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The Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin

Ted's Tips

Just back from a hectic week in Sydney, so this week's message will be short.

It appears that the last meeting with Lin in the chair went off well and the speaker had a good presentation but was a little hard to understand.....I was hoping to be missed but just goes to show that Rotary carries on, no matter what !

This coming week is a Club Assembly, so let's hear all concerns about the Club's performance to date and anything that needs to be done or not done. So far this year in the past three months we have done pretty well with our Club Goals, in the our successful 50th celebrations, the work carried out at Ringlands in conjunction with the Council, having the best exchange student who is already on her 2nd Host family, and the Blues festival and of course, the induction and welcoming of four new Rotarians and Partners. I have a meeting of the Group Presidents on Tuesday at Bodalla, and I will be happy to give my report on the Club.

Think about the meeting of the 30th away from the Whale, the mystery trip. Phil will need definite numbers for this Partners night, so please discuss at home. More about that at the meeting.

Cheers

Ted

Tonight

Club Assembly and Board Meeting

Duties

TASK	23 October	30 October	6 November
Welcome/Wheel	John Messner	George Barker	Laurelle Pacey
Cashier	George Barker	Laurelle Pacey	Bill Hardie
Toast / thanks	Laurelle Pacey	Bill Hardie	Lin Morey
4-way test	Bill Hardie	Lin Morey	Bob Antill
3-minute talk	Lin Morey	Bob Antill	Marilyn Gibson
FINES	Bob Aston	Marilyn Gibson	Chris O'Brien
Introduction	Marilyn Gibson	Chris O'Brien	Paul Smith

Coming Events

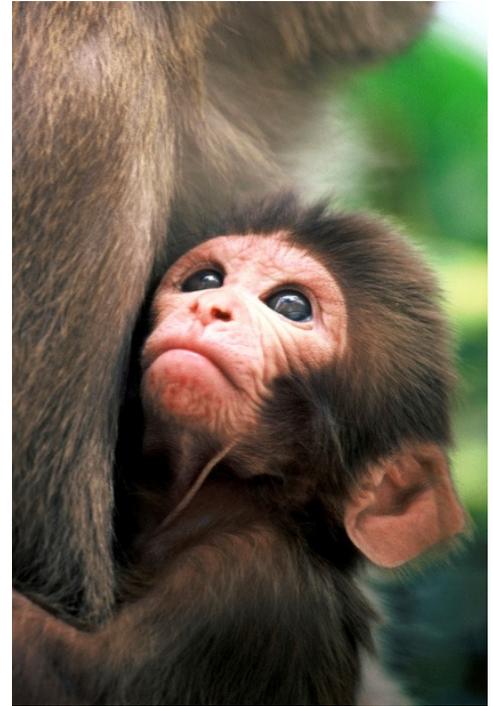
23 October	Club Assembly and Board Meeting
26 October	Narooma Rotary Markets on NATA Oval
30 October	Ted's Magical Mystery Tour (Partners' Night) – TBC
31 October 2 November	District Conference at Sussex Inlet
6 November	Conference Report
13 November	Rear Admiral David Shackleton RAN (Rtd.)
20 November	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

The Week that was

The President was away and as suggested in last week's Beacon the rest of the crew played up. Chairman Lin (A very regal title – isn't it!) was in fine form (forgetting that it was his turn to do the fines). Trying to keep us in line. Laurelle gave a short talk on National Hug Day – Yes that's right National Hug Day. For awhile there it has hugs all around! Don't forget to give someone a hug when you next see them.

We were entertained by Bill Hardie with his interesting and informative talk on picture framing and the conservation framing. I never realised that a good frame will preserve pictures and art work for many, many years. If I am ever going to be framed I think Bill is the man.

Chairman Lin won the port, Laurelle the eggs and Kris the wine.



Our Matching Grant Adventure

A report from Foundation Chairman Jack who announced last week that he had invited a Rotary club in India to join us as a partner to apply for a Matching Grant. What was that all about? Here are some details, especially for our newer members who do not have the background information

Firstly – what are Matching Grants? They are grants of money from the Rotary Foundation to assist in funding international humanitarian service projects in cooperation with Rotarians in another country. Eligible projects include primary and secondary education and the purchase of equipment and appliances, but not the purchase or construction of buildings in which people live or work. TRF provides grants of not less than US\$5,000 on the basis of \$1 for every \$2 in cash contributed by clubs and \$1 for every \$1 allotted from DDF (District Designated Funds).

The project we seek to fund in partnership with a club in India is the Baas Educational Trust School. This is a private school being developed to serve three villages in Rajasthan, where literacy levels are low and the standard of education in the state sector is poor. Visit the website www.betsinfo.org to find out more. After seeing the school in its early stages of development, PP Ian Thomlinson recommended that we give it financial support. The Board approved a donation of \$1,000 last December and determined to raise additional funding with a Matching Grant.

There are 150 children enrolled, increasing to over 200 next Easter. We have not yet seen a budget for the project which may include the purchase of school uniforms, books and other teaching equipment, and sanitary ware for toilets in the assembly hall to be built. In conjunction with an Indian club, and with a grant of US\$5000 or so, we expect that we can meet a project budget of at least US\$12,000 and as

much as US\$15,000 or more if necessary. On our side we have an assurance from District Matching Grants Chairman PDG Bernie Rodgers that funds (DDF) will be available to augment our fundraising. On the Indian side, being assured of support from the Governor Elect of District 3010, we have approached the Rotary Club of Delhi Garden City as a prospective host partner for the project. We hope that they are willing to participate.

This is a most interesting exercise for the club and I trust it will have a satisfying conclusion. It is a great example of what can possibly be achieved by Rotarians contributing to their own charitable organization, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

The Rotary Club of Gungahlin

The Rotary Club of Gungahlin. Our Club donated \$100.00 to the Foundation to mark the event. Below is an email of thanks from the president of the Club.

Dear President Ted

I never dreamt the club would be up and running so soon, let alone take on the President's role again.

We had 83 people support our charter; it was good to see so many clubs represented.

Could you please pass on your members our appreciation for their gift of A\$100 towards our clubs support of The Rotary Foundation. I very much want to support the RF, and so decided to forward all the raffle and auction money to the Rotary Foundation on the Charter night. We raised over \$850.

It is so exciting to start a new club.

I am sure we will keep in contact during this year.

*Cheers
Sandra Mahlberg
President
Rotary Club of Gungahlin*

The Funny Side

Why did the chicken cross the road? (Thanks to Fred Doctor)

BARACK OBAMA: The chicken crossed the road because it was time for change! The chicken wanted change!

JOHN MC GAIN: My friends that chicken crossed the road because he recognized the need to engage in cooperation and dialogue with all the chickens on the other side of the road.

SARAH PALIN: That road the liberal media claim that chicken crossed? Well that is the Road to Nowhere, and I told Congress. Thanks but no thanks to that. So there isn't any road for that chicken to cross and any reporter who says otherwise ought to be fired.



HILLARY CLINTON: When I was First Lady, I personally helped that little chicken to cross the road. This experience makes me uniquely qualified to ensure right from Day One! that every chicken in this country gets the chance it deserves to cross the road.. But then, this really isn't about me.

GEORGE W. BUSH: We don't really care why the chicken crossed the road. We just want to know if the chicken is on our side of the road, or not. The chicken is either against us, or for us. There is no middle ground here.

DICK CHENEY: Where's my gun?

COLIN POWELL: Now to the left of the screen, you can clearly see the satellite image of the chicken crossing the road.

BILL CLINTON: I did not cross the road with that chicken. What is your definition of chicken?

AL GORE: I invented the chicken.

JOHN KERRY: Although I voted to let the chicken cross the road, I am now against it! It was the wrong road to cross, and I was misled about the chicken's intentions. I am not for it now, and will remain against it.

DR. PHIL: The problem we have here is that this chicken won't realize that he must first deal with the problem on this side of the road before it goes after the problem on the other side of the road. What we need to do is help him realize how stupid he's acting by not taking on his current problems before adding new problems.

OPRAH: Well, I understand that the chicken is having problems, which is why he wants to cross this road so bad. So instead of having the chicken learn from his mistakes and take falls, which is a part of life, I'm going to give this chicken a car so that he can just drive across the road and not live his life like the rest of the chickens.

ANDERSON COOPER, CNN: We have reason to believe there is a chicken, but we have not yet been allowed to have access to the other side of the road.

NANCY GRACE: That chicken crossed the road because he's guilty! You can see it in his eyes and the way he walks.

PAT BUCHANAN: To steal the job of a decent, hardworking American.

MARTHA STEWART: No one called me to warn me which way that chicken was going. I had a standing order at the Farmer's Market to sell my eggs when the price dropped to a certain level. No little bird gave me any insider information.

DR SEUSS: Did the chicken cross the road? Did he cross it with a toad? Yes, the chicken crossed the road, but why it crossed I've not been told.

ERNEST HEMINGWAY: To die . In the rain. Alone.

JERRY FALWELL: Because the chicken was gay! Can't you people see the plain truth? That's why they call it the 'other side.' Yes, my friends, that chicken is gay. And if you eat that chicken, you will become gay, too. I say we boycott all chickens until we sort out this abomination that the liberal media whitewashes with seemingly harmless phrases like 'the other side.' That chicken should not be crossing the road. It's as plain and as simple as that.

GRANDPA: In my day we didn't ask why the chicken crossed the road. Somebody told us the chicken crossed the road, and that was good enough.

BARBARA WALTERS: Isn't that interesting? In a few moments, we will be listening to the chicken tell, for the first time, the heart warming story of how it experienced a serious case of moulting, and went on to accomplish its lifelong dream of crossing the road.

ARISTOTLE: It is the nature of chickens to cross the road.

JOHN LENNON: Imagine all the chickens in the world crossing roads together, in peace.

BILL GATES: I have just released eChicken2008, which will not only cross roads, but will lay eggs, file your important documents, and balance your checkbook. Internet Explorer is an integral part of eChicken2008. This new platform is much more stable and will never reboot.

ALBERT EINSTEIN: Did the chicken really cross the road, or did the road move beneath the chicken?

COLONEL SANDERS: Did I miss one?

Bill's Fine Session

Following many requests, The Editor, at great expense has been able to purchase Bill Hardie's fine session from 9 October 2009. Enjoy

Many of you have been subject to various viruses and conditions over the past few months and as a result of considerable research, I have discovered that there are a lot of new conditions going around.

One of these is:-

Barkeritis. This condition comes complete with its own colour chart. For example, with Barkeritis, if you are feeling blue the colour chart will tell you exactly how blue you are. If you're in the red, the colour chart will tell you how much in the red you really are. If you're in the pink, again refer to the colour chart. The only drawback is if you're felling Scottish, sorry, the colour chart doesn't extend to tartan.

If you wake up in the morning Determined to be Different and hell bent on taking over banks at cut price rates then, I'm afraid you have contacted Elphickitis. The only known cure is to get your home loan

approved in sixty minutes. Yes Earth minutes! Of course this will leave you spaced out and with a home loan that you didn't really want in the first place.

Antillitis is a rather strange condition where you respond to someone ringing a bell once and stop at the nearest shelter and instantly start taking photographs. There is a cure. Let me enlarge on this. You have to focus and put down the shutter and respond in the negative.

If you find you are continually counting and have no balance, then I'm afraid you have contacted Gaffneyitis. You will experience a great sense of loss before you start to profit from any treatment and you may find this quite taxing. If, however, you find yourself searching the internet for obscure quizzes, then I'm afraid your Gaffneyitis is permanent and you'll probably have to see an administrator.

If, all of a sudden, you find that you are relating all your sayings to fruit, such as, 'You're on to plumbs', or, 'This thing is a real lemon' or even talking about a banana republic, then I'm afraid you have contacted Moreyitis. To avoid this condition, simply follow that well known saying 'An apple a day keeps Moreyitis away' and you won't finish up a vegetable.

Bladwellitis is a strange condition where you have a woolly feeling in your head and have the shear gall to continually upset the club programme organiser by making frequent changes. Even worse though is when you start to introduce your wife to the club by using her real name. This condition is I'm afraid permanent,

O'Brienitis can be the result of too many early morning disputes with market stall holders. However, it is more likely to be caused by too much exposure to bright lights. The cure is to lie in a darkened room and repeat the Four Way Test off by heart and shout at Bob Aston for having the cheek to read it.

Fergusonitis occurs when you have a propensity to eat vast amounts of food. In fact, some would liken it to throwing peas down a quarry. The cause is thought to be over exposure to flour such as occurs when baking and, no doubt sampling scones. The only cure I can suggest is to give George Barker your bread roll.

If you waken up in the morning full of Get Up and Go, you may have contacted Ulrichsenitis. Really, your only hope is by the next day you're Get Up and Go has Got Up and Went.

Paceyitis is one of those conditions that leaves you asking questions and that the answer to these questions leaves you asking more. This condition is not News it's a sign of the Times and the only thing to do is to Telegraph your thoughts and media-ate with yourself, ex-press these thoughts on paper and hopefully the next day will Herald a new beginning.

Melvilleitis is a complete mystery to me because nothing adds up. The condition is further multiplied by a series of complex problems where nothing equates. My only suggestion is to divide each section and subtract the negatives and hope you have the formula for success.

If you're feeling boxed-in and board, on paper I would say you have contacted Reiditis. In fact on bad days this can make you feel quite Visy. The good news is that Reiditis is 100% recycleable and you'll feel better tomorrow.

Gibsonitis. Diagnosis of this condition is quite easy to nail down. Normally this condition applies to the women and although not too serious, it can be extremely high maintenance. The colours associated with Gibsonitis are many and various and weekly or fortnightly treatments often result in a complete

colour change. My suggestion to the ladies is that to avoid Gibsonitis you bite your fingernails. If you're a man who has Gibsonitis, don't worry too much but worry!

Smithitis is quite an accommodating condition and can be measured in units. Duration requires usually a minimum of a week and the cost of treatment can vary according to the season. Bookings for treatment are usually in advance and require a deposit. Be warned, however, if you fail to give sufficient notice of cancellation you could forfeit your deposit.

You rush out the house, jump in the car, and take off at breakneck speed totally unaware that you are towing a trailer, a boat or indeed a food van. If this has happened to you, you may have contacted Wightmanitis. The only solution, buy a car without a tow bar.

This condition used to be called tonsillitis until approximately four weeks ago when one of our members had an extremely sore throat. So much so that the condition was renamed Thomlinsonitis. But please have no fear, Thomlinsonitis is really a bed & breakfast condition. It stays with you all night and leaves the next morning fulfilled and refreshed.

If you find yourself talking derivatives, market mayhem or worrying about the recent forecast of gross domestic product, don't panic. You could have a touch of Messneritis. This is a condition which has its share of ups and downs with the occasional meltdown. There has been variable interest in this condition and much has been invested in research in the hope that it will pay dividends. If you find Messneritis getting you down, hide your piggy bank, don't listen or read the financial news and go on holiday until it blows over.

Sometimes you may find that you just can't go past a slow food outlet if so, I'm afraid you've got Youngitis.

The solution, eat at McDonalds, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Subway, Hungry Jacks and other such places for a month and then you'll appreciate Youngitis

Astonitis is a golfing condition. The symptoms, hook or slice when you hit a long shot (after several air swings which some regard as practice shots). Failure to find your ball after said long shot, landing in a bunker when you pitch to the green and then the four putts required after your six bunker shot. In addition to this, you have walked twice the length of the course in a zig zag fashion after your stray golf ball. When you have finished your round and someone enquires about your game, all you need to say is "Oh! I had a touch of Astonitis" and that says it all.

The final condition is Hardieitis. Here you write stupid fine sessions and the only cure is to pay a fine for your stupidity.

International Toast

Last week, at the Whale, a few of us engaged in a lively discussion about religion whilst we enjoyed the tomato surprise and the superb duck leg with orange marmalade jus, so this week I thought we would travel to a part of the world which a diversity of religions hold precious. This week's International toast is to the Rotary Club of Jerusalem, District 2490. The Club was chartered in 1929 and has 48 members. The club meets at the YMCA in King David Street each Wednesday at lunchtime. (They also had a Marilyn for President in Rotary year 2006 -2007!)

Amen,
Maz