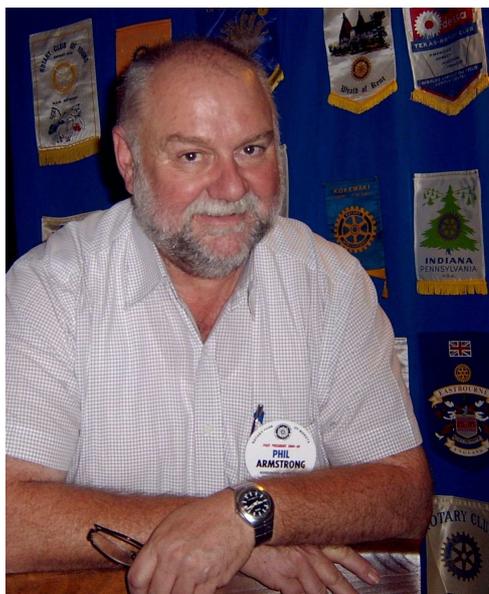


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The Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin

GLOBETROTTING PHIL



Have you ever thought why Government departments, big business and pollies all hire spin doctors.... yes...? Keep reading.

A professional genealogy researcher in California, Judy Wallman was looking into her family tree when she discovered that her Great Uncle, Remus Reid, was related to....

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Mourya's Phil Armstrong, not to be confused with America's Lance Armstrong, drove into Narooma last Thursday to enlighten us on his recent trip to the Rotary International Convention in Birmingham, England.

Phil believes every Rotarian should attend an International Conference.

One simple positive observation was that Shelter Boxes don't have chop sticks! As a lot are deployed in Asia it would make sense.

Phil and his wife Kim then toured Paris and the photos were tempting, we made Ian close his eyes!

Read more in President Jack's column on page 3.

Bob Antill talked about meeting the Queen in his three minute talk. Phil Armstrong shared the port and the board finished their meeting.

On page 4 Laurelle has contributed an article on the Council and Rotary Park.

TONIGHT: Dr Melinda Coleman from the Batemans Marine Park

INTERNATIONAL TOAST: North Bay Metro Rotary Club in the Philippines. Chartered in 1980 and has 22 members who meet at 8pm on Monday nights in the Foundation building, Malabon City



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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: Happy anniversary to George and Ann Barker for the 15th of November.

TASK	12th November	19th November	26th November
Wheel	Kris Elphick	Terry Irvine	Lindsay Morey
Cashier	Lindsay Morey	Bob Antill	Max Reid
Thanks	George Barker	Rolf Gimmel	Chris O'Brien
3-minute talk	Jeremy Ferguson	Ted Bladwell	Laurelle Pacey
FINES	Angie Ulrichsen	John Messner	Jeremy Ferguson
Introduction	Chris O'Brien	Kris Elphick	Bob Antill

COMING EVENTS

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	Annual Meeting & Board Meeting
17 th December	Christmas Dinner
24 th December	No meeting – Christmas Holidays
28 th December	Tent at Apex park (to 2 nd Jan)
31 st December	No meeting – New Year Holiday

- ❖ Tomorrow night (13th) Club Muzo at 8pm at the Servo Club
- ❖ 20th to 22nd November is the Clean Energy Festival at Bega – a project of the Bega Rotary Club.

JACK'S JOURNAL

Phil Armstrong has asked me to convey to members an apology for the length of his presentation last week which made the meeting so much (but not too much) longer. I have assured Phil that an apology was not warranted. His account of the Birmingham Convention was indeed interesting and made one appreciate what one missed by not being there. The Convention had something for everyone and I'm sure all who did attend are better Rotarians for the experience. To quote one of them, "I can say, with a good deal of confidence, that the RI Convention put Rotary in this Rotarian."

And we did enjoy going along with Phil and Kim on their post-Convention tour of France. But just as well that he didn't show every photograph he filed on the trip!

The club visioning program Phil mentioned helps clubs plan to be sustainable and effective for five years ahead. For maximum benefit all members should be involved. It is a 4-hour exercise so we'll have to think about having a visioning session if practicable.

November is Rotary Foundation Month. The RI official exchange rate is AUD1.08 for USD1.00 this month, and while it is so favourable we should consider making a contribution. US\$100 can provide mosquito nets for 50 children in deepest, darkest Africa. For that we would have had to send \$148 last November, \$126 last July, and now only \$108. So this month we propose to send the contributions members have been making with dinner payments – all will be credited to them personally of course. Other members may also take this opportunity to make a substantial contribution either through the club or directly themselves. Remember, you become (or remain) a Centurion Member giving \$100 or a Sustaining Member giving the equivalent of US\$100.

Editor Bob pleaded members last week to contribute items to the bulletin. Please do so occasionally and on a regular basis if you can – maybe Rotary information, maybe something whimsical or amusing, even Letters to the Editor (but not whinges, which should be made directly to the Committee chairperson or Board member concerned, or me). Which reminds me, if you cannot do a duty as rostered, you are responsible to arrange your replacement.

Yours in Rotary fellowship,
President Jack

Council plans Rotary Park upgrade

Eurobodalla Shire Council has put forward improvements to Narooma's Rotary Park as one of four priority projects to benefit from the Federal Government's Round Two of the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP) funding.

Our Club created Rotary Park in 1961, in Moran Callaghan's year as president, in association with the Narooma Urban Committee.

Rotarians then maintained the park for many years, included the mowing, until Council took over its maintenance.

Club projects in the park since then include adding two table sets in Rotary International's centenary year, going 50:50 with Council. We put a sun-shade over them during the following year.

This nomination by Council has still to be approved by the Federal Government to ensure it meets RLCIP guidelines. If it is approved, the work would have to be completed by the end of 2010.

Council's committee meeting report this week said the improvements would cost \$320,000 (that includes \$170,000 already allocated by Council to Rotary Park in 2009/10).

Public amenities would be upgraded and larger and more extensive playground facilities installed.

Council's Roads and Recreation Director Warren Sharpe said this would allow Council to rationalise the number of playgrounds within Narooma as it has done elsewhere in the Shire. The playgrounds to go would be those at Payne Street and Wilcox Avenue, leaving major playgrounds at Rotary Park, Apex Park and Quota Park.

Mr Sharpe told councillors fewer playgrounds meant a more sustainable level of service and therefore better playgrounds.

From pg 1...

Congressman Harry Reid. They shared a common ancestor.

Remus was the Black Sheep of the family and was hanged in Montana in 1889 for horse stealing and train robbery.

Judy found a photo of Remus on the Gallows on the back was written

"Remus Reid, horse thief, sent to Montana Territorial Prison 1885, escaped 1887, robbed the Montana Flyer six times. Caught by Pinkerton detectives, convicted and hanged 1889"

Judy emailed the Congressman for more information and his staff replied

"Remus Reid was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Montana railroad. Beginning in 1883, he devoted several years of his life to government service, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad. In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the renowned Pinkerton Detective Agency. In 1889, Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honour when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed."

And it makes me wonder!!