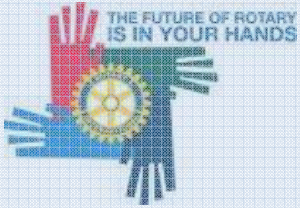


THE BEACON

The Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin



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Apologies and
additional
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MarilynGibson@det.nsw.edu.au OR you will be charged for your meal.



Welcome to a very wet February and beautiful rain... that we had to have!!

Last week's meeting was a club assembly and board meeting. A big ask with dinner and fellowship in between, but Marilyn made it happen.

Ian brought us up to date with the matching grants and how the education system we are helping fund gives girls equal opportunity. Bob Aston gave details of the Bike-a-thon and will give a full brief on the 25th. Entry forms are out now. Help is needed on Saturdays before the Markets to mark out, about an hour in time, see Max.

Don't forget Terry's survey. One member had more to add but time beat us. Please contact a board member or the president if you need something mentioned at board level, it is your club.

Lots of fun stuff coming up including the BBQ at the Ferguson's and Barefoot Bowls (see pg 4).

The board accepted the resignation of Paul Smith with great sadness. Paul will be missed and we hope that in the future he and Ann might come back to us, work load etc permitting.

Jack catches up on page 3.

TONIGHT: Erin Fahey's talk and Alice Hanigan Tertiary Scholarship winner

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: On the 16th Heather & Jeremy Ferguson will celebrate their anniversary.

COMING EVENTS

18 th February	Valentines BBQ at Heather & Jeremy's place (PARTENERS)
25 th February	Scott Ferguson's RYLA report & BIKE-A-THON briefing
28 th February	Markets (Clean Energy & Sustainability) and BIKE-THON
4 th March	Club Get together and farewell to Ted & Sam (PARTENERS)
7 th March	Bowl Scan starts – Max for more details.
11 th March	Joint Meeting at Cobargo with Bega Club. 6pm for 630 at the Cobargo Hotel
18 th March	Board Meeting
20 th March	Barefoot Bowls at Bodalla Bowling Club 12.30 for 1pm (PARTENERS)
25 th March	TBA
28 th March	Markets

DUTIES

TASK	11th February	18th February	25th February
Cashier	Rody Bryne	Paradise Pt	Bob Aston
3-minute talk	Terry Irvine	Valentine's Day	John Messner
Wheel	Max Reid	BBQ	Jeremy Ferguson
FINES	Ian Thomlinson		Ted Bladwell
Introduction	Lin Morey		Angie Ulrichsen
Thanks	John Messner		Rolf Gimmel

INTERNATIONAL TOAST: Some how got lost in the international language of computers.... Apples trying to talk to Oranges!!! (Lemons!) Ian will update us tonight and me next week.

JACK'S JOURNAL

Carolyn's ill health and my responsibilities in that regard make it difficult for me to attend meetings, hence my absence last week. I am grateful to Marilyn for taking the Chair, knowing that the club was in good, capable, hands. Rotary is the least of my worries at present - but there are one or two things I must mention before Marilyn has her say.

Did you all respond to the membership survey? I know that a couple of you can only use a printed copy of the questionnaire. As Terry will be away next week there is time for you to send the completed questionnaire to Terry by post to PO Box 5286, Cobargo 2550. Those who can edit the questionnaire with their computer should send their completed version to the following address if they have not already done so (this is whilst Terry is away) – adandtgirvine@bigpond.com. Given your cooperation, he will have a report ready to give us on 25th February.

What great work we did in raising sufficient funds for two ShelterBoxes in response to the Haiti disaster – that is four we have funded altogether this year. Interestingly, the Batemans Bay club raised funds for two, expects to fund a third from “awareness week” activity at the shopping centre (Stockland, I presume) and a fourth with a donation from a local business. RC Moruya had previously funded two ShelterBoxes, and with donations from members and the public and fundraising activity at the Races, Australia Day celebrations, and the Moruya market, raised funds for five more. We have all done well.

I expect to be in your company tonight, looking forward to Erin's presentation and Alice's introduction.

Yours in Rotary Fellowship,
President Jack.

From the DG – any questions please refer to president Jack

I have been incredibly impressed with and heartened by the support Clubs have given to the relief effort in Haiti through providing ShelterBoxes. The effort is something everyone can be very proud.

I do hope, however, that there is still capacity to support OUR Rotary Foundation!

As the year is in its final half, I hope you and your Boards will ensure we continue to support our Rotary Foundation!

Last year, while we gave strong support to projects like ShelterBox, our support for the Rotary Foundation fell away dramatically.

I would be really disappointed if this happened again this Rotary year!

The less we give to the Rotary Foundation now, the less we will have in future years to support our Matching Grant and District Simplified Grant programs; and, support for scholarships like the Ambassadorial Scholars program. Please ensure that you support Rotary's own work.

Michael W Pedler (Julia)

District Governor 2009-10



Valentine's Day BBQ at the Ferguson's wonderful home.

Thursday 18th February at Paradise Point.

BRING

- YOUR PARTNER (\$10 per head) includes drinks
- a plate, cutlery etc.
- a salad or dessert (phone Heather to let her know which you are bringing)

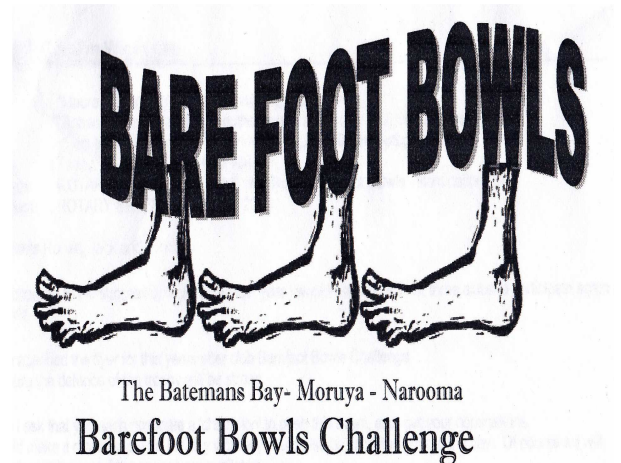
It's on again and for all those who were there last year it was a great time. YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOW HOW TO, all is explained.

This is a great social time and a chance to mix with our two Northern neighbours. Bring your Partners, we need teams of four.

**BODALLA BOWLING CLUB ON THE 20TH MARCH
12.30 FOR 1PM**

**\$15 PER PERSON (INCLUDES LUNCH,
TROPHIES AND PRIZES)**

REGISTER NOW - see bob antill.



Stolen from Bateman's Bay Rotary bulletin

"It's too hot to wear clothes today"
Jack announced to his wife as he stepped from the shower.

"What do you think the neighbours would say if I were to mow the lawn like this?"

"Probably that I had married you for your money!" she replied.

What do they mean???

ROMAC – Rotary Oceanic Medical Aid for Children Ltd.

RAWCS – Rotary Australia World Community Service

RYPEN – Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment.

GSE – Group Study Exchange

MUNA – Model United Nations Assembly