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**Apologies to**  
**Phil Gaffney**  
**the Tuesday**  
**before the**  
**meeting on**  
**44765547 or**  
**you will be**  
**charged for**  
**your meal.**

## *The Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin*

### **Ted's Tips**

Hi all,

Now that the 50<sup>th</sup> Dinner has been and gone, time to look to the next few weeks, back to business.

This weeks Bulletin will include a roster for the Blues Festival. The weekend of the 28<sup>th</sup> September is our normal Market weekend, and the following weekend is the Blues festival as well as another Market day. This will be a full weekend for us but also one of our main money making times, so will need a lot of support over that time, especially for the Blues. Have a look at the times on the roster and see when you would be able to help in the van. Hope to fill all slots in the next couple of weeks.

As mentioned by our ADG Maureen Manning, Rotary needs leaders beyond the Club level. Involvement in District Committees is a very worthwhile and rewarding commitment, but one needing your time and the ability to attend occasional meetings within the District if anyone is interested call me.

If you are thinking of intending to attend the District Conference in October/November remember the accommodation will be at a premium and the sooner you book the better choice will you have.

Make Dreams Real

Cheers

Ted

### **Tonight**

**Rhonnie South, Eurobodalla Adult Education**

## Duties

TASK	4 September	11 September	18 September
Welcome/Wheel	Chris O'Brien	Kris Elphick	Phil Gaffney
Cashier	Kris Elphick	Phil Gaffney	Tony Fahey
Toast / thanks	Phil Gaffney	Tony Fahey	Angie Ulrichsen
4-way test	Tony Fahey	Angie Ulrichsen	Jeremy Ferguson
3-minute talk	Angie Ulrichsen	Jeremy Ferguson	John Messner
FINES	Jeremy Ferguson	John Messner	George Barker
Introduction	John Messner	Jack Wightman	Laurelle Pacey

## Coming Events

4 September	Rhonnie South, Eurobodalla Adult Education
11 September	Marlee Kingsley, Ambassadorial Scholar
18 September	Board Meeting
25 September	Katie Gfeller – Rotary Youth Exchange
28 September	Narooma Rotary Markets – NATA Oval
2 October	Blues Festival Set Up
3, 4 & 5 October	Blues Festival
9 October	TBC
16 October	Board Meeting

### International Toast

Rotary Club of Bega (our parent club) was chartered in 1954 and has 34 members. The club meets on Thursday evening at 5.30 pm at the Bega RSL Club.

# Proposed Resolution to Council on Legislation 2010

The proposed resolution will be put to the Council on Legislation in 2010. The first step along the way is to get your thoughts. Please let Ted know what you think about the proposal

To request the RI Board to consider establishing an 'Associate' Membership Category

Proposed by the Rotary Clubs of Queanbeyan West, Queanbeyan and Bungendore  
Endorsed by the Conference of District 9710, Incorporated

WHEREAS, Rotary International introduce the new membership category of 'Associate Member'.

WHEREAS, it is noted that membership of Rotary Clubs world-wide is falling, a new category of membership would assist the attraction and introduction of potential new members to ensure the continued growth of Rotary Clubs,

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider:

1. Introducing the category of "Associate Member" to allow Rotary International another avenue for membership growth.
2. The category of Associate Member would pay a reduced fee, set at 50% of normal Club fees; however Associate Members would have no Club voting rights.
3. An individual could remain an Associate Member for no longer than two consecutive years.
4. An Associate Member would need to attend a minimum of 50% of Club activities, including attendance at a Club meeting at least once per month.
5. Associate Membership in any Club cannot exceed the total number of normal members.

## A message from Steve and Jan Young from the Moruya Club

Hello Ted,

Jan and I wish to convey our hearty congratulations to you and your Club for hosting a wondrously enjoyable evening to celebrate and mark the 50th anniversary of Rotary Club of Narooma. The venue was good, the music was good, the food was good, but better still, the fellowship was great. Great to see so many Rotarians and others enjoying the fellowship of Rotary. I know the words are small, but WELL DONE and cheers for the next 50 years. (With good medication, I might be around for that!! I don't think so???)

All the best,  
Steve & Jan Young

## A Summary from last week's Board Meeting

- Final payments to be made for 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations, now that all invoices are accounted for.
- Letter to be written to the Golf Club Board with regard to the lack of presentation of the main course at the Dinner.
- Club website nearing completion with the selection of a suitable photo for the banner only to be chosen.
- Council has offered the club a 5 year licence to operate the markets on NATA Oval instead of the temporary licence we have operated under.
- Review of the Club's financial statements and reporting methods are underway and a more comprehensive system is being sought.
- Club Constitution and by-laws almost ready for presentation to the Members.
- Our hosting of the Group Study Exchange visit for the 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> October needs to be finalised. The club also needs to prepare a schedule for the visit.
- The matching grant for the BAAS Educational Trust School in India, Our Club needs to raise \$9k from within the District to qualify for a \$6k grant from RI.
- Talks to continue with Council re the Cover over the Rotary Park BBQ at Dalmeny. This project is to commemorate the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- We will examine the possibility of operating the food van at Dalmeny over the Christmas/New Year period.
- Applications for RYPEN closing next Week
- PP Neville Gough's application for exemption from attendance under the 85 year rule (years service in Rotary plus age) approved.

## The Market Report

Kris reports that the takings from the August Markets were: Gate \$520, Van \$406.35, White Elephant \$35.20. A total return of \$961.55

## The Blues Festival

The roster for the Blues Festival is attached. It will be a big weekend so we need all hands on deck. If you family or friends can help out in any way please fill in the roster and let Ted know.

## Interesting Geography – Thanks to Fed Doctor

### *Alaska*

More than half of the coastline of the entire United States is in Alaska

### *Amazon*

The Amazon rain forest produces more than 20% the world's oxygen supply. The Amazon River pushes so much water into the Atlantic Ocean that, more than one hundred miles at sea off the mouth of the river; one can dip fresh water out of the ocean. The volume of water in the Amazon river is greater than the next eight largest rivers in the world combined and three times the flow of all rivers in the United States.

### *Antarctica*

Antarctica is the only land on our planet that is not owned by any country. Ninety percent of the world's ice covers Antarctica. This ice also represents seventy percent of all the fresh water in the world. As strange as it sounds, however, Antarctica is essentially a desert. The average yearly total precipitation is about two inches although covered with ice (all but 0.4% of it, i.e.), Antarctica is the driest place on the planet with an absolute humidity lower than the Gobi desert.

### *Brazil*

Brazil got its name from the nut, not the other way around.

### *Canada*

Canada has more lakes than the rest of the world combined. Canada is an Indian word meaning 'Big Village.'

### *Chicago*

Next to Warsaw, Chicago has the largest Polish population in the world.

### *Detroit*

Woodward Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, carries the designation M-1, so named because it was the first paved road anywhere.

### *Damascus, Syria*

Damascus, Syria, was flourishing a couple of thousand years before Rome was founded in 753 BC, making it the oldest continuously inhabited city in existence.

### *Istanbul, Turkey*

Istanbul, Turkey, is the only city in the world located on two continents.

### *Los Angeles*

Los Angeles full name is El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de los Angeles de Porciuncula -- and can be abbreviated to 3.63% of its size: L.A.

### *New York City*

The term 'The Big Apple' was coined by touring jazz musicians of the 1930's who used the slang expression 'apple' for any town or city. Therefore, to play New York City is to play the big time - The Big Apple. There are more Irish in New York City than in Dublin, Ireland ; more Italians in New York City than in Rome , Italy ; and more Jews in New York City than in Tel Aviv , Israel .

### *Ohio*

There are no natural lakes in the state of Ohio, everyone is manmade.

### *Pitcairn Island*

The smallest island with country status is Pitcairn in Polynesia , at just 1.75 sq miles/4.53 sq. km.

### *Rome*

The first city to reach a population of 1 million people was Rome, Italy in 133 B.C. There is a city called Rome on every continent.

### *Siberia*

Siberia contains more than 25% of the world's forests.

### *S.M.O.M.*

The actual smallest sovereign entity in the world is the Sovereign Military Order of Malta ([S.M.O.M.](#)). It is located in the city of Rome, Italy, has an area of two tennis courts, and as of 2001 has a population of 80, 20 less people than the Vatican . It is a sovereign entity under international law, just as the Vatican is.

### *Sahara Desert*

In the Sahara Desert, there is a town named Tidikelt, which did not receive a drop of rain for ten years. Technically though, the driest place on Earth is in the valleys of the Antarctic near Ross Island. There has been no rainfall there for two million years.

### *Spain*

Spain literally means 'the land of rabbits.'

### *St. Paul , Minnesota*

St. Paul , Minnesota , was originally called Pig's Eye after a man named Pierre 'Pig's Eye' Parrant who set up the first business there.

### *Roads*

Chances that a road is unpaved in the U.S.A. : 1%, in Canada : 75%.

### *United States*

The Eisenhower interstate system requires that one-mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.

## The Funny Side – Fathers then and 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 swimming 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 an X –box"

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.

## The Blues Festival Roster 2008

Time	Friday 4 October	Saturday 5 October	Sunday 6 October	Sunday Market	Monday 7 October
6:00am – 9:00am Market Gate				1	
				2	
				3	
				4	
9:00am – 12noon				1	1 Ted
					2 Kris
					3
					4
					5
12noon Power Check Health Inspection	1 Ted				
12noon - 3:00pm				1	
				2	
				3	
				4	
3:00pm - 6:00pm				1	
				2	
				3	
				4	
6:00pm – 9:00pm	1	1	1		
	2	2	2		
	3	3	3		
	4	4	4		
9:00pm – 12:00 midnight	1	1	1		
	2	2	2		
	3	3	3		
	4	4	4		