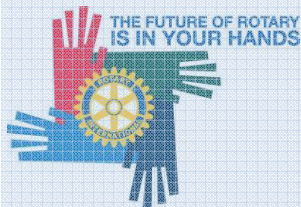


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**President**  
**Jack Wightman**

**Secretary**  
**Ted Bladwell /**  
**Laurelle Pacey**

**Treasurer**  
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**Apologies and**  
**additional**  
**guests to**  
**Marilyn Gibson**  
**the Tuesday**  
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**meeting on**  
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**[MarilynGibson@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:MarilynGibson@det.nsw.edu.au)**  
**OR you will**  
**be charged for**  
**your meal.**



WISHING YOU A WONDERFUL PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS AND A NEW YEAR FULL OF HOPE,  
JOY AND LOVE FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

**TONIGHT:**

**Christmas Dinner... Ho!Ho!Ho!**

**Don't forget boy & girl gift \$5 or less**  
**\$30 per head tonight**

**INTERNATIONAL TOAST:** The Rotary Club of Mizusawa-Isawa, Iwate, Japan. Chartered in 1997 in District 2520. The 11 members meet for lunch at 12.30 pm at the Plaza Inn, Mizusawa on Wednesdays.

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:** 21<sup>st</sup> of December Marilyn & Jim Gibson celebrate their anniversary. During January Steve Elphick has a birthday on the 4<sup>th</sup> and Bob and Therese Aston will celebrate their anniversary on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

<b>TASK</b>	<b>17 December</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>Cashier</b>	Bob Antill	Bob & Merinda's	Max & Pat's
<b>3-minute talk</b>		BBQ plus!	BBQ
<b>Wheel</b>		36 Corunna Rd	
<b>FINES</b>		Off the Old Hwy	
<b>Introduction</b>		About 5 k's out	
<b>Thanks</b>			

## COMING EVENTS

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's – 36 Corunna Rd (Off Old Hwy)
14 <sup>th</sup> January	BBQ at Max & Pat's – bring food, plates seats etc
21 <sup>st</sup> January	TBA poss. Fish & chips at Taylors or park BBQ.
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Australia Day – The Duck Race and other things

- ❖ Raffle tickets for Pam's Hamper to be sold for drawn tonight. The prize includes a BOTTLE of SCOTCH, Christmas cake, pudding, shortbread, biscuits and a box of chocolates to go with THE BOTTLE OF SCOTCH

# JACK'S JOURNAL

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Past members fade from our thoughts, even those Honorary members whose circumstances prevent them from attending meetings. Frank McGovern was one who held on to his interest in the club though often unable to come to meetings. We are indebted to Laurelle for having kept in touch with him, being concerned about his welfare and wanting him to join us for special events.

It was good to have Ted, George and others give some assistance to Lillian Hardie when Bill was hospitalised. Bill is making a good recovery. Lillian continues to undergo therapy and it is for this reason they cannot join us at dinner this evening, otherwise I would have asked Bill to amuse us with another of his witty compositions.

Jack Ings is not forgotten. He and Joy are involved in their Rotary and Probus clubs despite health problems both have experienced during the year. They have a standing invitation to visit us whenever possible.

The mention of Probus prompts me to recall that our club established a Probus club for men in 1982, a ladies club in 1992, and a club at Bermagui also in 1992. Since the ladies club was wound up the men's club became a combined club. We have a Probus club member in our ranks – namely Lin Morey, and we will depend on Lin to keep us informed about Probus club activities.

Good news from Martin Howard in India regarding his project, the Baas Educational Trust School at Haryana. Money from our club, the Rotary Club of Delhi Garden City, the two Rotary Districts concerned and the grant from the Foundation has been made available for the purchase of classroom equipment at last. Our US\$2,000 contribution was multiplied more than seven-fold through the Matching Grant system to meet the project budget of US\$16,500. Fantastic!

Congratulations to President-elect Bob Antill and all who were elected to the 2010-11 Board. After the election of officers and directors we still have some vacancies to fill. Most importantly the Board of Directors-elect needs to appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer or possibly a Secretary/Treasurer. The work entailed is not complicated and not beyond the capability of any Rotarian. Two directors are needed as well, to complete the team that will manage the club's programs and projects in 2010-11. To be a Board member is a privilege and rewarding if not lucratively so. Be in it!

I am looking forward to the break over Christmas and New Year but mindful of things to be done. Duties, of course – the van at Carols on 20<sup>th</sup> December, the market on 27<sup>th</sup> December, and the tent at Apex Park 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> January. We have a market on 24th January, raffle tickets to sell for the duck race on Australia Day, and a job to do for the Australia Day ceremony. It will be much appreciated if you can give some time do a share of the work ahead. Enjoy the holidays, and have fun with fellowship working on these projects.

Best wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
President Jack.

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

Last week saw the election of President Elect for 2010-11. Bob Antill was elected and now needs a board and a few offiders, but there is time!!!

During the discussion on how increase membership...

*Laurelle* suggested that we need to concentrate on current members and make sure everyone is happy and comfortable with the club and the direction it is heading.

*George* suggested that we need to mentor new members so they are fully aware of what it costs and what is required of them to be a Rotarian.

*Terry* is going to construct a questionnaire on the subject to be circulated soon.

Board meeting followed. Quick summary

- Blues van made approx \$3500
- \$250 donated to operation Cleft.
- Our volunteer grant for equipment for the van was successful.
- Australia Day we could be organising the stage- bring your muscles
- Duck Race on Australia day, many helpers needed.
- SELL MANY TICKETS FOR ABOVE MENTIONED DUCK RACE.
- Accepted quote for Car Boot Sale insurance – Please promote this when you can.
- Thanks to Laurelle and Bob Ant for representing the club at the Primary and High School final assemblies.

## HELP WANTED

THE VAN NEEDS A CREW FOR THIS  
SUNDAY THE 20th OF DECEMBER  
AT CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT.

THE MORE THE MERRY

CONTACT TED URGENTLY



*At Narooma High School the winners were Tilley Wood ( the Rotary Art Award and the Eric Hoare Memorial Prize for Technology Design), Kristy Morris (Narooma Rotary Club Citizenship Award) and Amelia Baxter (Eric Hoare Memorial Prize for Senior Science and Maths).*