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The Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin

Ted's Tips

Hi all,

It's a month now since the Christmas party, and our last formal meeting. So much has happened over the last month, with the Scholarship Interviews, the Van at bar beach, the Christmas market, and yesterday the bowls day at Bodalla.

Our appreciation must go to first Ian Thomlinson for representing Rotary at the High School Awards Day and making the presentations in my absence, to Laurelle for the organising of the Interviews and to the panel consisting of Marilyn and Max, Laurelle and Jack, to all that helped at the Van at Bar beach, to Chris for the work at the Christmas Market, and of course to all who battled for the Club yesterday at the Bowls at Bodalla. I am sure we was robbed of the trophy!

This week Erin leaves for her year exchange to Germany. As her sponsor Club we should be very proud to be able to give Erin this life changing opportunity. Rotary Youth Exchange remains one of the more worthwhile Rotary Youth Projects. We all wish her a safe travel and a wonderful year away, and will be looking forward to her first report to the Club.

Our sincere best wishes to Lillian for a speedy recovery and we look forward to seeing you at Rotary before too long.

Next big Item is the Duck Race this Australia Day 26th. I will be contacting you re the books of tickets for sale and for your help in selling in the Caravan parks and outside the IGA this week, as well as the Markets on this Sunday.

On to the next half of this Rotary Year! The best is yet to come!

Make Dreams Real

Cheers

Ted

Tonight

Vocational Talks – Bob Antill & Paul Smith

Duties

TASK	22 January	29 January	5 February
Welcome/Wheel	Marilyn Gibson	Chris O'Brien	John Messner
Cashier	Chris O'Brien	John Messner	Angie Ulrichsen
Toast / thanks	John Messner	Angie Ulrichsen	Laurelle Pacey
3-minute talk	Angie Ulrichsen	Laurelle Pacey	Max Reid
FINES	Laurelle Pacey	Max Reid	Marilyn Gibson
Introduction	Max Reid	Marilyn Gibson	Bob Antill

Coming Events

22 January	Vocational Talks – Bob Antill & Paul Smith @ The Whale
25 January	Narooma Rotary Markets at NATA
26 January	Australia Day – Ken Rose Park
29 January	Youth Night Meet our new Rotary Scholar
5 February	TBC
12 February	TBC
19 February	Board Meeting
22 February	Narooma Rotary Markets on NATA Oval
16 February	TBC

The weeks that were

Well it's been awhile since a Beacon has been published and a lot has happened. On the 18th December we celebrated Christmas at the Whale – the highlight was the impromptu singing of *Silent Night* in German by Angie, Chris, Merinda and Katja

Whilst we didn't meet on 25 December or 1 January were kept very busy with the van at Bar Breach and the Christmas/New Year Market. Our time at Bar Beach was worthwhile and greatly appreciated by the many visitors to the area, especially when the Council Barbeques were on the blink and we ended up cooking for appreciative locals and visitors from Sydney, Canberra, Israel and the Middle East

(fortunately on different days!). In all we grossed about \$4100.00 for a week and a half at the Beach – A great effort.

The Christmas/New Year market was a great success with lots of visitors and stall holders, The P&C had a busy morning, having to restock the van on many occasions. The gate grossed \$1368.00, the van \$1014.10 and the White Elephant \$25.80.

On 8 January we were due to meet at Quota Park for Fish n' Chips, the wind was cold and the weather miserable so Chris as quick as a flash organised a table at Fromage's for some excellent wood fired Pizza!

On Saturday 13 February it was off to the Bodalla Bowling Club for a game barefoot bowls with Moruya and Batemans Bay, sadly we only managed the Silver Medal with Moruya taking out the Gold! Ted has dictated that fortnightly practice will be held between now and next year's rematch so that we can show that Moruya mob what bowls is really about. Thanks to AG, Maureen for organising the event, it was great to catch up with Moruya and Batemans Bay Clubs and the Chinese afternoon tea at the Club was excellent.

Australia Day Duck Race

The Rotary Club of Narooma will be conducting its annual Duck Race on 26 January 2009.

Tickets are available at \$5.00 each

See Tony to get your tickets and sell them by 25 January!!

Pumping water for life in Zimbabwe

By Dan Nixon

Rotary International News -- 13 January 2009

Amid famine, water scarcity, disease outbreaks, and rampant inflation in Zimbabwe, six Rotary clubs in as many countries are bringing hope to people there.

The project is establishing water wells and vegetable and tree gardens at seven schools in the country. A US\$6,650 Rotary Foundation Matching Grant, combined with sponsor contributions, has provided a total of \$16,950 in funding for the effort.

The project began in 2007, sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Grenaa and Grenaa-Djurs, Denmark; Tûri, Estonia; Grossefehn/Wiesmoor, Germany; Drøbak, Norway; and Hunyani, Zimbabwe. Recent support has also come from the Rotary Club of Åmål, Sweden.

Pump Aid, a nongovernmental organization, is managing installation and maintenance of the wells. Environment Africa, another NGO, oversees creation of the gardens, designed to help feed area residents and provide some with a livelihood. The organization is headed by Charlene Hewat, of the Hunyani club.

"The technology is simple and efficient and requires no special technical skills," says Stein Nørve, a member of the Drøbak club. "The pumps may be operated manually by anyone."

In 2008, Cecilia Nedziwe assessed the project's progress in the course of her work as manager of operations for the Centre for Peace Initiatives in Africa. At the Mupamombe school, she found the water pump functioning efficiently and workers planting seeds in the garden.

"There was life and happiness around, and I was delighted to see everyone smiling and extending their gratefulness to Rotary for supporting the well project," said Nedziwe, who is based in Harare, Zimbabwe's capital, and is a former Rotary World Peace Fellow (Zimbabwe to Australia, 06-08).

She found the situation similar at three of the other four schools. Only at the school in Kwayedza was the well for the pump yet to be completed. Two wells are also scheduled for installation at other schools.

Nedziwe said that the project is vital, "given the level of humanitarian crisis in the country. The project is making a difference and saving many lives."

Narooma Rotary Website

Check us out on the Web at <http://naroomarotary.com/>

The Funny Side

You know you're Australian if.....

43 self identifying things that tell you you're Australian

1. You know the meaning of the word "girt".
2. You believe that stubbies can be either drunk or worn.
3. You think it's normal to have a leader called Kevin.
4. You waddle when you walk due to the 53 expired petrol discount vouchers stuffed in your wallet or purse.
5. You've made a bong out of your garden hose rather than use it for something illegal such as watering the garden.
6. You believe it is appropriate to put a rubber in your son's pencil case when he first attends school.
7. When you hear that an American "roots for his team" you wonder how often and with whom.
8. You understand that the phrase "a group of women wearing black thongs" refers to footwear and may be less alluring than it sounds.
9. You pronounce Melbourne as "Mel-bin".
10. You pronounce Penrith as "Pen-riff".
11. You believe the "l" in the word "Australia" is optional.
12. You can translate: "Dazza and Shazza played Acca Dacca on the way to Maccas."
13. You believe it makes perfect sense for a nation to decorate its highways with large fibreglass bananas, prawns and sheep.
14. You call your best friend "a total bastard" but someone you really, truly despise is just "a bit of a bastard".
15. You think "Woolloomooloo" is a perfectly reasonable name for a place.
16. You're secretly proud of our killer wildlife.
17. You believe it makes sense for a country to have a \$1 coin that's twice as big as its \$2 coin.
18. You understand that "Wagga Wagga" can be abbreviated to "Wagga" but "Woy Woy" can't be called "Woy".
19. You believe that cooked-down axle grease makes a good breakfast spread.
20. You believe all famous Kiwis are actually Australian, until they stuff up, at which point they again become Kiwis
21. Hamburger. Beetroot. Of course.
22. You know that certain words must, by law, be shouted out during any rendition of the Angels' song Am I Ever Gonna See Your Face Again.
23. You believe, as an article of faith, that the confectionary known as the Wagon Wheel has become smaller with every passing year.
24. You still don't get why the "Labor" in "Australian Labor Party" is not spelt with a "u".
25. You wear ugh boots outside the house.
26. You believe, as an article of faith, that every important discovery in the world was made by an Australian but then sold off to the Yanks for a pittance.
27. You believe that the more you shorten someone's name the more you like them.
28. Whatever your linguistic skills, you find yourself able to order takeaway fluently in every Asian language.
29. You understand that "excuse me" can sound rude, while "scuse me" is always polite.
30. You know what it's like to swallow a fly, on occasion via your nose.

31. You understand that "you" has a plural and that it's "youse".
32. You know it's not summer until the steering wheel is too hot to handle.
33. Your biggest family argument over the summer concerned the rules for beach cricket.
34. You shake your head in horror when companies try to market what they call "Anzac cookies".
35. You still think of Kylie as "that girl off Neighbours".
36. When returning home from overseas, you expect to be brutally strip-searched by Customs - just in case you're trying to sneak in fruit.
37. You believe the phrase "smart casual" refers to a pair of black tracky-daks, suitably laundered.
38. You understand that all train timetables are works of fiction.
39. When working on a bar, you understand male customers will feel the need to offer an excuse whenever they order low-alcohol beer.
40. You get choked up with emotion by the first verse of the national anthem and then have trouble remembering the second.
41. You find yourself ignorant of nearly all the facts deemed essential in the government's new test for migrants.
42. You know, whatever the tourist books say, that no one says "cobber".
43. And you will immediately forward this list to other Australians, here and overseas, realising that only they will understand.

An Education Series for Investors (Thanks to the Moruya Rotary Club)

Bull Market: A random market movement causing an investor to mistake himself/herself for a financial genius

Value Investing: The art of buying low and selling lower

Broker: What my broker has made me

Standard & Poor: Your life in a nutshell

Stock Analyst: The idiot who just downgraded your stock

Financial Planner: A guy whose telephone has been disconnected

Market Correction: The day after you buy stocks

Cash Flow: The movement your money makes as it disappears down the drain

Profit: An archaic word no longer in use.

International Toast

Tonight we toast the Rotary Club of Keswick in the United Kingdom. Rotarians visiting Keswick and the Lake District are welcome to join their Club for lunchtime meetings which take place every Thursday at 12.30pm (7.30pm when this falls on the fifth Thursday of the month). The Club meets at the Skiddaw Hotel in the centre of Keswick. The Club is a part of District 1190

The Rotary Club of Narooma enjoying the 2009 Holidays

