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

### **Ted's Tips**

Hi all,

Those of you unable to make last meeting, missed an excellent speaker in Frank Bottomley. His subject, 'Stop the 4 O'clock Knock', related to the knock on the door of Parent of young people hurt or killed in car accidents late at night. His talk would go well with Rotary's RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) campaign which we support.

No meeting this Thursday, a Cocktail Party at Aston's instead. This is of course a Partners night, numbers as usual to Phil please.

Today's market was a little light with stalls but was better than expected, as the sunshine brought out the locals, and although no figures as yet I believe it was certainly well worth the effort of holding them after last weeks cancellation. Full marks to Chris O'Brian for the time and the hassle she had in organising the 2 markets in the one week. Thanks to Chris and to those members for today's help.

Ahead of us we have the Carols by Candlelight on the 14<sup>th</sup> (Sunday week) with the van, so we'll need some help for a couple of hours, and then comes the Christmas Party on the 18<sup>th</sup> at the Whale ,at which we ask you to wear " A little bit of Christmas" and bring your Christmas spirit.

So far I haven't received any names of people I can approach on your behalf as potential members. Maybe not much can be done over the next two months but please let's not rest in seeking out new club members, although with a few fellowship nights coming up the opportunity is there to invite people.  
Enough for now.

Cheers

Ted

### **Tonight**

**Cocktails (And Beer) @ Chez Aston's**

## Duties

TASK	4 December	11 December	18 December
Welcome/Wheel	No	Paul Smith	Bob Antill
Cashier	Meeting	Bob Antill	Marilyn Gibson
Toast / thanks	In –Lieu	Marilyn Gibson	Chris O’Brien
4-way test	Of	Chris O’Brien	Kris Elphick
3-minute talk	Cocktails at	Kris Elphick	John Messner
FINES	Bob & Therese’s	John Messner	
Introduction	On 6 December	John Melville	Angie Ulrichsen

## Coming Events

4 December	No Meeting
6 December	Cocktails (And Beer) @ Chez Aston’s
11 December	Club AGM
14 December	Carols by Candlelight
18 December	Club Christmas Party
28 December	Narooma Rotary Markets
17 January	Barefoot Bowls at Bodalla Bowling Club

## The week that was – Thanks to Ian

A low turnout of members due to various commitments elsewhere and it was pleasing that the majority of absent members did make their apologies. Apart from normal courtesy, we must stress how important it is to give our hosts at the Whale fair notice of meal numbers.

Our ranks were swelled somewhat by visiting Rotarian Bob Brading and his wife Robin from Canberra Belconnen club, and Sue Fahey with Erin.

Erin had just attended a Youth Exchange weekend for outbound, inbound and ‘rebound’ students at Cooma and spoke to the club about her experiences there (with special emphasis on food!). Erin was proudly wearing her new YEP blazer and Aussie name badge.

We had neither a fines session nor the ‘wheel’ but we were well entertained by Chris O’Brien who related the amazing saga of the search she and Peter had to find a 17” tyre for their Merc 4WD from

their campsite in the Snowy Mts. A round trip to Canberra back to Narooma and back to Tantangarra in one day ...all up about 750kms. Should have stayed in Narooma and enjoyed the Pub Hill BBQ on that Sunday!

Our guest speaker was Frank Bottomley who with his partner Michelle talked to us about their non profit business called Safe As, aimed at reducing the road toll involving young drivers and passengers. Their catch phrase is 'Stop the 4 O'clock Knock', that time in the morning when parents might open the door to get the awful news from the police that their child has been involved in a road smash.

Frank has an accountancy business, and is a director on the board of Campbell Page but spends an enormous amount of time travelling and conducting road safety seminars for young drivers and their parents.

In a far reaching address, some figures stand out-the fact that road accidents cost the Australian community \$40 million per DAY. And we tend to forget the fact that road smashes not only kill but cause severe life long injuries such as quadriplegia, brain injuries and amputations to name a few, affecting not only the life quality of the injured but the family and friends also. Frank encouraged us to be diligent not negligent in our driving.

Altogether, a very sobering address.

A look at Frank's website [www.safeas.org.au](http://www.safeas.org.au) is recommended.

## **Cocktails @Chez Aston's**

Just a reminder that there is no meeting this Thursday, instead we will meet at Bob & Therese Aston's place on Saturday evening for a Cocktail Party – see attached flyer.

Bob will send out an email asking members to bring some finger food to help soak up the alcohol.

### **International Toast**

This week we visit India for our International Toast as Mumbai has been prominent in the news. You may be surprised to know that there are 32 Rotary Clubs in Mumbai, Rotary District 3140. One of the newer Rotary Clubs is the Rotary Club of Mumbai Mahakali. It has 13 members and meets on Friday evenings at 7.30 pm at the Hotel Mirador.

### **Anniversaries**

Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> Max Reid, 6<sup>th</sup> Tony Fahey, 7<sup>th</sup> Bill Hardie, 10<sup>th</sup> Kevin Young, 23<sup>rd</sup> Katje Gfeller

Wedding Anniversary

21<sup>st</sup> is 34<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary for the Gibson's. Well done Marilyn & Jim

# ShelterBox issues emergency appeal for funds

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International News -- 26 November 2008

ShelterBox has issued an urgent appeal for funds to help provide aid to tens of thousands of displaced people in four countries following a succession of humanitarian crises.

Response teams from ShelterBox reacted quickly to distribute emergency aid to victims of the 29 October earthquake in Pakistan. And worsening humanitarian situations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Honduras, and Swaziland have stretched operations to the limit, ShelterBox representatives say.

"This is a life-or-death situation. Families who have lost their homes are in desperate need of shelter and warmth," says Sally Grint, ShelterBox communications and fundraising manager. "Donations are urgently needed to fund further deliveries of aid."

In southwestern Pakistan, a ShelterBox response team provided 1,000 containers to families left homeless after a powerful earthquake rocked impoverished regions there, killing at least 215 people and causing widespread destruction.

Each container provides a tent, a stove, a water purification kit, blankets, tools, and other necessities to help a family of 10 survive for six months.

Mark Pearson, response team leader on the ground in Pakistan, says winterized tents are desperately needed to shelter an estimated 15,000 displaced villagers trying to withstand frigid nighttime temperatures.

"We assessed the scattered villages around Ziarat District, and almost all the mud-brick houses were destroyed," Pearson says on the ShelterBox Web site.

Pearson praises the logistical support provided by local Rotary clubs. "The clubs in Quetta and Karachi are invaluable in the operations here, providing flights, security, accommodations, interpreters, and local knowledge," he says.

In Congo, an estimated quarter-million people are seeking refuge from fierce fighting between rebels and government forces. ShelterBox has provided 200 containers and has committed to deliver 200 more.

A response team also distributed 200 containers to residents of San Pedro Sula, Honduras, after heavy rains and flooding forced 22,000 people from their homes on 22 October.

And a ShelterBox team in Swaziland is distributing aid to children orphaned by AIDS in an ongoing program with the National Emergency Response Council on HIV/AIDS.

The ShelterBox program was launched in 2000 by Tom Henderson, a British Rotarian and former Royal Navy search-and-rescue diver, who is the charity's CEO.

# The Funny Side

## Give me free meat

It was many years ago since the embarrassing day when a young woman, with a baby in her arms, entered his butcher shop and confronted him with the news that the baby was his and asked what was he going to do about it? Finally he offered to provide her with free meat until the boy was 16. She agreed.

He had been counting the years off on his calendar, and one day the teenager, who had been collecting the meat each week, came into the shop and said, "I'll be 16 tomorrow."

"I know," said the butcher with a smile, "I've been counting too, tell your mother, when you take this parcel of meat home, that it is the last free meat she'll get, and watch the expression on her face."

When the boy arrived home he told his mother. The woman nodded and said, "Son, go back to the butcher and tell him I have also had free bread, free milk, and free groceries for the last 16 years and watch the expression on his face!"

## An O'Malley Coincidence

A man stumbles up to the only other patron in a bar and asks if he could buy him a drink.

"Why, of course," comes the reply.

The first man then asks, "Where are you from?"

"I'm from Ireland," replies the second man.

The first man responds, "You don't say, I'm from Ireland too! Let's have another round to Ireland."

"Of course," says the second.

Curious, the first asks, "Where in Ireland?"

"Dublin," comes the reply.

"I can't believe it, me too! Let's have another round of drinks to Dublin."

"Of course."

The second man can't help himself so he asks, "What school did you go to?"

"Saint Mary's", replies the first man. "I graduated in '62."

"This is becoming unbelievable!!!" the second man said.

About that time, in comes one of the regulars and sits down at the bar. "What's up?" he asks the bartender.

"Nothing much," replied the bartender. "The O'Malley twins are drunk again!"

## The Market Report

Kris reports that Sunday's market grossed the following:-

Gate	\$500.00
Van	\$393.35
Wishing Well	\$ 89.10
White Elephant	\$ 81.70
Grand Total	\$1064.15

A great recovery from last week's washout!



Pam and Chris enjoy the last Cocktail Party!

# Rotary Club of Narooma Cocktail Party

Bob & Therese Aston's Place

8 Tarourga Place Dalmeny

6:30pm Saturday 6 December 2008



Cocktails  
Mocktails  
Soft drinks  
Beer

Finger Food

Cost \$20.00 per head

Raffles, Lucky Door and other surprises

Dress - Casual Tropical Cocktail