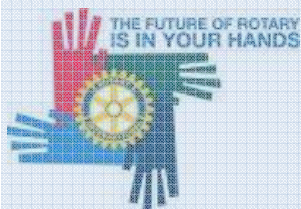


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**Apologies and
additional
guests to
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be charged for
your meal.**



Last week Alice Hanigan came along to our meeting and introduced herself.

Alice is our Tertiary Scholarship winner for this year.

We also discussed the Bike-a-thon and Bare Foot Bowls. (more on page 4)

Jack's Journal pg 3.

Back from Germany a beaming Erin Fahey gave us a pictorial tour of her Youth Exchange year.

Erin stayed with some wonderful host families who not only looked after her but showed her the sights around the country.

The opportunity to also travel throughout Europe with other exchange students opened her eyes to how "the other half lives".

Unfortunately the 4.5 kg Toblerone wouldn't fit in her suitcase so we had to be content with a photo.

Meat & cheese for breakfast and lots of chocolate made for a great time.



TONIGHT: Valentine BBQ at the Ferguson's Paradise Point home

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: None this week

COMING EVENTS

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 (PARTNERS)
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 (PARTNERS)
25 th March	TBA
28 th March	Markets
30 th March	Youth Driver Campaign at Moruya (some members assisting)

DUTIES

TASK	18^h February	25th February	4th March
Cashier	Paradise Pt	Bob Aston	Bob Antill
3-minute talk	Valentine's Day	John Messner	Sam Bladwell(!)
Wheel	BBQ	Jeremy Ferguson	Rolf Gimmel
FINES		Ted Bladwell	Rody Byrne
Introduction		Angie Ulrichsen	Chris O'Brien
Thanks		Rolf Gimmel	Angie Ulrichsen

INTERNATIONAL TOAST: A night off to enjoy the BBQ.

JACK'S JOURNAL

Youth Exchange was featured last week with an excellent presentation by Erin Fahey of her year in District 1850, Northern Germany. Our guests and visitors, besides Erin, were her parents Tony and Sue, Rohan Gleeson of the District Youth Exchange Committee and his partner Pauline, Swedish Youth Exchange student Hedvig hosted by RC Moruya, and 2010 Tertiary Scholarship holder Alice Hanigan. Alice is taking a gap year before commencing Town Planning studies at the University of New South Wales.

The Youth Exchange program began in 1927 and has expanded around the world with more than 7,000 young people participating in annual Rotary club/District-sponsored programs in recent years. The values of Youth Exchange are experienced not only by the students involved but also by the host families, receiving high schools and the entire community. In Erin's case there is no doubt that she enjoyed her year away and extracted maximum benefit from it. Her activities included an extensive tour of Europe, attendance at the Birmingham Convention, competitive soccer games, and festivities involving huge glassware – 1 and 2 litre steins and glasses! (don't mention the beer). Erin presented us with a banner from her host club Melle Wittlage, and we saluted the club with an International Toast proposed by Ian.

Marilyn, Laurelle, Lin, John, Max and Terry missed all this and we missed their company. It transpires that Marilyn was most unwell last week and will be out of Rotary action for a while. We trust that she will soon feel better.

Earlier in the day George attended the Council Chambers with other recipients of Healthy Communities Grants and Seniors Week Grants, and returned with a cheque for \$500 granted to defray expenditure on the bike-a-thon. A run-down on bike-a-thon plans was given by Bob Aston as a preview of the briefing to be given at our meeting on the 25th. Y'all be there!

Valentine's Day, prompting us to express love and affection to our respective significant others, occurs near Jeremy and Heather's wedding anniversary date. They celebrate it by hosting a barbecue for the club on or around 14th February each year. I'm sure that this Thursday's barbecue will be a romantic affair under the stars, or at least a companionable gathering for fun and fellowship.

Yours in Rotary Fellowship,
President Jack.





**BIKE – A – THON
28TH FEB
ALL HANDS ON
DECK FOR THIS
AND DON'T FORGET
THE MARKETS.
START 8.30AM
SEE BOB ASTON
FOR DETAILS.**

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.

