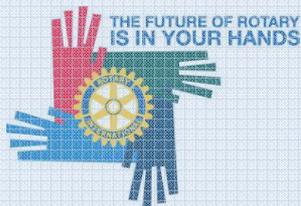


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ARIZONA IN THE RAIN!

We were very privileged to receive our visiting Arizonians who brought with them much needed rain.

Although the cold blast of winter caused a few problems it didn't dampen their enthusiasm. Even in the wet, Narooma is still beautiful and our sincere thanks to the business people who gave up their time to talk with the GSE group. More on pages 3 and 4.



TONIGHT:

We welcome the DG
Michael Pedler,
His wife Julia
and AG Maureen Manning
It's a partner's night

INTERNATIONAL TOAST: The Rotary Club of Changi, Singapore in District 3310.
The club was chartered in 1988 and has 35 members.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: 18th Dava and Phil Gaffney Anniversary.
 Carolyn and Jack Wightman celebrate their anniversary on the 19th. A belated Happy Birthday to Assistant Governor Maureen Manning for 8th of October.

TASK	15th October	22nd October	29th October
Wheel	John Messner	Max Reid	Lindsay Morey
Cashier	Bob Antill	Kris Elphick	John Messner
Thanks	Max Reid	Jeremy Ferguson	Kris Elphick
3-minute talk	Ted Bladwell	Angie Ulrichsen	Rolfe Gimmel
FINES	Marilyn Gibson	Ted Bladwell	Bob Antill
Introduction	Laurelle Pacey	Laurelle Pacey	Marilyn Gibson

COMING EVENTS

15 October	Visit by DG Michael Pedler – PARTNERS NIGHT
22 October	Club Assembly and Board Meeting
29 October	Terry Irvine makes himself known
5 th November	TBA
12 th November	TBA
19 th November	Club Assembly and Board Meeting
26 th November	Brian Martin Chair Operation Cleff Aust.
3 rd December	TBA
10 th December	TBA
17 th December	Club Assembly and Board Meeting
24 th December	TBA
29 th December	TBA

- ❖ The Caravan and Camping show is on again at Mackay Park (opp McDonalds and behind the Bowling Club) at Batemans Bay on the weekend 6-8th November. If you are attending say hi to the crew from Batemans Bay Rotary at their van.
- ❖ Kevin Young will be along on Thursday Night for something special. We haven't seen a lot of Kevin due to ill health but as always he is with us.

JACK'S JOURNAL

The GSE team from Arizona evidently enjoyed their visit with us despite the bad weather which made outdoor activities rather cold and damp and caused the planned trip to Montague Island to be cancelled. From what I saw and heard, the briefings they received and the tours they did were excellent and pertinent to their vocational interests. I know that they individually made good friends and useful contacts thanks to the warm reception and hospitality extended by the host families and local tourism operators and professionals. Much credit for the success of the visit goes to Marilyn Gibson for her involvement as Chairperson of the club's Rotary Foundation Committee.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Governor Michael and Julia Pedler and Assistant Governor Maureen Manning to our meeting tonight. Michael has an impressive record as a Rotaractor and Rotarian, and Julia is travelling the same road. In his September 2009 Newsletter Michael expressed thanks to the [then some 20] clubs visited for making every visit fun and memorable. We'll do our best to take that up to another level.

I will be bringing the Board's attention to both of the following regarding disaster relief.

Last week members were informed of the extent to which the ShelterBox organization responded to all sorts of disasters in the Pacific region during the previous five weeks- earthquakes, tsunamis, typhoons and floods. In summary, emergency shelter amounting to \$2.6 million was distributed in that period. Consequently stocks of boxes in some places were totally depleted and replacements are urgently needed.

After telling his son Andrew, a member of RC Wollundry Wagga, about our GSE visit, Terry Irvine received, in reply, news that Andrew and other family members were in Samoa on holiday when the earthquake and tsunami struck. They escaped injury and seeing the damage and misery caused, determined to assist the Samoan people by raising money to purchase much needed medical equipment for the hospital in Apia. They have co-opted RC Apia and RC Mosman to ensure that the money goes directly to the hospital, RC Mosman having opened an Emergency Funds account for the purpose.

Yours in Rotary service,
President Jack

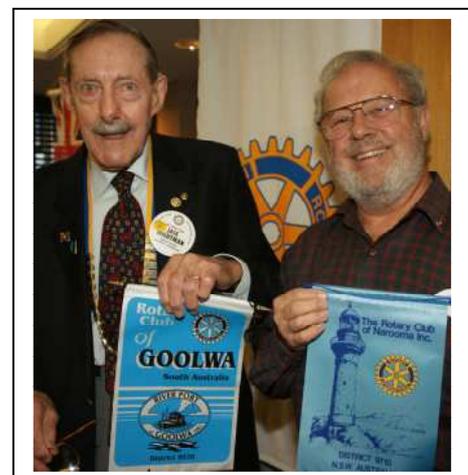
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(Clockwise) GSE travels with Charlie, Presentation to Ted and with Norm Hoya at Tilba.



Resolving conflict

Snipped from a newspaper, the advice that follows is obviously applicable at all levels - the individual, the corporate and the national.

- **Avoid playing the ace first.** Resolving conflict means finding a solution that respects the needs of all. It isn't about winning. Playing your ace card - for example, saying: "I'm the boss" - doesn't impress anyone.
- **Avoid assumptions.** This can be a very turbulent route to fly should you be proven wrong. Gathering information is the key to understanding.
- **Focus on principles, not personalities.** It is impossible to argue with someone who will take things personally. Concentrating on principles and objectives eventually achieves the best possible outcomes.
- **Allow people to take responsibility for their behaviour.** This is the best way to learn what works and what doesn't.
- **Ask questions and pay attention to the answers.** This will help you to decide on the best course of action or help the other party find their own answers.
- **Change perspective.** Considering things from a different point of view shows respect and tolerance.