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The Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin

Ted's Tips

Hi all,

My thanks to Vice President Lin for taking the meeting last week in my absence, also for his work on our behalf in arranging our D.I.K (Donations in Kind) project to completion. You will remember the gift to the Club of 17 beds and mattresses from IRT nursing home late last year; these have been stored till last week. As was done with last year's Ranfurly Book project, local carrier John Davis took the beds to Sydney warehouse at a very minimal cost to the Club. Again thanks to Lin's efforts.

To-day (Sunday) was Clean Up Australia Day, and we (Rotary) were well represented by Laurelle, Lin and Sam & I. This is a very worthwhile exercise both in the collection of rubbish from our streets as well as the walking. I think that we could have a hand in the planning of the day next year as on the way home we saw a lot of stuff that could be collected. Maybe during the day others will get to that area.

Next meeting we will be calling for attendees at Cobargo. Please think about whether or not you will be attending as definite numbers have to be given no later than next Thursday. This is our annual meeting with Bega Club and is a good fellowship evening.

See y'all at next meeting,

Make Dreams Real

Cheers

Ted

Tonight

Steve Deck on Bush Fires

Duties

TASK	5 March	12 March	19 March
Welcome/Wheel	Max Reid	Marilyn Gibson	Bob Antill
Cashier	Marilyn Gibson	Bob Antill	Angie Ulrichsen
Toast / thanks	Bob Antill	Angie Ulrichsen	Kris Elphick
3-minute talk	Angie Ulrichsen	Kris Elphick	Lin Morey
FINES	Kris Elphick	Lin Morey	Bob Aston
Introduction	Lin Morey	Bob Aston	John Messner

Coming Events

5 March	Steve Deck Bush fires
12 March	COMBINED MEETING WITH BEGA CLUB @ COBARGO
19 March	Board Meeting
26 March	Gordon Beattie - living book from Bega talking about surviving a stroke
2 April	Youth Speaker
8 April	Cinders
16 April	TBC
23 April	Partners night - Frank Chatteway about ANZAC

Birthdays and Anniversaries for March

4th John & Kerry Messner Wedding Anniversary

25th Steve Deck & Laurelle Pacey Anniversary

20th President Ted's 21st Birthday

The Funny Side

American Management

The Americans and Japanese decided to engage in a boat race. Both teams practiced hard and long to reach their peak performance levels. On the big day they felt ready. The Japanese won by a mile.

The American team was discouraged by the loss. Morale sagged. Corporate management decided that the reason for the crushing defeat had to be found, so a consulting firm was hired to investigate the problem and recommend corrective action.

The consultant's finding: The Japanese team had eight people rowing and one person steering; the American team had one person rowing and eight people steering.

After a year of study and millions spent analysing the problem, the consultant firm concluded that too many people were steering and not enough were rowing on the American team. So as race day neared again the following year, the American's team management structure was completely reorganised. The new structure: four steering managers, three area steering managers, and a new performance review system for the person rowing the boat to provide work incentive. The next year, the Japanese won by TWO miles!

Humiliated, the American corporation laid off the rower for poor performance and gave the managers a bonus for discovering the problem.

Landmarks lit up with End Polio Now message

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A number of iconic landmarks, including the British Parliament, the Colosseum, and the Sydney Opera House, provided a dramatic backdrop for an equally dramatic message: *End Polio Now*.

Those three words -- Rotary's pledge to rid the world of the crippling childhood disease -- were projected onto each structure's exterior the week of 23 February, the organization's 104th anniversary.

"By illuminating these historic landmarks with our pledge to end polio, Rotary clubs are announcing to the world that we will not stop until the goal is achieved," says Jonathan Majiyagbe, Rotary Foundation trustee chair. "We hope people everywhere will see these words, either in person or through the media, and join with us and our partners in this historic effort to rid the world of polio once and for all."

The illuminated displays are just one highlight of an already historic year in Rotary's 20-year effort to eradicate polio, which has helped reduce cases of the disease by more than 99 percent. In January, Rotary received a US\$255 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, announced during



the 2009 International Assembly, on top of the \$100 million Gates Foundation grant it received in November 2007. In response to the grants, Rotary has committed to raising \$200 million in matching funds over the next three years. All \$555 million will be spent in support of eradication activities.

A number of sites in Scotland also were lit up with the End Polio Now message, including the Culzean Castle, in Ayrshire; the City Chambers and Greenock

Town Hall, in Glasgow; and Eilean Donan Castle, in Dornie. End Polio Now was also projected onto the High Falls of Rochester, New York (USA) the evening of 23 February.

In addition to the projected images, Rotary clubs worldwide have planned a variety of polio awareness and fundraising activities around Rotary's anniversary. Here are just a few examples:

- Purple Pinkie Week begins 23 February in England. Rotary club members in District 1240 (England) will solicit donations for the polio eradication effort and mark each donor's pinkie finger with a spot of purple dye. (That's how volunteers and health workers in developing countries record that a child has received the oral polio vaccine.)
- Rotary clubs working with Singapore's postal service have arranged for the release of official postage stamps with messages about polio eradication and other causes championed by Rotary.
- In a hands-on show of Rotary's commitment to end polio, a team of 12 Korean Rotarians, accompanied by Korean journalists, will travel to India the week of 23 February to help immunize thousands of children.

International Toast

Tonight we toast the Rotary Club of Klagenfurt , Austria - chartered in 1928 - has 71 members and meets on Tuesday evenings