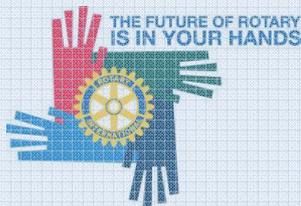


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your meal.

Fellow Rotarian and frequent visitor to our club Fred Fawke gave a quick talk on Thursday night about Probus, Ethics and, his passion, Shelter Boxes.

Fred has a great way of getting the message across and each time he leaves us in no doubt the value of Shelter Boxes.

Ted's three minute talk was insightful and very entertaining. We now know why there are so many ties used to repair farm fences and that his uncle Cecil was a real "bastard!" ... see page 4

RYLA Candidates are being interviewed; Laurelle is the person to talk to. Encourage any young folk you know to apply. Details in this week's Narooma News. Well done Laurelle.

Board meeting discussed many things of importance. Distribution of funds, the need for nominations for next year's positions from El President a down. Start thinking.

Well done to Chris and everyone who supported the Markets ... more pg3

TONIGHT:
Brian Martin
CEO Operation Cleft Aust.



COLIN THE MAGPIE
HATES RABBITS!

INTERNATIONAL TOAST: We are off to the Rotary Club of Arkangelsk in Russia. Chartered in 2002 they have 11 members and meet at 12.30 on Wednesdays at the Pur Navalok Hotel.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: None 'till December

TASK	26th November	3rd December	10th December
Wheel	Lindsay Morey	Bob Antill	Terry Irvine
Cashier	Max Reid	Kris Elphick	Angie Ulrichsen
Thanks	Chris O'Brien	George Barker	Rolf Gimmel
3-minute talk	Laurelle Pacey	Max Reid	John Messner
FINES	Terry Irvine	Lin Morey	Max Reid
Introduction	Bob Antill	Chris O'Brien	Ted Bladwell

COMING EVENTS

26 th November	Brian Martin CEO Operation Cleft Aust.
3 rd December	Chris Kowal – Executive member Clean Energy for Eternity
10 th December	Annual Meeting & Board Meeting
17 th December	Christmas Dinner
24 th December	No meeting – Merry Christmas and Holidays (for some)
27 th December	Markets
28 th December	Tent at Apex park (to 2 nd Jan)
31 st December	No meeting – New Year Holiday

- ❖ Raffle tickets for Pam's Hamper to be sold for draw 17th Dec.
The prize includes a BOTTLE of SCOTCH, Christmas cake, pudding, shortbread, biscuits and a box of chocolates to go with THE BOTTLE OF SCOTCH
.... Sold all of your \$2each tickets? See Jack for more!!!!

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The turnout for dinner at Dalmeny was better than some expected considering price and lack of a guest speaker. [Holding Board meetings after regular club meetings is enough for some of us.] We had the pleasure of the company of visiting Rotarians Colin Holmes and Fred Fawke from Canberra clubs and their partners Enid and Pamela respectively. Fred wears District hats for Ethics and ShelterBox and spoke to us extensively about both, so we did not miss having a guest speaker after all.

Talk about flogging a dead horse – Fred didn't, but Ted told a tale (true family history) about a horse that wouldn't (couldn't?) swim the flooded Barcoo. This story gave us a wry insight into the working life of Ted's grandfather (owner of said horse) and the unfortunate stockman who stood accused of drowning the horse or, worse still, losing a saddle.

The raffle for Pam's Christmas hamper was launched last week, with all money received and ticket stubs to be handed in on or before 17th December for the draw at our Christmas dinner. It is a well stocked basket of traditional Christmas cheer, whisky included, and one is tempted to buy a book or two of tickets for oneself – but one should give others a chance. See Ted for tickets.

Operation Cleft is featured tonight by the CEO of the trust, Brian Martin. We know Interplast – a partnership between Rotary and the Australasian College of Surgeons - used to provide volunteer medical teams to do plastic and reconstructive surgery in developing countries. With Operation Cleft the emphasis is on working with health professionals in those countries and assisting with training to promote self-sufficiency. I think the two are connected somehow – Brian will explain.

We welcome Brian and his partner Sue tonight.

Thanks to all who helped to run the market last Sunday and organise the van for the occasion. A good day for it, and a good result for this time of the year – approximately \$1,320 without the White Elephant. Let's try to have a decent White Elephant stall at the December and January markets while visitors are in town.

Yours in Rotary service,
President Jack

So You Drowned Your Bloody Horse?

Ted's three minute talk last week included this gem about his uncle Cecil Luck (a cranky old bugger!!!)

During a high flood on the Barcoo Graham Lilley, the manager of Evesham Station (owned by Ted's cranky Uncle) tried to swim a large horse "Hailstrom" across a swollen creek. The horse drowned and nearly took Graham with it.

Graham rang Mr Luck to report the flood situation

Luck: "So you drowned your bloody horse?"

Lilley: "I didn't drown him, he drowned himself and he could have well drowned me also."

Silence for a few moments while Luck regroupes his forces and seeks a flank attack.

Luck: "Where's the saddle?"

Lilley: (some what nonplussed) "On the horse, of course".

Luck: "Do you mean to tell me you left it there?"

Lilley: "What else could have I done? The horse is in fifteen feet of muddy water. I would have been lucky to just find him, let alone get the saddle off and to the surface".

Luck: "Bloody rot! You could have pulled him to the surface, a horse is light in the water."

Lilley: (sotto voice) "Good God, you can't win!"

Next day, when the horse had floated to the surface, as I knew he would when the gasses inflated him; I recovered the saddle, which incidentally belonged to me, not to the station!!!

From Mr Harston's Most Excellent Encyclopedia of Useless Information:

In 1875, road accidents, mostly involving horses, led to the death of 1,589 people in the UK. From 1921 to 1923 mortality among horse-riders in England and Wales was more than 60% higher than among motor- vehicle drivers!!!!

Also

In 1995, the authorities in the Philippines threatened to ban fruit-flavoured condoms. A spokesman for the Bureau of Food and Drugs announced this decision explaining "You only put flavour in when it is something to eat".

Interesting book 😊