



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

### JACK'S JOURNAL

Welcome Maryanne Dalton as our guest speaker this evening. Maryanne is CEO Animal Welfare League NSW.

We also have several young people here tonight.

We welcome two of our current tertiary scholars Liam Phelps and Heather Gow-Carey (Heather still to be confirmed as coming at time of going to press)

This is also the time when clubs are active in encouraging young people interested in science and engineering to participate in National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) and the Honeywell Engineering Summer School (HESS).

Our two Year 11 candidates for NYSF - Georgina Facchetti and Tim Davis - are with us this evening to exercise their presentation skills in the lead up to the highly competitive selection process in Canberra later this month. They have our best wishes for success. NYSF is held in January.

They have also applied for places at the Honeywell Engineering Summer School in December.

The Club will sponsor each student (50% of the cost) to one of these programs depending on selection.

The Siemens Science Experience (SSE) is for Year 9 students interested in science and are held at various universities. We are sponsoring Lewis Robertson and Bob Sheridan-Gimmel to the SSE at ANU (30 Sept-2 Oct).

The Model United Nations Assembly is a program staged at Old Parliament House in Mid-August in which teams of three from high schools and colleges get to represent different countries proposing and debating resolutions on current international issues. We have agreed to join with the Rotary Club of Moruya in sponsoring a team from Carroll College which includes David Binstock from Bermagui and Jarrod Dibden from Central Tilba.

Yours in Rotary fellowship,

Jack

**RI President**  
**John Kenny**

**9710 DG**  
**Michael Pedler**

**President**  
**Jack Wightman**

**Secretary**  
**Paul Smith**

**Treasurer**  
**John Messner**

**Apologies and additional guests to Phil Gaffney the Tuesday before the meeting on 44765547 or you will be charged for your meal.**

MARYANN DALTON - CEO  
ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE NSW

## DUTIES

<b>TASK</b>	<b>16 July</b>	<b>23 July</b>	<b>30 July</b>
<b>Wheel</b>	Paul Smith	Ian Thomlinson	John Messner
<b>Cashier</b>	Ian Thomlinson	John Messner	Rody Byrne
<b>Thanks</b>	John Messner	Rody Byrne	Tony Fahey
<b>3-minute talk</b>	Tim & Georgina	Paul Smith	Ted Bladwell
<b>FINES</b>	Bob Aston	Ted Bladwell	George Barker
<b>Introduction</b>	Ted Bladwell	Bob Aston	Kris Elphick

## MEETING CALENDAR

16 July	Maryann Dalton CEO of the Animal Welfare League NSW.  Tim Davis and Georgina Faccetti (3-minute talks)
23 July	Barbra Williams of Alzheimer's Australia NSW
30 July	Derek Anderson on Prostate Cancer
6 August	Fay Jackson - Mental Health
13 August	Judy Taylor - Anglican Minister, Bodalla

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

26 July	Narooma Rotary Markets at NATA Oval
2 – 4 October	Great Southern Blues Festival
23 – 25 October	District 9710 Conference at Cooma

## THE FOUNDATION THOUGHT – THANKS TO MARILYN

"A contribution of US\$100 to the Annual Programs fund can buy 25 uniforms for girls in an orphanage in Bangladesh! So every US\$5 we contribute could help one young lady with clothing and self esteem! A bargain in anyone's book!"

# THE WEEK THAT WAS

Apologies were received from Ted, Rolf, Laurelle, Paul, Marilyn (a 'flu victim) and Bob Aston. With Tony and Max still on leave we were a bit light on numbers.

President Jack sent a questionnaire around to gauge feelings about the buffet dinner we had and some aspects of what we do or may not do at meetings. It will be circulated again to get input from those who did not have the chance to respond.

Rody told us something about his upbringing, schooling and soliciting (in law that is), gravitating or ascending to the practise of commercial law in government and private enterprise. (He's had his ups and downs.) He has kindly given us a written account which is included elsewhere in this bulletin. Thank you, Rody, for enabling us to become better acquainted.

Jeremy and Heather recently travelled to Vietnam, a place Jeremy had not been keen to revisit heretofore since working with the Americans there in the '70's. With Phil's help at lap top and projector we followed their tour of the country with great interest. Jeremy's commentary as he showed a succession of photographs gave us a very good impression of the Socialist Republic and its people. It was our pleasure to see and hear his presentation which was well and thoughtfully prepared. Thank you, Jeremy.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE, ONE CHILD AT A TIME

By Dan Nixon

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For more than a decade, Robert Beck has provided input to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a public representative on the National Vaccine Advisory Committee.

Earlier this year, he fulfilled a desire to do something hands-on with vaccines.

An attorney and member of the Rotary Club of Fluvanna County (Palmyra), Virginia, Beck travelled to India to help vaccinate children against polio during National Immunization Days (NIDs) in February. He was part of a 43-member Rotarian team led by Noelle Galperin, 2008-09 District 6990 PolioPlus subcommittee chair and a member of the Rotary Club of Coral Gables, Florida, and Luis Ortega, then a member of the Rotary Club of Miami Dadeland-Pinecrest, Florida.

The team served at immunization booths in Chandigarh, where families brought their children to receive the oral polio vaccine. After this first phase of the NIDs, Beck and his team followed detailed, hand-drawn maps into the city's poorest areas.

"Picture each vaccination team walking through dense slums, across garbage troughs, and through drainpipes and all manner of debris, animals, and structures to vaccinate needy children," Beck says. "Add air thick with dirt and pollutants, so that we often could not see the end of the street. Then include the smells of decay, garbage, and insects, and you have what each team encountered each day."

Beck is quick to add, however, that there was more to the scene.

"One must also draw into that picture the smiling faces of beautiful people and especially children, mothers dressed in colorful native clothes, and their offers of food and drink and their sincere thanks for our efforts," he says. "Only then can you see why we went back each day. We really believed we were making a difference, even if it was only one child at a time."

While in India, Beck and his team also visited several Rotary club-supported projects, including:

- A hospital in Delhi where surgery is performed to rebuild the deformed limbs of polio survivors, usually without charge
- A Rotarian-sponsored vocational training center, where young women learn to make clothing designs and patterns to obtain better jobs
- An advanced eye care center established by Rotarians in India and the United States
- A school that provides hearing-impaired children with hearing aids and an education.

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE A NEW ROTARY YEAR BEGINS!

I am really excited about my next adventure in Rotary! Serving District 9710 as District Governor for 2009-10.

Julia and I have thoroughly enjoyed our journey to this point. We have received tremendous support and encouragement from so many Rotarians in District 9710, and elsewhere, that we feel we are ready! Thank you to you all because you have greatly contributed to making this a very special time and experience for us both; and Tiffany and Daniel.

I intend to do my very best to ensure you achieve your Rotary goals for 2009-10.

On that note, I'd like to welcome to your special leadership roles the new Club Presidents and Boards. You will have a wonderful year filled with challenges, excitement, fulfilment and joy. I wish for you the best Rotary year of your Rotary careers. You have available to you some great resources to assist you in your work. Not least of these is the Assistant Governor assigned to your Club. Make use of them, talk to them and ask questions of them; and involve them in as much of what you do as a Club as you can and their time permits.

You also have District leaders available to you to assist achieve your personal and Club goals. These include the chairs of the committees represented in the Club Leadership Plan. Engage with them early and gain their advice and insights as you move forward.

I have created a special role this year, under the Service Projects banner. PP David Graham (Canberra East) is taking on a Project Management Advisor role. His job is to assist you to plan successful projects applying a sound project management method. I cannot encourage you strongly enough to obtain his assistance in planning and preparing, as well as executing, your projects to give you the best chance, from the outset, of enjoying an extremely successful project - regardless of the project size.

### ***District Website and District Directory***

The District Website is in the process of being updated with the new information for the 2009-10 year - including contact details for those holding District roles and Club contact details.

The printed District Directory should be available in a matter of weeks. We have taken a slightly different approach in a couple of areas that have not worked to anticipated timeframes. One impact is a delay in the printing of the Directory. Please be assured, you will receive them as soon as possible. However, given the delay, we are working hard to update contact details on the website so you can have access here to the most current information possible. Nevertheless, I do ask you to be patient and allow us a little time to get this job done.

### ***The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands!***

I am really looking forward to a great Rotary year. We are being asked by Rotary International President John Kenny to remember that: **The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands!** And, it truly is! What Rotary will become in the future is DIRECTLY related to what we put in to it and make of it TODAY!! We are inescapably responsible, so I encourage you to step up to (rather than back away from) the challenges and opportunities we all face and work to make improvements to build a stronger and better Rotary.

Julia and I are looking forward to meeting you all over the next few months as we move about the District making the Official Visits and attending other functions and projects. We really do want to meet as many of you as possible, so please make yourself known to us as we come to your meetings and functions.

Working with you for the Future of Rotary,

**Michael Pedler**  
**District Governor**

## **THE FUNNY SIDE**

Lawrence Livermore Laboratories has discovered the heaviest element yet known to science. The new element, Governmentium (Gv), has one neutron, 25 assistant neutrons, 88 deputy neutrons, and 198 assistant deputy neutrons, giving it an atomic mass of 312.

These 312 particles are held together by forces called morons, which are surrounded by vast quantities of lepton-like particles called peons. Since Governmentium has no electrons, it is inert; however, it can be detected, because it impedes every reaction with which it comes into contact. A tiny amount of Governmentium can cause a reaction that would normally take less than a second, to take from 4 days to 4 years to complete.

Governmentium has a normal half-life of 2- 4 years. It does not decay, but instead undergoes a reorganization in which a portion of the assistant neutrons and deputy neutrons exchange places.

In fact, Governmentium's mass will actually increase over time, since each reorganization will cause more morons to become neutrons, forming isodopes. This characteristic of moron promotion leads some scientists to believe that Governmentium is formed whenever morons reach a critical concentration. This hypothetical quantity is referred to as critical morass.

When catalysed with money, Governmentium becomes Administratium, an element that radiates just as much energy as Governmentium since it has half as many peons but twice as many morons.

# PETER VINCENT RODY BYRNE – A BRIEF BIO!

Rody was born in Gladstone Queensland in October 1941 where his father worked as a solicitor. Rody spent the war years in Rockhampton with his sister and mother and returned to Gladstone when his father was discharged from the RAAF. He had his primary education in Gladstone but had to go to a boarding school in Brisbane for secondary education which he finished in 1959. He then did a BA/LLB at Queensland Uni and 3 years articles starting with the Queensland Crown Solicitor and finishing with Roe O'Neill, his father's partner in Gladstone. After admission Rody worked in Gladstone specialising in accident/injury matters, deceased estates and divorce cases. After 4 years he decided in 1970 that it was time for a holiday at last.

The plan was to travel overseas but first he took a temporary job on Heron Island as a general hand which he believes was the best (and worst paid) job that he has had. There he met Margaret who had just arrived from New Zealand and picked up a waitressing job before heading to Europe. Both cancelled plans to work overseas and married in January 1971 and lived in Brisbane. After a short period working as a builders' labourer and a factory hand he decided that he should settle down and got a job as a solicitor with a small Brisbane legal practice, L. G. Catt & Co. while Margaret worked as teacher until 1972. In Brisbane 2 children were born, James in 1972 and Anna in 1974. By then Gough Whitlam and the ALP had won government and Rody, who was then a bit of an idealist and not today's cynic, thought they should come to Canberra and help Gough save the world.

Consequently, the family arrived in Canberra in January 1975 where Rody worked in the Attorney-General's Department in the areas of human rights, civil liberties and racial discrimination until some disillusionment occurred and he moved back to black letter law, working in contract and commercial matters. At first this work was in the AGD, but from the mid 90's he worked for the Australian Government Solicitor which was split from the Department and operated similarly to a private firm but within government. His main work involved contract negotiation and dispute settlement principally for the Department of Defence but at times for most other Commonwealth departments. Rody was also involved in treaty negotiations in defence matters and for reciprocal social security arrangements with several countries. A third child, Mick, was born in 1976 and the kids all grew up in Canberra, accompanied by the usual mix of joy and anxiety, and one by one left home and became independent in the latter part of the 90s. Rody retired in February 2001 but became bored during the next Canberra winter and increasingly under pressure from Margaret to become the cook of the household as she continued to work full-time. To avoid this challenge he was easily persuaded by an old colleague to become a part-time employee with the firm Clayton Utz, where he stayed until both he and Margaret finally retired to live full time in Narooma in July 2006. He still doesn't cook much, but grills a mean rump steak on the barbie and can open a red wine blindfolded if necessary.

## INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Tonight we toast the Rotary Club of Siena, Tuscany, Italy D2070

The Club meets at Hotel Jolly, Siena and was chartered 1950 and has 113 members

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays -Carolyn Wightman is 21 on Thursday 16 July – Congratulations Carolyn!