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your meal.**

The Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin

Ted's Tips

What a great result from the Blues Festival !

Apart from the money (almost \$5000) it was a time for fellowship and being part of the community. As I said at the last meeting, Rotary is more than meeting each week for a meal. Working with other members and Partners lets us to get to know each other better as well as the enjoyment of being part of the event, be it in the van or cleaning up at Ringlands or Buckeridge lookout.

We are much indebted to our Partners for their efforts in the van over the weekend. A big thank you to all those who took the time to help. Also thanks to Laurelle, Kris and Bob Antill for looking after the markets that were held on the Sunday.

There has been some publicity and support for the Clark Family over recent weeks. The Club has made a substantial contribution to the family by way of a donation towards the funeral expenses. PP Laurelle has been our contact with the family and has helped considerably with arrangements. More to this after the next Board Meeting on the 23rd.

Our thanks to our two speakers last meeting in Max and John. At short notice they filled the spot left vacant when District Chairman Vocational Service, Phil Armstrong was incapacitated with a cold. They both gave us an insight to their lives and occupations. As a newcomer to the area I always find the history and lives of others in the club interesting. We do have a lot of 'strange' members in the Club we have yet to hear from.

Sam & I are off to Sydney this week for a reunion of old girls mid week when I will be left to my own devices for the day. Too cold for the beaches, too old for the Cross and too poor for the Motor Show. Looks like a good book again!

Cheers

Ted

Tonight

TBC – The Boss is away the team will play!

Duties

TASK	16 October	23 October	30 October
Welcome/Wheel	Jeremy Ferguson	John Messner	George Barker
Cashier	Bob Aston	George Barker	Laurelle Pacey
Toast / thanks	George Barker	Laurelle Pacey	Bill Hardie
4-way test	Laurelle Pacey	Bill Hardie	Lin Morey
3-minute talk	Bill Hardie	Lin Morey	Bob Antill
FINES	Lin Morey	Bob Aston	Marilyn Gibson
Introduction	John Melville	Marilyn Gibson	Chris O'Brien

Coming Events

16 October	To Be Confirmed
23 October	Club Assembly and Board Meeting
30 October	Ted's Magical Mystery Tour (Partners' Night) – TBC
31 October 2 November	District Conference at Sussex Inlet
6 November	Conference Report
13 November	Rear Admiral David Shackleton RAN (Rtd.)
20 November	Board Meeting
27 November	TBC
4 December	No Meeting
6 December	Cocktails @ Chez Aston
11 December	Club AGM
14 December	Carols by Candlelight
18 December	Club Christmas Party

RI president addresses UN forum

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RI President Dong Kurn Lee praised the 20-year partnership between Rotary and the United Nations in fighting polio during a 25 September forum convened by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

At the forum in New York, attended by top government and civic leaders, Lee reaffirmed Rotary's commitment to working with the UN to eradicate polio and build a healthier, more peaceful world.

"We have brought the world closer to the end of a disease and to the achievement of the fourth Millennium Development Goal: reducing child mortality," Lee said in a speech during a breakout session on health and education. "We have created partnerships that will endure and will yield benefits far beyond the elimination of one disease."

Lee and other RI leaders spent four days in New York in September participating in several forums, convened to assess progress made toward achieving the Millennium Development Goals adopted by world leaders in 2000.

The forum brought together a broad coalition of government leaders, philanthropists, and development agencies who recommitted to slashing poverty, hunger, and disease by 2015.

Speakers included Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation co-chair Bill Gates, UNESCO Director-General Kiochiro Matsuura, WHO Director-General Margaret Chan, and other philanthropists and government leaders.

"Rotary's agenda addresses all of the millennium goals: health, hunger, cleaner environment, and education," says Sylvan Barnet, RI representative to the United Nations. "This event was a useful way to promote Rotary to different world leaders and organizations."

RI General Secretary Ed Futa said the meeting he attended was a high-powered event.

"The thing that impressed me the most was that everyone -- heads of state and CEOs -- recognized Rotary International and the work we are doing," Futa said.

The Week that was (Thanks to PP Ian)

Our guest speaker for the meeting was to be IPADG... Immediate Past Assistant District Governor Phil Armstrong in his new capacity as District Vocational Service rep. Unfortunately, Phil was laid low with some sort of virus and was unable to be with us. Hopefully we shall see him at a future date. Given Phil's malaise, it was just a wee bit spooky that the general theme of Bill Hardie's very clever fines session was the virus, and the specific virus that is unique to each individual member of the club. Bill may have dreamt up a weird virus for Phil and inflicted this on him by some cyber means. Whatever, the fines were of the high creative and amusing standard which Bill always delivers.

George rode his luck on the wheel and quinellaed (good word) the grog, winning both the port and the wine.

In lieu of our guest speaker, two of our newer members Max Reid and John Melville, gave us some background on their lives, both personal and vocational. Both completely different but equally fascinating and a reminder how eclectic Rotary membership is and how this contributes to its strength and vitality.

Treasurer Kris gave us the initial financial results of the Blues festival food van and markets which together grossed approx. \$6491. Profit looks to be in excess of \$5000, a great effort by all.

President Ted has a mystery dinner arranged for 30 October, this involving a bus ride to a venue as yet unknown to us all. This will be a partners' night.... more arrangements to be advised!

(I think Ian does a better job than the Editor!)



International Toast

This week's International Toast is for all the rev heads who had their eyes this weekend glued to Fords, Holdens, Pit lane and chequered flags!

This week we toast the Rotary Club of Bathurst, NSW, District 9700, chartered in 1932. It currently has 18 members and meets at the Bathurst RSL Club on Thursday evenings. It is the oldest of the 4 Rotary Clubs in Bathurst. Bathurst Daybreak was chartered in 1995, Bathurst East in 1971 and Bathurst Macquarie 1979.

Celebrations

Birthdays

- 12th - George Barker
- 30th - Peter Baltis (Chris O'Brien's partner)
- 31st - Angie Ulrichsen

Anniversaries

- 18th - Phil & Daiva Gaffney
- 19th - Jack & carolyn Wightman
- 27th - Kris & Steve Elphick



The Funny Side

Rooster in His Declining Years

An old farmer decided it was time to get a new rooster for his hens. The current rooster was still doing an okay job, but he was getting on in years and the farmer figured getting a new rooster couldn't hurt. So he buys a new cock from the local rooster emporium, and turns him loose in the barnyard. Well, the old rooster sees the young one strutting around and he's a little worried about being replaced. He walks up to the new bird.

"So you're the new stud in town? I bet you really think you're hot stuff don't you? Well I'm not ready for the chopping block yet. I'll bet I'm still the better bird. And to prove it, I challenge you to a race around that hen house over there. We'll run around it ten times and whoever finishes first gets to have all the hens for himself."

Well, the young rooster was a proud sort, and he definitely thought he was more than a match for the old guy.

"You're on," he said, "and since I'm so great, I'll even give you a head start of half a lap. I'll still win easy!"

So the two roosters go over to the henhouse to start the race with all the hens gathering to watch. The race begins and all the hens start cheering the old rooster on. After the first lap, the old rooster is still maintaining his lead.

After the second lap, the old guy's lead has slipped a little -- but he's still hanging in there. Unfortunately, the old rooster's lead continues to slip each time around, and by the fifth lap he's just barely in front of the young fella. By now the farmer has heard the commotion. He runs into the house, gets his shotgun and runs into the barnyard figuring a fox or something is after his chickens. When he gets there, he sees the two roosters running around the henhouse, with the old rooster still slightly in the lead. He immediately takes his shotgun, aims, fires, and blows the young rooster away.

"Damn. That's the third gay rooster I've bought this month."

It pays to be senile

A couple is celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary. They go down to their old school. There, in a corner, they hold hands as they find their old desk where he had carved, "I love you, Sally."

On the way home, a bag of money falls out of the armoured car in front of them. She picks it up and counts fifty thousand dollars.

The husband says, "We've got to give it back."

She says, "Finders keepers." And when they get home she hides it in the attic.

The next day, two FBI men show up at their home. They say, "Pardon me, did any one in this house find any money that fell out of an armoured car yesterday?"

She says, "No."

The husband says, "My wife is lying, she took the money and hid it in the attic."

She says, "Don't believe him, he's a bit senile."

So they sit the man down and begin to question him.

The FBI guy says, "Tell us the story from the beginning."

The old man says, "Well, my wife and I were on our way home from school..."