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**Apologies and
additional
guests 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,

Yesterday I received a call from DG Phil asking for contributions for a shelterbox, as the current supplies on hand in Melbourne have been sent to the fire areas in Victoria. As you would be aware, the proceeds of our recent Duck race were earmarked for a shelterbox, so in response to DG Phil's request I have sent a cheque to him. This is in addition to the \$1000 already sent to the District Appeal. The District funds will be given to the District Governor of the area in Victoria and distributed at his discretion. Any further assistance can be discussed at the next meeting.

Yesterday's market was held in good weather and about \$1500 can be added to the Club's account. Many thanks to all who helped, even those who forgot it was on till late! Having the trailer makes such a difference in the time to set up and clean up with less 'stuff' to be put in the van.

Please remember that we have our combined meeting with our mother Club Bega at Cobargo on the 12th March. There is usually a good roll up from Bega, so we need good numbers from Narooma.

Make Dreams Real

Cheers

Ted

Tonight

President of Narooma Golf Club

Duties

TASK	26 February	5 March	12 March
Welcome/Wheel	Laurelle Pacey	Max Reid	Marilyn Gibson
Cashier	Max Reid	Marilyn Gibson	Bob Antill
Toast / thanks	Marilyn Gibson	Bob Antill	Angie Ulrichsen
3-minute talk	Bob Antill	Angie Ulrichsen	Kris Elphick
FINES	Angie Ulrichsen	Kris Elphick	Lin Morey
Introduction	Kris Elphick	Lin Morey	Bob Aston

Coming Events

26 February	President of Narooma Golf Club
5 March	Steven Deck Bush fires
12 March	COMBINED MEETING WITH BEGA CLUB @ COBARGO
19 March	Board Meeting

Last Week



Although I was away last week I understand that everyone had a great night at Paradise Point. The food was excellent and the company outstanding. Thanks to Jeremy and Heather for hosting the evening.

Katja prepared some traditional fare for the barbeque, a loaf of Zopf bread! See photo on the left.

Kris reports that the weekend market was very successful; the gate took \$880.00, the Van \$514.90 and the wishing well \$166.90. Sadly the Narooma Rotary Reject Stall didn't feature in the starting line up.

What will Rotary look like 10 years from now?

By Arnold R. Grahl

Rotary International News -- 18 February 2009

Incoming district governors would like to see club membership grow significantly in the next 10 years, perhaps to two million, and have that membership be younger and more diverse.

The more than 530 district governors-elect are also unanimous in their hope that Rotary will help eradicate polio by 2019.

Those were just a few of the ideas that surfaced during a training exercise held during the 2009 International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, in January. The incoming district governors were given the opportunity to write down what they thought Rotary would look like 10 years from now.

The group discussion was one of several exercises that were based on the RI Strategic Plan 2007-10 and designed to help the future leaders identify the causes of conflict and the benefits of building consensus.

In each of the 28 discussion rooms, participants were divided into groups of four district governors-elect, who listed their ideas on easel pads.

Some ideas topped each group's list. For instance, virtually everyone included having Rotary help end polio by 2019. Some of the participants suggested that Rotarians will be celebrating the fifth anniversary of polio eradication by then.

Increasing membership also made it to the top of almost every list. Some wanted to see 1.5 million club members 10 years from now, while others projected an increase to 2 million. Currently, there are approximately 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide.

About six groups wanted to see women make up half the membership in the future, and a few others said women should account for 30 percent. Several groups wrote that they hoped to see the first woman serve as RI president by 2019; more than one wanted a second female president by then.

The incoming district governors also thought Rotary needed to attract younger members. Ideas for doing so included increasing flexibility in club or meeting structure, scheduling meetings apart from meals, and making membership more affordable.

The governors-elect remained firmly committed to the mission of Rotary International. Many wanted a continued focus on the emphases of water, health and hunger, and literacy. One group suggested that "the high ethical standards of Rotary should permeate all aspects of society."

Participants also wanted to see the organization get more involved in world peace. At least a dozen groups wanted to see Rotary become better known for its work to improve the environment.

Other ideas from the discussion session included:

- Enhancing Rotary's global public image
- Having Rotary be known as the choice for business networking

- Embracing more New Generations clubs
- Allowing for family memberships
- Increasing collaboration with world governments on humanitarian goals
- Seeing Rotary win a Nobel Peace Prize

The Funny Side

Congratulations to all the kids born in the 1920's, 30's, 40's, 50's and 60's

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they carried us and lived in houses full of asbestos.

They took aspirin, ate blue cheese & tuna from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes or cervical cancer.

Then after that trauma, our baby cots were covered with bright coloured lead-based paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets or shoes, not to mention, the risks we took cadging lifts.

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags.

A trip to the beach on a warm day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the stream and NOT from a bottle.

Take away food was limited to fish and chips, no pizza shops, McDonalds, KFC, Subway or Kebabs.

Even though all the shops closed at 6.00pm and only opened for a few hours at weekends, somehow we didn't starve to death!

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this.

We could collect old drink bottles and cash them in at the corner shop and buy fruit Spangles and some bangers to blow up frogs with.

We ate buns, white bread and real butter and drank soft drinks with sugar in it, but we weren't overweight because.....

WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING!!

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.

No mobile phones - no one was able to reach us all day. And we were always O.K.

We would spend hours building our trolleys out of scraps and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. We built tree houses and dens and played in streams with matchbox cars.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo's, X-boxes, no videogames at all, no 99 channels on Sky, no video tape or DVD movies, no surround sound, no personal computers, no Internet or Internet chat

rooms.....WE HAD FRIENDS and we went outside and found them!

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no Lawsuits from these accidents!!

Only girls had pierced ears!

We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.

You could only buy Easter Eggs and Hot Cross buns at Easter time.....no really!

We had air guns and catapults for our birthdays.

We drank milk laced with Strontium 90 from cows that had eaten grass covered in nuclear fallout from the atomic testing.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just yelled for them from the street!

Mum didn't have to go to work to help dad make ends meet!

Footy had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!!

Our teachers used to belt us with big sticks and leather straps and bully's always ruled the playground at school.

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law!

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever!

The past 70 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas.

We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned HOW TO DEAL WITH IT ALL!
And YOU are one of them!

CONGRATULATIONS!

International Toast

Assuming that there was no International Toast last week it is repeated this week

Continuing our trip through Germany this week we toast the Rotary Club of Essen, District 1900, chartered in 1950, has 79 members and meets on Tuesday at lunchtime.