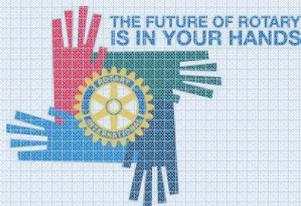


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# THE BEACON



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be charged for  
your meal.**

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

LAST WEEK Councillor Chris Kowal came to enlighten us on Clean Energy for Eternity (CEFE).

This project started in the Bega Valley by Matthew Knott two years ago and has been very proactive in bringing people's awareness to the dangers of sitting on our hands while the climate changes.

CEFE has been instrumental in having all the surf clubs in the Bega and Eurobodalla shires converted to clean energy. Each Surf Club has wind and solar power, showing what can be achieved.

Currently CEFE is trying to change political mind set to set a goal of 50% renewable energy by 2050. Also by taking simple steps we can all reduce the demand on coal fired power stations and save some money.

You'll understand if you've just received a Christmas Present from Country Energy... big encouragement to turn those lights off!!!

Chris Kowal has a long history on the environmental side and is also a spruiker for pedal power and we'll no doubt see him on the bike day.

Our students also reported in. Calum has had a top year and is to be congratulated on his results. Lewis and Bob enjoyed and learnt from the Seimens Science forum. See pg 3 and 4

It is with great sadness I heard that Frank McGovern had died earlier this week in St Vincent's Private Hospital in Sydney, aged 80. I didn't know he had been hospitalised since the end of September with his recurring kidney, lung and heart problems...cont pg 4



**TONIGHT:  
Annual Meeting and Board Meeting**

**INTERNATIONAL TOAST:** The Rotary Club of Phnom Pehn, Cambodia. District 3350. Chartered in 1995 and has 11 members. They meet on Wednesdays at 12.30 in the Hotel Intercontinental.

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:** None this week.

<b>TASK</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>17 December</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>Cashier</b>	Angie Ulrichsen	Bob Antill	Bob & Merinda's
<b>3-minute talk</b>			BBQ plus!
<b>Wheel</b>	Terry Irvine		36 Corunna Rd
<b>FINES</b>	Max Reid		Off the Old Hwy
<b>Introduction</b>			About 5 k's out
<b>Thanks</b>			

## COMING EVENTS

10 <sup>th</sup> December	Annual Meeting & Board Meeting
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
24 <sup>th</sup> December	No meeting – Merry Christmas and Holidays (for some)
27 <sup>th</sup> December	Markets
28 <sup>th</sup> December	Tent at Apex park (to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan)
31 <sup>st</sup> December	No meeting – New Year Holiday
7 <sup>th</sup> January	BBQ at Bob and Merinda – 36 Corunna Rd (Off Old Hwy)

❖ Raffle tickets for Pam's Hamper to be sold for draw 17<sup>th</sup> 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!!!!

# JACK'S JOURNAL

Last week – a repetition of the week in terms of the numbers of guests and visitors offsetting the number of members missing for one reason or another. We welcomed visiting Rotarians Helen Audsley (Upper Blue Mountains) and Chris Kowal (Moruya), Sue Liddy (Cycleway Group Secretary), students Bob Sheridan-Gimmel and Lewis Robertson, and tertiary student Calum Robertson.

Calum has had a very successful year at ANU – his academic record is sprinkled with Distinctions (mostly HDs). Calum gave us some idea of the brain-sizzling studies he is undertaking on the way to becoming a PhD candidate. We are proud to have helped Calum with a scholarship provided by the Alexander Birch bequest.

Younger brother Lewis and Bob reported on the Siemens Science Experience which they evidently enjoyed. We gather that they both have a keener interest in science as a result. This program was started in 1990 by the Rotary Club of Doncaster and the Australian Scientific Industry Association, the members of which were concerned at the relatively low proportion of students continuing studies in science and technology at secondary and tertiary levels and the consequent potential shortage of graduates in the future. We should continue to sponsor talented students to the Siemens Science Experience and the National Youth Science Forum.

Chris Kowal spoke to us about the Clean Energy for Eternity movement, which he represents in the Eurobodalla. It was a timely topic, considering recent political events in Canberra and the event now going on in Copenhagen. Chris also declared his involvement in cycling as a member of the Bicycle Institute and a supporter of our Bikeathon project.

Before we elect the 2010-11 Board of Directors, let's consider whether the committee structure should continue to be as recommended in the RI Club Leadership Plan, or revert to the former organization based on the Avenues of Service. The current membership situation has some bearing on this. We are a small club which breaks down to:

- 30% aged over 65 excused from attendance or qualified to be excused (the 85 year rule);
- 30% not much younger, with solid Rotary experience;
- 30% recently joined, just starting to gain Rotary experience or yet to be actively involved;
- and 10% with valuable experience, likely to leave the club soon to move interstate.

Not only small, but vulnerable. Think about it, and discuss at the Annual Meeting.

Yours in Rotary service,  
President Jack.





Vale to Frank McGovern by Laurelle Pacey –  
continued from pg 1

Faith said he kept urging her over his last few days to ring me to let me and his friends at Rotary know which she did on Monday. I immediately rang the hospital to try to speak with him but was unable to at that stage, so I asked the nurse to please tell Frank I had rung and that everyone at Narooma Rotary sends their love. He died the next day.

Frank loved his Rotary and was a great Rotarian, and always had a twinkle in his eye and was always ready for a laugh. Who can forget his time as Santa with our very own adorable fairy.

Jack has consulted the records and found Frank was inducted into the Club on 6 January 1994 having been nominated by Ian Thomlinson. He had been I think Deputy Director of Nursing at Dalmeny IRT, but I may not have that quite right.

Frank served as Club Service Director, Vocational Service Director and International Service Director, was Secretary 1995-96 and Sergeant-at-Arms more than once. He was most deservedly named a Paul Harris Fellow.

Various health issues have plagued him over the last five years or so, and he has done a Lazarus on more than one occasion. He had extraordinary fighting spirit and always kept his humour through it all. We hoped the same would happen again.

Although his health stopped him from attending regularly, he still managed the odd occasion like the 50<sup>th</sup>, Christmas, and Cinders.

I was about to ring him on Monday to see if he would like to come to our Christmas party this year. I know he will be with us in spirit.

Laurelle Pacey



## HELP WANTED

THE VAN NEEDS A CREW FOR THE 20<sup>TH</sup>  
OF DECEMBER AT CAROLS BY  
CANDLELIGHT.

THE MORE THE MERRY

CONTACT TED URGENTLY

FOR SALE: 2 Rotary shirts one size M and the other size XL  
For details or orders from RI contact Ted Bladwell 4476 4676.