



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

### JACK'S JOURNAL

Greetings, Fellows.

I trust that you all enjoyed Changeover as much as I did, especially with Carolyn by my side since she was grounded 11 weeks ago. Carolyn was thrilled to renew contact with the family of Rotary in Narooma.

If you discern something familiar about this bulletin issue, you are right. Bob Aston is continuing to publish *The Beacon* pending appointment of a new editor. This has come about because Bill Hardie to whom I had out-sourced the work has found himself unable to go on with it for personal reasons, particularly the recurrence of Lillian's illness. It seemed that Lillian had banished the ghost but it has come back to haunt her and Bill again. We pray that Lillian will be back on the road to recovery soon.

I accompanied Ted and George to Moruya's Changeover and Ted and Sam to Bateman Bay's. Whilst there are some (little) differences in the way each club conducts this event, I have to say that our Changeover was the best. [Ed: he would say that, wouldn't he] The highlight of the three Changeovers was the delivery of reports by outgoing Presidents showing how well their clubs have served their local communities and others overseas.

In our case the club has done very well to increase charitable disbursements over the previous year (Ted having put us at full stretch fundraising) and to increase membership numbers substantially. With new members and adequate funds in reserve, the club is in good form to commence another year of service.

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**CLUB ASSEMBLY – THE YEAR  
AHEAD!**

**RI President  
John Kenny**

**9710 DG  
Michael Pedler**

**President  
Jack Wightman**

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## DUTIES

| <b>TASK</b>          | <b>2 July</b>  | <b>9 July</b>   | <b>16 July</b> |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Wheel</b>         | Bob Antill     | Chris O'Brien   | Paul Smith     |
| <b>Cashier</b>       | John Messner   | Paul Smith      | Ian Thomlinson |
| <b>Thanks</b>        | Tony Fahey     | Ian Thomlinson  | John Messner   |
| <b>3-minute talk</b> |                | Rody Byrne      | Tim & Georgina |
| <b>FINES</b>         | Laurelle Pacey | Jeremy Ferguson | Tony Fahey     |
| <b>Introduction</b>  | Paul Smith     | Tony Fahey      | Ted Bladwell   |

## COMING EVENTS

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 2 July          | Club Assembly – The Year Ahead!!!  |
| 5 July          | Christmas in July at Pam Rayner's residence  |
| 9 July          | "Vietnam Then and Now" by a well known Rotary personality.<br><br>"Rody Byrne" by himself.         |
| 16 July         | Judy Taylor – Anglican Minster at Bodalla<br><br>Tim Davis and Georgina Faccetti (3-minute talks). |
| 23 July         | Barbra Williams of Alzheimer's Australia NSW   |
| 26 July         | Narooma Rotary Markets at NATA Oval  |
| 30 July         | Derek Anderson on Prostate Cancer  |
| 2 – 4 October   | Great Southern Blues Festival  |
| 23 – 25 October | District 9710 Conference at Cooma  |

### INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Tonight we toast the Rotary Club of Bodmi, Cornwall, UK. It was chartered in 1951, it has 28 members.

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It was good to see Kris and Chris named as Paul Harris Fellows in recognition of the sterling work they have done. We now have 12 members designated PHF as a result of contributions to The Rotary Foundation by the club. Members themselves can also help TRF to do good things in the world by making contributions personally. Our Foundation Committee Chairperson Marilyn will assure you during the year that that's a good thing to do.

I look forward to our discussion this week about the goals we should set for this year and action plans we should adopt to reach them. Your input to this process is essential.

**The future of Rotary is in our hands.**

Jack

## BIRMINGHAM EMBRACES HISTORIC CONVENTION

By Arnold R. Grahl

Rotary International News – 24 June 2009

After four days of celebrating Rotary's spirit of international fellowship and service, Rotarians from all over the world bid adieu to the 100th RI Convention in Birmingham, England, on 24 June.

RI President-elect John Kenny, the first Scotsman to head the international humanitarian service organization in its 104-year history, encouraged the more than 16,000 Rotarians from over 150 countries at the convention to join in the last push to eradicate polio.

"Until the day the earth is declared polio-free, this work must be our first priority and our main focus," Kenny said during the closing plenary session. "It is up to us to finish the job."

Kenny, a member of the Rotary Club of Grangemouth, has emphasized the important role that individual Rotarians and Rotary clubs play in the future of the organization, a message captured in the 2009-10 RI theme, *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*.

"The future of Rotary is being decided every day, in every one of our clubs -- by every one of you," Kenny said. "Every Rotarian adds fresh ideas and energies to their clubs and their districts. Each one of

you can make important contributions and pass on to your successors stronger clubs, healthier communities, and a better world."

Throughout the week, Rotarians, friends, and other members of the family of Rotary heard prominent speakers discussing how close the world is to eradicating polio, and encouraging Rotarians to make that last push to get the job done.

During the keynote address at the Rotary World Peace Symposium, Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu said Rotary has earned the world's respect. "When they started out saying they wanted to eradicate polio, a lot of people said you ought to have your head read," he said. "Now there are only four countries where polio is endemic. This is fantastic. It is going to happen, and it is fantastic."

During the Rotary Alumni Celebration, Jean-François Rischard, who recently retired as World Bank vice president for Europe, suggested that Rotarians can help influence top policymakers to bring necessary change to the world.

At a special appearance at the opening plenary session, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called Rotary the heart and soul of the worldwide polio eradication effort and pledged the UN's continued cooperation and support. Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation gave Ban the Polio Eradication Champion Award, which he dedicated to three polio workers who were killed by a suicide bomb attack in Afghanistan in 2008.

Actress and UNICEF goodwill ambassador Mia Farrow, who delivered a keynote address during the third plenary session, told Rotarians that they are almost there and to push just a little further. "Polio is a terrible, terrible disease. We are right to be pushing for the end of it," she said.

During the fourth plenary session, primatologist and humanitarian Dr. Jane Goodall stressed the goals that her organization shares with Rotary and called for increased collaboration. "We need to join together, to work as a team," she said.

Jan Egeland, director of the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, told Rotary World Peace Fellows that he feels optimistic knowing that a new generation of peacemakers coming out of Rotary's programs will have unparalleled knowledge, technology, and training to do much-needed work. And Clarissa Brocklehurst, UNICEF's chief of water, sanitation, and hygiene, spoke about the urgent need for collaborative efforts to ensure access to clean water and improved sanitation around the world.

Throughout the convention, Rotarians enjoyed fellowship and learned more about club service projects and Global Networking Groups at the House of Friendship. Attendees were treated to cooking demonstrations by finalists in a young chef competition, won by 16-year-old Hailey Vickers, of the Thomas Hardy School in Dorchester, England.

As attendees entered the convention centre, they had a chance to take part in a fundraiser to raise money for polio eradication, donating £5 (about US\$8) to pull a sticker off a large display, gradually revealing the *Make Dreams Real* logo, and sign their names on a panel.

During host-ticketed events, opera diva Katherine Jenkins entertained, attendees toured Warwick Castle for a Medieval Spectacular, and downtown Birmingham staged performances by the Birmingham Royal Ballet and Treorchy Male Choir, as well as the East Meets West variety show. The End Polio Now logo was projected onto the side of the Birmingham Central Library 23 June during Birmingham Greets Rotary night.

# THE FUNNY SIDE – THANKS TO TONY FAHEY

## Mixed metaphors from student papers.

"He swept the rug under the carpet."

"She's burning the midnight oil at both ends."

"It was so cold last night I had to throw another blanket on the fire."

"It's time to step up to the plate and cut the mustard."

"She's robbing Peter to pay the piper."

"He's up a tree without a paddle."

"Keep your ear to the grindstone."

"Sometimes you've gotta stick your neck out on a limb."

"Some people sail through life on a bed of roses like a knife slicing through butter."

## A Fishy Joke

Jimmy: 'Hey, Mike! How's your new pet fish doing? You told me he was really something special.'

Mike: 'To tell the truth, I'm really disappointed in him. The guy who sold him to me said I could teach him to sing like a bird.'

Jimmy: 'What? Let me get this straight... You bought a fish because you thought you could teach him to sing like a bird?'

Mike: 'Well, yeah. After all, you know, he's a parrot fish.'

Jimmy: 'Now listen, Mike, while you might be able to teach a parrot to sing, you're never going to get anywhere with a parrot fish.'

Mike: 'That's what you think! It just so happens this fish CAN sing. The thing is, he's terribly off-key and it's driving me crazy. Do you know how hard it is to tuna fish?'

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Many Happy Returns to Bob Aston for 3 July.

### Induction Anniversaries

Kevin Young was inducted into the Club on 11 July 1959 **50 years!** Congratulations!!



**Photos – Thanks to Bob Antill**

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Page 6 Above (Top), The new Board

Above Left, Katja with the quilt made by Davia

Above Right, PP Ted with our new Paul Harris Fellows, Chris and Kris

Page 7 Katja Addressing the Club

## THE WEEK THAT WAS

Last week's Change Over was an outstanding event. Now Past President Ted was in fine form and seemed keen to hand over the reins to Jack who seemed just as keen to take charge. We were fortunate to have many guests from Quota, Lions, Narooma High P&C, Volunteer Rescue, Rural Fire Service, Red Shield Appeal, Narooma Public School Breakfast Club and other local organisations as well as partners and friends. Moruya and Batemans Bay Rotary Clubs were well represented and it was a pleasure to have PDG, Bruce Gruber and Jill representing the DG as well as our hard working Assistant District Governor, Maureen Manning, with us.

Highlights of the evening included a wonderful speech from our Exchange Student Katja and the presentation of two Paul Harris Fellowships to Kris Elphick and Chris O'Brien. Kris and Chris were surprised and delighted to become Paul Harris Fellows. I think that we would all agree that they are most worthy recipients.

## KATJA

Tonight is Katja's last meeting with the Club. On Tuesday, 7 July she will be picked up by Laurelle at around 6:30am who will take her to Sydney. Katja will fly out from Mascot at 5:50pm and should be home on the morning of 8 July. I am sure that she is looking forward to seeing her family again after 12 months down under.

Katja has been an outstanding exchange student; she is a great representative of Switzerland, her home Club and Rotary International. We wish her all the best for the future and I am sure that we will see her again sometime.

Thank you to all members of the Club who assisting in many ways to ensure the success of the Exchange, especially host parents and their families.



### THE 2009 – 2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS

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