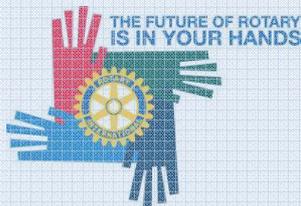


# THE BEACON

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



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**Apologies and**  
**additional**  
**guests to**  
**Marilyn Gibson**  
**the Tuesday**  
**before the**  
**meeting on**  
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**OR you will**  
**be charged for**  
**your meal.**

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.

Don't forget tonight's annual meeting needs your input. Read Jack's Journal on Page 3....

**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>Cashier</b>	Angie Ulrichsen	Bob Antill	
<b>3-minute talk</b>			
<b>Wheel</b>	Terry Irvine		
<b>FINES</b>	Max Reid		
<b>Introduction</b>			
<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.

## Stop Press.....

AUSTRALIAN MEMBERSHIP CONFERENCE 24-25 JULY 2010

An Australian national membership and public relations conference, open to all Zone 8 Rotarians, will be held in Canberra on the weekend of 24-25 July 2010.

We hope all Australian Districts will support and participate in this important event. Please keep the date free in planning your District events in 2010-11.

More information will be advised to Districts early in 2010.

Set these dates into your diary now!! 24-25 July 2010.

*Rob Wylie, Rotary Coordinator 2010-11*

### **A participant's view....Presidential National Conference July 08**

"The Conference gave us the chance to review all aspects of Rotary's function and vision.

There were inspirational and challenging keynote speakers and plenty of opportunity, working in small facilitated groups, to contribute our suggestions on how we could build a more effective model for Rotary.

We discussed ways to enhance Rotary's public image, and ways to attract a new generation of younger members, women and ethnic groups.

Other membership recruiting imperatives such as the changes & trends in Australian society, volunteering in the 21st century and the perception and profile of Rotary, also received due attention."

*PDG Russ O'Malley, District 9600 Membership Chair*

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### From Rotary International

Violin virtuoso Itzhak Perlman played to a sold-out audience in New York City's Avery Fisher Hall at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts on 2 December, during a benefit concert to raise money and awareness for Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio.

Perlman received several standing ovations during the fundraiser, Rotary's first benefit concert for polio. The organization joined with Perlman and the world-renowned New York Philharmonic to present the event.

"The concert was very uplifting," said Charles Murphy, governor-elect of District 7950 (parts of Massachusetts and New Hampshire). Murphy works with people with disabilities, and one of his best friends has survived polio. "I have a vision of polio ending."

The polio eradication effort resonates strongly with Perlman, who contracted the disease at age four and overcame physical challenges to become one of the world's most celebrated musicians, winning 15 Grammy Awards as well as a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008.