

# The Beacon



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## *Laurelle's Musings*

Well it's great to be back with President John Durant and crew from the Rotary Club of Bega tonight. We missed out on having a combined meeting last year, but I know tonight will more than make up for it. We will share a special time in August with Bega when we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> because Bega of course was our mother club.

We had a great market day on Sunday – many thanks to the hard working team. We were certainly blessed with the weather. Kris has already given us a breakdown - a total of \$2,288.25 (\$1,223 gate, \$694 van, \$207.45 on wishing well, and \$163.80 Rotary Rejects (highest this year!). Well done everyone. The higher gate takings reflect some infrequent marketers who only come to the larger markets, as well as the new prices.

Also in this issue are some highlights from the last two Board meetings.

I will be away for the next two weeks, so Ian Thomlinson will chair the next two meetings.

I will consequently be unable to join PE Ted reported, Ian and possibly John Messner at the District Assembly 5-6 April.

Enjoy your evening.  
Laurelle

## *From the International Service Director*

ShelterBox Australia has responded to our donation from the Duck Race Raffle with a "thank you" and Certificate of Appreciation, designating "ours" as Box Number AUS 2743. We are able to track the eventual deployment of this Box on a *Roll of Honour* on the websites [www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au](http://www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au) and on the principal site maintained in the home of ShelterBox in Helston, Cornwall in the UK, [www.shelterbox.org](http://www.shelterbox.org)

The January 2008 issue of ROTARY WORLD reports that ShelterBox delivered its 500,000th box of aid to a family left homeless by monsoon flooding in Nepal. But there was little time for celebrating this milestone. New disasters in Peru and Nicaragua sent response teams packing to bring emergency shelter to those in need.

"Almost without exception we are the first aid organisation on the ground," says founder and general manager Tom Henderson, a member of the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard. "[After the 2006 earthquake] in Java we had about 20,000 people in tents within eight days." Henderson adds that ShelterBox was providing Hurricane Katrina relief in Louisiana days before the US Army arrived.

**MARCH IS ROTARY POLIO ERADICATION MONTH**

## *Program*

**Tonight:** Combined meeting with Bega Rotary at the Cobargo Pub

| <b>TASK</b>                 | <b>27 March*</b>      | <b>3 April</b> | <b>10 April</b> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Greet /welcome/wheel</b> | <i>Marilyn Gibson</i> | Chris O'Brien  | Kris Elphick    |
| <b>Cashier</b>              | <i>Chris O'Brien</i>  | Kris Elphick   | Bob Aston       |
| <b>Toast / thanks</b>       | <i>Kris Elphick</i>   | Bob Aston      | Jack Wightman   |
| <b>4-way test</b>           | <i>Bob Aston</i>      | Jack Wightman  | Kevin Young     |
| <b>3-minute talk</b>        | <i>Jack Wightman</i>  | Kevin Young    | Lin Morey       |
| <b>FINES</b>                | <i>Kevin Young</i>    | Lin Morey      | Angie Urichsen  |
| <b>Introduction</b>         | <i>Lin Morey</i>      | Angie Urichsen | Phil Gaffney    |

\*Only if required

*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:** Combined Rural Fire Service and Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol meeting

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| 10 April | Youth Week speakers                        |
| 17 April | BOARD MEETING                              |
| 24 April |  |
| 27 April | <b>Narooma Rotary Markets at NATA Oval</b> |

## *The Market Report*

Last week's Easter Sunday Market was a great success – Thanks to all who participated. The new shelter over the Rotary Rejects Stall looked fantastic. Kris reports that it only took ten people to pull it down.

Bill said that the opportunity to relieve as Market Manager was a mind blowing experience – he just loved that, almost forgotten, banter with the stall holders!

Good to see that The Rejects Stall has lifted its result, after poor performances in the previous quarter, obviously the severe warnings by the Managing Director have had the right effect!

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| Gate           | \$1223-00 |
| Van            | \$ 694-00 |
| Wishing Well   | \$ 207-45 |
| Rotary Rejects | \$ 163-80 |
| TOTAL          | \$2288-25 |

## *From Last Week's Batemans Bay Rotary Bulletin*

### **A Rotary Story**

I was sitting at the Rotary table at Stocklands the other day when a tall, elderly man came up and offered \$5 for three tickets. While I was writing out the stubs, he told me "Whenever I see Rotary raising money I always offer something."

"You see, I was raised in Cobar and in the 1940's my family couldn't afford the six pounds per week for my board and lodgings at Dubbo High School. So the Rotary Club of Dubbo (chartered 1936) chipped in and paid for me to go. Then Dubbo High School reported that I was bright enough to go to uni. Again, my family were battling drought and stock prices and couldn't afford to send me and again; Dubbo Rotary stepped in and provided an educational grant which was supported by Sydney University."

"I did well at uni and have prospered since and I owe it all to Rotary.

When I was working and had some money in the bank I sat down and added up how much Rotary had spent on me. When I had a realistic total I wrote a cheque for that amount and sent it as a donation to Dubbo Rotary Club.

Provided by Rotarian Peter Wood.

### *World Water Day – From the RI Website*

While the United Nations designates 22 March as World Water Day, Rotarians worldwide are focused on the issue throughout the year. They volunteer their time and resources to provide safe water and sanitation to communities wherever there is need.

F. Ronald Denham, general coordinator for the 2007-08 Water Resource Group, estimates clubs are involved in at least 6,000 projects in several countries, all aimed at addressing the lack of access to safe water and sanitation that claims more than two million lives each year, a majority of them children. Denham, member of the Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton, Canada, says Rotary is committed to help achieve the UN Millennium Development Goal that calls for a 50 percent reduction by 2015 in the number of people with insufficient access to safe water and sanitation.

"This is an enormous challenge for humanity, and Rotary clubs are logical leaders in the challenge because they are embedded in their local communities, allowing the clubs to help define realistic solutions to local problems," says Denham, who also heads the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group (WASRAG). "Rotary clubs also can draw on the global resources of a worldwide organization (many projects receive funding from The Rotary Foundation) and form alliances with other groups and nongovernmental organizations to implement the most appropriate solutions."

A sampling of Rotary-supported projects underway:

- WASRAG is the lead NGO participant in the Tap Project, an initiative of UNICEF that raises money for water projects by asking for a \$1 donation per glass of (otherwise free) water in restaurants across the United States from 16 to 22 March.
- Rotary clubs in the Rochester, New York, USA, area are major supporters of Water for Sudan, Inc., founded by Penfield, New York, Rotarian Salva Dut, one of the so-called "Lost Boys of Sudan." Since 2003, the program has installed 17 deep wells in Dut's homeland. San Diego area Rotary clubs recently signed on to raise funds for a second drilling rig.
- Clubs in the United Kingdom are partnering with their counterparts in South Africa to install innovative play pumps in Kwa Zulu Natal, South Africa, and Zambia. The technology harnesses the boundless energy of children at play by connecting playground merry-go-rounds to water pumps. A typical kid-powered pump can produce 370 gallons per hour.
- The Rotary Club of Nakuru, Kenya, has launched a program to harvest rainwater at the household level, with the goal of bringing safe water to over one million people.
- Working with a local NGO in Rajasthan, the Rotary India Water Trust is developing a sustainable water supply for about one million people in 650 villages at a cost of about \$8,500 per village.

### *Highlights from February & March Board Meeting*

#### **50<sup>th</sup> Celebration Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August:**

- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August upstairs at Narooma Golf Club. We are currently finalising the menu.
- Thanks to Bill Hardie who has designed a great invitation for the occasion. These will be printed as soon as we finalise the guest list. We are trying to contact all past members.
- **Program** - PP Peter Bull will be MC. The idea is to keep speeches to a minimum.
  - We're looking at the possibility of having a video maximum of eight minutes duration with interviews with some of our older members about some of the highlights for them.
  - We are also currently looking at possible entertainers with the emphasis mainly on background rather than feature music.

- Laurelle is also looking at having a DVD of pictures from club's history playing in the background. The hunt is on for relevant photos of the Club's past. Can anyone help? Jack to see what he has and Laurelle to contact Jack Ings for information.
- **Project** –Kevin is discussing with Council staff the possibility of a cover over table at Dalmeny Rotary Park.

### **Web page**

Laurelle has been working with Graham Andrews with a second draft will ready soon for our perusal at our Club meeting. All suggestions taken on board.

### **Ringlands**

Ted to contact Norm Lenehan and ask him to speak to the Club in May

### **Disbursements**

Over the next month we will give the Rural Fire Service and the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol \$1,000 each as well as money to Surf Club for shade gazebo.

### **Incoming Youth Exchange Student:**

We are looking at possibly hosting an incoming exchange student, if we have sufficient interest. We understand the Ferguson's and Fahey's are interested, any others?

### **Outgoing Youth Exchange:**

We've received an application from Erin Fahey. Laurelle mentioned Lesley Connor's son was also interested and there may be more. We will need to interview prospective Exchange Students before putting them forward to District.

### **Narooma Rotary Park:**

We are currently organising sign for tables and shelter stating they were joint community projects celebrating Rotary's centenary. Will order through company recommended by Council.

### **Bowelscan:**

George Barker distributed the kits to pharmacies at Cobargo, Bermagui and Narooma. This is timed to coincide with the Australia-wide campaign. Campaign lasts until end of March so make sure you get one for yourself soon.

### **Food Van:**

We will order new menu sign for the van to replace the one lost over summer.

**Gazebo:** we ordered (and received thanks to Bob) a more user friendly 3m x 3m gazebo to shade our customers/ barbecue or Rotary Rejects. Cost \$298.95"

### **IRT barbecue:**

Jack has been in contact with IRT – we are looking at doing a BBQ Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April. To be confirmed. Would have to be ready to serve 12 noon. We supply meat, IRT salads and drinks.

### **Oyster Festival:**

The club will have the food van at the Oyster Festival fair Saturday 17 May 9-4. We have been assured that power to operate the van will be available.

The Board also took up Chris O'Brien's suggestion of having a vehicle/float in the parade. We are purchasing a suitable Rotary Banner from RDU.

### **Foundation Matching Grant for BAAS Educational Trust in India:**

We are waiting on information from District for an application for a matching grant.

### **Pride of Workmanship Awards:**

Bob Aston plans to hold the Awards on 22 May and hopes to send letters out in a week or so.

### **Meals:**

The February Board meeting approved an increase in the price of meals from \$19 to \$20.

### **Duck Race:**

Duck Race coordinator Jack Wightman suggested next time someone should organise ticket sales and someone else organise the race itself. Board members thanked to Jack for his efforts. Jack reported display of the ShelterBox from District at the Commonwealth Bank was well received and has been returned to District.

The Board decided there would be no Queen's Birthday Duck race.

**RYPEN:**

The Club will discuss with Tony Fahey the possibility of sponsoring a student or two to the next RYPEN.

**RYDA:**

The Board approved the Club again for the return bus for the students to Bega for RYDA to a maximum of \$400. RC of Bega is organising RYDA again for week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> May.

**Foundation:**

The Club will contribute sufficient funds for a PHF (approx Aus\$1,200).

**Signs re Rotary meeting:**

To look at possibly a sign from the south as well as a "Rotary meets here" sign at the Whale Motel.

*Funny Side*

**Musings of Children**

Home is where the house is. --Age 6

I bet living in a nudist colony takes all the fun out of Halloween. --Age 13

I often wonder how come John Tesh isn't as popular a singer as some people think he should be. Then, I remember it's because he sucks. --Age 15

For centuries, people thought the moon was made of green cheese. Then the astronauts found that the moon is really a big hard rock. That's what happens to cheese when you leave it out. --Age 6

My young brother asked me what happens after we die. I told him we get buried under a bunch of dirt and worms eat our bodies. I guess I should have told him the truth--that most of us go to hell and burn eternally --but I didn't want to upset him. --Age 10

I gaze at the brilliant full moon. The same one, I think to myself, at which Socrates, Aristotle, and Plato gazed. Suddenly, I imagine they appear beside me. I tell Socrates about the national debate over one's right to die and wonder at the constancy of the human condition. I tell Plato that I live in the country that has come the closest to Utopia, and I show him a copy of the Constitution. I tell Aristotle that we have found many more than four basic elements and I show him a periodic table. I get a box of kitchen matches and strike one. They gasp with wonder. We spend the rest of the night lighting farts. --Age 15

When I go to heaven, I want to see my grandpa again. But he better have lost the nose hair and the old-man smell. --Age 5

I once heard the voice of God. It said "Vrrrrmmmm." Unless it was just a lawn mower. --Age 11

I don't know about you, but I enjoy watching paint dry. I imagine that the wet paint is a big freshwater lake that is the only source of water for some tiny cities by the lake. As the lake gets drier, the population gets more desperate, and sometimes there are water riots. Once there was a big fire and everyone died. --Age 13

I like to go down to the dog pound and pretend that I've found my dog. Then I tell them to kill it anyway because I already gave away all of his stuff. Dog people sure don't have a sense of humour. --Age 14

As you make your way through this hectic world of ours, set aside a few minutes each day. At the end of the year, you'll have a couple of days saved up. --Age 7

Often, when I am reading a good book, I stop and thank my teacher. That is, I used to, until she got an unlisted number. --Age 15

It would be terrible if the Red Cross Bloodmobile got into an accident. No, wait. That would be good because if anyone needed it, the blood would be right there. --Age 5

Think of the biggest number you can. Now add five. Then, imagine if you had that many Twinkies. Wow, that's five more than the biggest number you could come up with! --Age 6

The only stupid question is the one that is never asked, except maybe "Don't you think it is about time you audited my return?" or "Isn't it morally wrong to give me a warning when, in fact, I was speeding?" --Age 15

### **The pill of knowledge**

A somewhat advanced society has figured how to package basic knowledge in pill form. A student, needing some learning, goes to the pharmacy and asks what kind of knowledge pills are available. The pharmacist says, "Here's a pill for English literature." The student takes the pill and swallows it and has new knowledge about English literature!

"What else do you have?" asks the student.

"Well, I have pills for art history, biology, and world history," replies the pharmacist.

The student asks for these, and swallows them and has new knowledge about those subjects. Then the student asks, "Do you have a pill for math?"

The pharmacist says, "Wait just a moment," goes back into the storeroom, brings back a whopper of a pill, and plunks it on the counter.

"I have to take that huge pill for math?" inquires the student.

The pharmacist replied, "Well, you know math always was a little hard to swallow."

### *International Toast*

Moving on to the Province of Manitoba in Canada we visit the community and Rotary club of Portage La Prairie. There is a civilian/military airbase nearby at Southport which was established as part of the British Commonwealth Air Training Scheme in World War II.

The Rotary Club of Portage La Prairie, MB, in District 5550 was chartered in 1951 and has 47 members

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## 2007 - 2008 'Rotary Shares'

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| Rotary International President: | Wilfrid J. Wilkinson |
| District Governor:              | Bernie Rogers        |
| President:                      | Laurelle Pacey       |
| President Elect:                | Ted Bladwell         |
| 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        |

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## PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF NAROOMA

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| 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  |                          |