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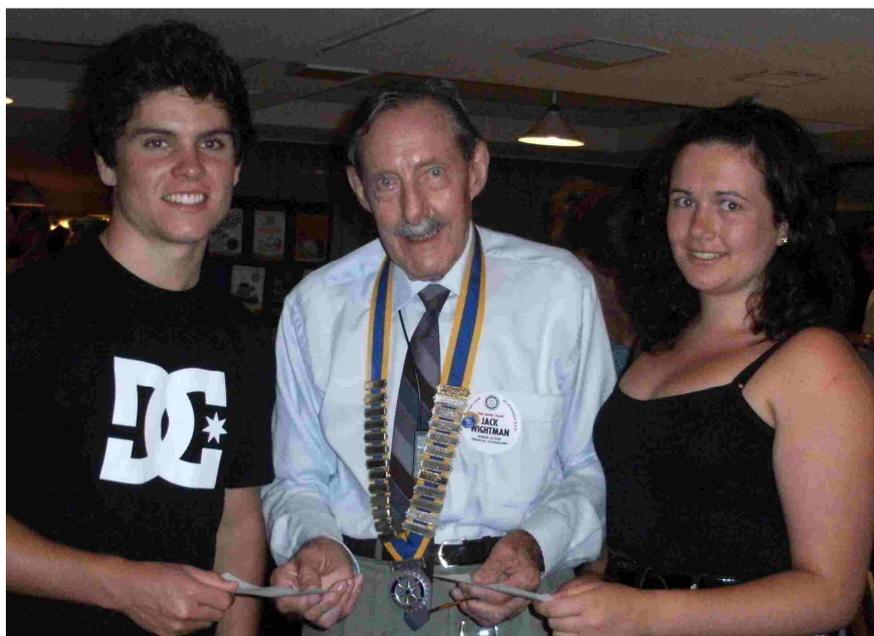
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your meal.**



Liam Phelps and Heather Gow-Carey receive their cheques from President Jack to help pay some of their bills as they head into year 2 of University Life. Photo by Laurelle

A great return to our Rotary Year with a Youth night last Thursday. More details in Jacks Journal on page 3.

Page two has the latest coming events so you can update your diary.

Terry's survey came out in the last day or so...call Jack or Terry if there are any problems.

Bob Aston has included a very extensive outline of the great Bike-a-thon and all hands will need to be on deck BUT don't forget that it is a market day and we need bodies helping Chris and getting the van sorted. Bob's programme is on page 4 through to page 6 ( a must read )

This week is Club Assembly and a Board Meeting. Feel free to offer any suggestions that you have, you are the club and your opinions and ideas are what makes us.

Enjoy and see you all at the Whale.

**TONIGHT** : Club assembly and board meeting

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:** Nil for this week

<b>TASK</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>Cashier</b>	Kris Elphick	Rody Bryne	Paradise Pt
<b>3-minute talk</b>	Marilyn Gibson	Terry Irvine	Valentines Day
<b>Wheel</b>	Rolf Gimmel	Max Reid	BBQ
<b>FINES</b>	Bob Aston	Ian Thomlinson	
<b>Introduction</b>	Jeremy Ferguson	Lin Morey	
<b>Thanks</b>	Laurelle Pacey	John Messner	

## COMING EVENTS

04 February	Club Assembly and Board Meeting
11 February	Erin Fahey's Youth Exchange presentation. Introduction of 2010 Tertiary Scholar Alice Hanigan.
18 February	Ferguson's traditional Valentines barbecue (with partners!)
25 February	Scott Ferguson's RYLA report
28 February	Clean Energy and Sustainability Market and Bike-a-thon
04 March	TBA (Farewell Ted & Sam?)
11 March	Joint Meeting with Rotary Club of Bega – Cobargo – 6.00 for 6.30
18 March	Board Meeting
20 March	BAREFOOT BOWLS – Bodalla – 12.30 for 1.00
25 March	TBA
28 March	Market Day

*"The trouble with words is that you never  
know whose mouth they've been in."*

Dennis Potter, quoted in the (London) Daily Telegraph

**INTERNATIONAL TOAST:** Santo Domingo Oriental in the Dominican Republic. District 4060. Chartered in 1972 it has 10 members who meet for lunch in the Don Pincho restaurant on Tuesdays.

# JACK'S JOURNAL

It was pleasing to have a good turnout of members for last week's meeting featuring young people whose academic and professional interests have been enhanced by the club. Tim Davis and Georgina Facchetti gave us an excellent account of their attendance at the Honeywell Engineering Summer School and indicated how it has influenced them in considering the direction of future studies. Liam Phelps and Heather Gow-Carey gave reports on their first year of tertiary studies and received a further scholarship payment for continuation of their respective courses.

Ted, Max and Angie were missed, and Kevin of course. It was good to see Kevin and Maureen at Taylor's the other week. Micki and Annette joined our company and Tim's mum was present for the 'youthful' occasion. We welcomed guests Susan Pryke (Laurette) and Lyn Hardingham (Chris), visiting Rotarian Colin Holmes and Enid, and Erin Fahey back from her Youth Exchange year in Germany. We look forward to her formal presentation next week.

If anyone is an expert on climate change, it would be Erin going from a bitterly cold winter in northern Germany to hot and sultry weather here

As last week's bulletin was the first regular weekly issue since we stood down for the holidays and editor Bob was away until two days before our meeting, it was not possible to give adequate notice of duties, hence Bob rostered himself for the raffle. With no one detailed for the 3-minute talk, Bob Aston rose to the occasion with a hot topic – the *My School* website which had been launched just that morning. Thank you, Bob, for a timely explanation of the content of [www.myschool.edu.au](http://www.myschool.edu.au)

In Rotary this is World Understanding month. More on this later in the month, but in this connection there is some interesting reading in this month's *Rotary Down Under*. I refer to the three articles under the general heading "*Global Outlook*".

The Board meets later tonight, so let's not spend too long in club assembly. I hope that Terry managed to attract responses to his questionnaire from all members, and that all will be satisfied to "go with the flow" in the directions indicated in Terry's report, whether they be new or tried and true.

Yours in Rotary Service,  
President Jack.



An American decided to write a book about famous churches around the world.

So he bought a plane ticket and took a trip to Orlando, thinking that he would start by working his way across the USA from South to North.

On his first day he was inside a church taking photographs when he noticed a golden telephone mounted on the wall with a sign that read '\$10,000 per call'.

The American, being intrigued, asked a priest who was strolling by what the telephone was used for.

The priest replied that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 you could talk to God.

The American thanked the priest and went along his way.

Next stop was in Atlanta. There, at a very large cathedral, he saw the same looking golden telephone with the same sign under it.

He wondered if this was the same kind of telephone he saw in Orlando and he asked a nearby nun what its purpose was.

She told him that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 he could talk to God.

'O.K., thank you,' said the American.

He then travelled all across America, Europe, England, Japan, and New Zealand.

In every church he saw the same looking golden telephone with the same '\$US10,000 per call' sign under it.

The American decided to travel to Australia to see if Australians had the same phone.

He arrived at the Gold Coast, in Australia and again, in the first church he entered, there was the same looking golden telephone, but this time the sign under it read '40 cents per call.'

The American was surprised so he asked the priest about the sign. 'Father, I've travelled all over the world and I've seen this same golden telephone in many churches. I'm told that it is a direct line to Heaven, but in all of them price was \$10,000 per call.

Why is it so cheap here?'

The priest smiled and answered, 'you're in Australia now, son - "This is Heaven," so it's a local call'.

KEEP SMILING

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From Bob Aston

Bike-a-thon

The Club will be conducting a bike-a-thon on Sunday 28 February from Rotary Park at Dalmeny (opposite Dalmeny IGA) to NATA Oval. The bike-a-thon will follow the shared pathway; the ride takes about 20 to 30 minutes.

There will prizes for the youngest & oldest rider and for the best decorated bike. All participants will receive a certificate recognising their participation. It is hoped that the mayor and Ian Campbell (ABC Radio) will be in attendance.

The purpose of the bike-a-thon is to celebrate progress to date and to help raise funds to complete the pathway over the swamp adjacent to Centenary Drive.

If it is successful we hope to conduct similar events in years to come.

Information and entry forms will be published in the Narooma News and Narooma Public, Narooma

High & Bodalla Public School newsletters. Entry forms and fees will be collected at:

- Rolf's
- Dalmeny Lighting
- Narooma HS
- Narooma PS
- Bodalla PS

**Entry fees are:**

- Adult \$10.00
- Family \$15.00
- Student/Pensioner \$5.00

On the day the Shared Pathway Committee and VRA will help as marshals. St John's Ambulance will also be in attendance.

There will be three check/water points along the route

- Yabara Beach
- Lions Park at Kianga
- Boardwalk(eastern end)

The focus on the Market on the 28<sup>th</sup> will be on sustainable energy – hopefully we will have lots of stall holders displaying and selling products that reduce our reliance on fossil fuels.

I have taken the liberty of allocating some members to jobs on the day. We can discuss tasks in detail at the Club Assembly on Thursday evening. Note these are minimum numbers – the more the merrier.

Regards

Bob Aston

Duty	Member/Volunteer	Comment
Start Point From 7:00am	Bob Aston John Messner Shared Pathway Committee	
Check Point 1 Yabara Beach From 8:30am	Rotarian x 2	

Check Point 2 Lions Park From 8:30am	Richard Lovatt Rotarian x 1	
Check Point 3 Board Walk From 8:30am	Rotarian x 2	
Finish Point From 7:30am	Therese Aston Bill Hardie Clare Aston Rotarian x 1	
Marshalling at Finish Point	Laurelle Pacey Chris O'Brien	
Set up at Finish Point	Ted Bladwell	
Market Set Up Stall Holders Entry	Laurelle Pacey Chris O'Brien Rotarian x 1	
Van Set Up	Ted Bladwell Jeremy Ferguson Kris Elpkick	
Set up signs along pathway	Jack Wightman	
Water Photos Problem Solver	Bob Antill Jack Wightman	Travel along pathway to make sure everything is OK
Rotary Reject Stall	Marilyn Gibson George Barker	

Erin, back next week the 11<sup>th</sup> February, in Germany.



with tall tales and true of her adventures