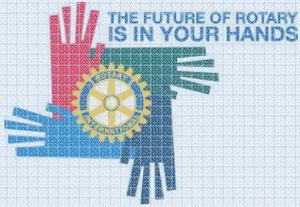


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**"ROTARY IS ABLE TO MAKE
THE IMPOSSIBLE, POSSIBLE"
District Governor Michael Pedler.**

The DG was our guest speaker last Thursday the 15th and it was fantastic to listen to a person so passionate in what he is doing.

"The future of Rotary is in our hands and we must design, build and shape it for tomorrow."

Michael talked about the fact that Rotary makes a difference locally and on the international scene by delivering reading and writing for adults and children and also Polio eradication.

Celebrating 50 years with Narooma Rotary was member Kevin Young.

Kevin was recognised by District Governor Michael Pedler and our club President Jack Wightman.

Kevin, who has had health challenges of late, was supported by his wife Maureen and family at Thursdays' special meeting. More Pg4



**TONIGHT:
Club Assembly and Board Meeting
and RYPEN Students.**

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

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

COMING EVENTS

22 October	Club Assembly and Board Meeting & RYPEN Students
29 October	Terry Irvine makes himself known
5 th November	Phil Armstrong on RI Convention
12 th November	Dr Melinda Coleman – Batemans Marine Park
19 th November	Club Assembly and Board Meeting
26 th November	Brian Martin CEO Operation Cleft 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

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

Anniversary wishes to The Elphicks 😊.
Birthdays on 30th for Peter Boltus 😊 (Chris O'Brien's partner)
and Angie Ulrichsen on the 31st. 😊

JACK'S JOURNAL



A great turnout last week for District Governor Michael with Assistant Governor Maureen and District Service Projects Chairman Phil Armstrong in attendance as well. We are disappointed that Julia could not accompany Michael on this occasion. On her behalf Michael spoke about the Children's Emergency Medical Fund and some instances of assistance being provided from the Fund at present, and then accepted our cheque to the Fund for \$250.

In his address Michael drew our attention to a number of important matters including –

- WCS and TRF projects and programs for education, health and alleviation of hunger (especially of children), particularly literacy, safe water and sanitation, nutrition, anti-malarial, and the No. 1 priority of Rotary – polio eradication
- The funding of TRF programs, especially annual giving, the Centurion scheme, etc.
- Rotary Youth programs, membership recruitment (Rotarians – “the building blocks of Rotary”), and development of leaders in clubs and for the District

How great it was that Kevin Young was able to join us, ill health notwithstanding, accompanied by Maureen and members of their family. It was a special occasion for Kevin (and for us) to celebrate his service in Rotary. During Kevin's 50 years, many years were served as an officer or director including two terms as president. His finest, lasting, achievement was establishing the Ringlands Rotary Walk in his 1995-96 presidential year. A PHF sapphire pin from the club and a framed certificate from RI, presented by Governor Michael, were fitting recognition for his long service.

A feature of tonight's meeting is the RYPEN report to be delivered by Rypenians Maia Zucco, Connor Atkins and Joshua Schaefer. We are interested to know what each of them gained from the experience - a lot of new friends, no doubt, as well as the sterner personal development stuff.

Did you know it's been 20 years since RI's Council on Legislation voted to eliminate the requirement in the RI constitution that membership in Rotary clubs be limited to men? And 32 years since a club in California did admit women and was consequently expelled from membership of RI? A timely topic for a 3-minute talk by someone (who?) as it was quite a saga.

Editor Bob introduced his new wrap-around cover for the bulletin last week. I'm sure he would accept our congratulations and constructive criticism. Comments please, at the club assembly.

Yours in Rotary fellowship,
President Jack

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Kevin Young with his wife Maureen and their family.

Kevin joined the Narooma Club on July 11 1959

Last Meeting in Summary

A good attendance of members and their partners to greet the DG.

Not to be out done Kevin Young bought along his family.

It was good to see President Jack's wife Carolyn able to join in.

Angie had a friend from Wollongong Pam Patrech.

Assistant Governor Maureen Manning and Phil Armstrong, Colin & Enid Holmes and honorary member Pam Rayner.

Marilyn set a new standard in fines by turning the session in to a witty horse race.

A special presentation to Kevin Young celebrating his 50 years in Rotary all with the Narooma Club.

A past president who has been to 35 conferences.



13th October 09

In just twelve days, ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) members have assessed and assisted more than 8,000 survivors in the Sumatra area with emergency ShelterBox housing.

. Sunday October 11, 2009. Busy day today both on the ground and in the air. The RAAF flew in 144 ShelterBoxes and a further 164 were flown in by Garuda paid for by Rotary District 3400 of Jakarta. One SRT team completed an aerial survey in a US Navy Puma helicopter and confirmed the remote village of Hula Banda was in dire need of emergency shelter. We are receiving generous co-operation from USAID and the US Navy who flew 45 ShelterBoxes and a 3 man SRT plus local volunteers to assist us."

Rotary making a difference as only rotary can. This is the reality of why we do what we do.

Check out more on ShelterBoxes on the Rotary Aust web site.