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The Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin

Ted's Tips

Hi all,

Last week meeting proved that some of our more informative meetings are 'cause of our 'in club' speakers. Our thanks to Steve Deck for talk on his experiences of the nature and behaviour of bush fires from his position within the Parks and Wildlife Service. Thanks to Steve for an interesting talk.

Visitors swelled our numbers with the attendance of Fred and Pam Fawke and Brian Webster from Cowra. Must be something to do with our fellowship the way we get so many repeat visitors to our meetings.

Our next Meeting with our 'Mother' Club Bega at Cobargo is an annual event and one which is well attended by Bega Club, so anyone who has not advised intentions please confirm with Phil now. Travel arrangements will be decided within the next few days.

Coming up next is the District assembly at Bowral. This is a great opportunity for the incoming board and interested members to be informed and enthused for the year ahead in Rotary.

See y'all at Cobargo.

Make Dreams Real

Cheers

Ted

Tonight

Combined Meeting with Bega at Cobargo

Duties

TASK	12 March	19 March	26 March
Welcome/Wheel	Marilyn Gibson	Bob Antill	Angie Ulrichsen
Cashier	Bob Antill	Angie Ulrichsen	Kris Elphick
Toast / thanks	Angie Ulrichsen	Kris Elphick	Lin Morey
3-minute talk	Kris Elphick	Lin Morey	Bob Aston
FINES	Bob Aston	Tony Fahey	John Messner
Introduction	Bob Aston	John Messner	Laurelle Pacey

Coming Events

12 March	COMBINED MEETING WITH BEGA CLUB @ COBARGO
19 March	Board Meeting
26 March	Gordon Beattie - living book from Bega talking about surviving a stroke
2 April	Youth Speaker
8 April	Cinders
16 April	TBC
23 April	Partners night - Frank Chatteway about ANZAC

Birthdays and Anniversaries for March

25th Steve Deck & Laurelle Pacey Anniversary

20th President Ted's 21st Birthday

Last week

Last week we had quite a few visitors with us including Fred and Pam Fawke (Fred gave a quick up date on shelterboxes), Brian Webster from Cowra, Scott from the ANZ and Steve Deck. Steve gave a most interesting talk on bushfires and the processes that are put in place to try and stop them – I am glad that it is him out there and not me! Kris ran a heads and tails for fines and Phil cleaned up both the wine and port. Well done Phil.

From the Foundation Chairman

After much to-and-fro-ing with the Rotary Club of Delhi Garden City our application for a Matching Grant to help meet the cost of providing teaching aids to the BAAS Educational Trust School (www.betsinfo.org) was eventually sent to The Rotary Foundation on 26th February. The project budget is US\$16,500 and the combined contributions of the two clubs and districts support a grant of US\$7,000 towards this amount. Our club's commitment is US\$2000 (AU\$3,000 at the current Rotary rate of exchange).

Unfortunately TRF is unable to accept the application at this time as the budget for Matching Grants has been fully committed for the 2008-09 rotary year. In January the Trustees of TRF reduced the Humanitarian Grants budget by US\$16.3 million in an effort to minimise the impact of unrealised losses to the Foundation's assets - the effect of the global economic downturn and volatile investment climate.

This is most disappointing, considering expectations raised at the school and the work put in to preparing the application. TRF suggests that we resubmit the application after 1st July 2009 and I am sure that our partners in India will want to do that promptly as applications are dealt with on a first come, first served basis.

From the President-elect

I went to great lengths to attend the Presidents-elect Training Seminar (PETS) at Tumberumba - a round trip of 860km, collecting numerous grasshoppers and other bugs and a bird on the way but no kangaroos or emus fortunately. Those I saw were content to stay by the roadside as I passed.

PETS was a packed program of presentations and training sessions lasting about 10 hours The PEs spent 4 hours in sessions with the Assistant Governors going through the contents of the Club President's Manual which covered all aspects of club management and listed the many resources available in print and on the world wide web. In these sessions our group of six PEs was well served AG Maureen Manning. Former AG Phil Armstrong is also available to help us to look into the crystal ball by running a Club Visioning exercise should we want to do that.

Relevant information will be passed on to the directors and committee chairs and will filter down to all members in due course. The incoming Board is to have its first meeting on Thursday 19th March when I will lay the ground for future planning meetings. These will culminate in a club assembly to receive and hopefully endorse a club plan for 2009-10.

There will be no drastic changes, although the organisation of committees will be different. I expect that goals adopted by past Presidents and the projects implemented by their Boards will, for the most part, be taken up and continued in the coming year. And as far as responsibilities of President are concerned, I have great role models in Ted, Laurelle, Marilyn, Bill, Bob and Jeremy who have led by example in my time as a member of the club.

But it's not just me. THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS (John Kenny, Rotary International President 2009-10).

Diverse clubs hold key to the future

By Marcel Harlaar and Joseph Derr
Rotary International News -- 6 March 2009

On the outskirts of Amsterdam, 21 people gather at De Houten Vier restaurant each week.

The group includes members of Dutch, Moroccan, Surinamese, and Turkish descent. The 14 men and seven women range in age from 28 to 69. They come from various professional backgrounds; there are designers, hotel managers, and academics as well as lawyers and accountants.

Despite their differences, everyone has at least one thing in common: Rotary.

The newly chartered Rotary Club of Amsterdam-Arena exemplifies the diverse membership that Rotary International leadership has stated is necessary to keep the organization strong.

In November, the Board updated the RI [statement on diversity](#) to say, in part, "A club that reflects its community with regard to professional and business classification, gender, age, religion, and ethnicity is a club with the key to its future."

The Amsterdam-Arena club is based in the borough of Amsterdam Zuidoost, a community of about 80,000 situated in the city's southeast corner. Andro Bottse, the club's president, says the area is "multicultural and multiethnic by definition."

The Funny Side

Chuck and the dead horse

Young Chuck in Montana bought a horse from a farmer for \$100. The farmer agreed to deliver the horse the next day.

The next day the farmer drove up and said, "Sorry son, but I have some bad news... The horse died."

Chuck replied, "Well, then just give me my money back."

The farmer said, "Can't do that. I went and spent it already."

Chuck said, "Ok, then, just bring me the dead horse."

The farmer asked, "What ya gonna do with him?"

Chuck said, "I'm going to raffle him off."

The farmer said, "You can't raffle off a dead horse!"

Chuck said, "Sure I can, watch me. I just won't tell anybody he's dead."

A month later, the farmer met up with Chuck and asked, "What happened with that dead horse?"

Chuck said, "I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at two dollars a piece and made a profit of \$998."

The farmer said, "Didn't anyone complain?"

Chuck said, "Just the guy who won. So I gave him his two dollars back."

Chuck grew up and now works for the government. He's the one who figured out how this "bail-out" is going to work.

International Toast

Tonight we toast the Rotary Club of Sarajevo in Bosnia-Herzegovina - one of the oldest clubs in the country - chartered in 1999! The club has 21 members and meets on Tuesday evenings.