papua New Guinea, Pakistan, Somalia, Swaziland and Uganda - a huge number of families sheltered and perhaps saved in 10 countries, thanks to the generosity of Australian Rotarians and friends.

Funny Side

Ice Hockey Jokes

St. Peter and Satan were having an argument one day about hockey. Satan proposed a game to be played on neutral ice between a select team from the heavenly host and his own hand-picked boys. "Very well," said the gatekeeper of Heaven. "But you realize, I hope, that we've got all the good players and the best coaches."

"I know, and that's all right," Satan answered unperturbed, "We've got all the referees."

A drunk decides to go ice fishing, so he gathers his gear and goes walking around until he finds a big patch of ice. He heads into the centre of the ice and begins to saw a hole. All of sudden, a loud booming voice comes out of the sky. "You will find no fish under that ice."

The drunk looks around, but sees no one. He starts sawing again. Once more, the voice speaks, "As I said before, there are no fish under the ice."

The drunk looks all around, high and low, but can't see a single soul. He picks up the saw and tries one more time to finish.

Before he can even start cutting, the huge voice interrupts. "I have warned you three times now. There are no fish!"

The drunk is now flustered and somewhat scared, so he asks the voice, "How do you know there are no fish? Are you God trying to warn me?"

"No", the voice replied. "I am the manager of this hockey rink."

An Australian Joke

An American, an Englishman, and an Australian were sitting in a bar enjoying a few beers. The American grabbed his beer, knocked it back in one gulp, then he threw the glass into the air and shot it with his handgun. As he set the handgun on the bar, he told the Englishman and the Australian that in the great U.S. of A, they had so much money they never drank out of the same glass twice. Next the Australian drank his beer, threw the glass into the air and shot the glass with the American's gun. As he was setting the gun back on the bar he proclaimed that in Australia they had so much sand that glass was cheap and he too never drank out of the same glass twice. Next the Englishman drank his beer, grabbed the gun off the bar, and shot the Australian. As he was setting the gun back on the bar, he said that in England we have so many Australians we never have to drink with the same ones twice.

Subs for the second half of the year are due – See Kris

International Toast

Moving across the map of Canada we come to the Northwest Territories in which there are only two Rotary clubs, both in Yellowknife, population about 20,000 with significant numbers speaking five of the eleven official languages of the Territories - three native tongues, English and French.

Yellowknife was first settled in 1935 after gold was discovered in the area. Gold mining ceased in 2004 and now diamond mining begun in 1998 makes Canada third in world diamond production by value and sixth by weight.

The Rotary Club of Yellowknife, NT in District 5370 was chartered in 1970. Their 65 members meet for lunch at the Explorers Hotel.



Guess who? – At last it's off to sea!!