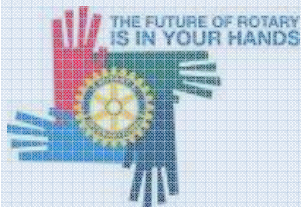


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**Apologies and
additional
guests to Rolf
Gimmel the
Tuesday
before the
meeting on
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[rolfs@dodo.
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will be charged
for your meal.**



ON YA BIKE! GET SET AND GO

Sunday might have had grey skies and a little drizzle but the atmosphere and enthusiasm created by the Bike-a-Thon entrants made the whole place shine.

From the youngest to the oldest, smiles were the orders of the day. The event ran smoothly with thanks to Bob Aston and his team of Rotarians and others from the Bike Path committee, St John Ambulance, VRA and others who braved the conditions to make sure everyone had a good time.

Many thanks to Ian Campbell and his sons Jim (7) and Oscar (5) who were first off at Dalmeny. Ian is the local ABC morning announcer and gave us great coverage on his program on Tuesday morning.

Inside - more photos and survey results by Terry Irvine as well as Jack's Journal.

Don't forget to register with Bob Antill for the Barefoot Bowls day.... bring your money with you!

TONIGHT: Farewell to Ted and Sam ☹

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: Tonight John and Kerry Messner celebrate their wedding anniversary.

COMING EVENTS

4 th March	Club Get together and farewell to Ted & Sam (PARTNERS) and special guests *\$25pp three course meal
7 th March	Bowel 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)
1 st April	
8 th April	
15 th April	Board meeting (?)
22 nd April	Cinders

DUTIES

TASK	4th March	11th March	18th March
Cashier	Bob Antill	Joint Meeting	Kris Elphick
3-minute talk	Angie Ulrichsen	at Cobargo	Rody Byrne
Wheel	Rolf Gimmel	We need someone	Bob Antill
FINES	Rody Byrne	to assist at the door	Bob Aston
Introduction	Chris O'Brien	please.	John Messner
Thanks	Angie Ulrichsen		Chris O'Brien

INTERNATIONAL TOAST: Rotary Club of Carthage in Tunisia (District 9010) chartered in 1975 and has 24 members who meet at 8.30 on Monday in the Hotel Golden Tulip.

JACK'S JOURNAL

I'm glad I was able to attend last Thursday for Scott Ferguson's RYLA presentation. With Carolyn in hospital at Wollongong I was trying but not succeeding to be in two places at once.

The meeting was enhanced with visits by Rtn Brian Webster (Cowra) and Hon Member Pam Rayner. Heather was on hand with Jeremy to applaud Scotty. He gave us a lengthy report on the RYLA program, from which we gathered that he found out a few things about himself and made some new friends. There is no doubt about the value of the program in bringing young people together to gain an insight into the attributes and responsibilities of leadership, especially as they will find themselves managing older, more experienced people.

Before the meeting Bob Aston conducted a briefing on the bike-a-thon to ensure that those of us with jobs to do knew where to go and what to do. Help to replace members who were not available was offered by Daphne Gibson, Stephen Deck and Richard Lovatt and family, as well as the Shared Pathway Committee whose members John Gibson and Sue Liddy were present as guests of the club. With all available hands on deck and with marshaling outsourced to the VRA, the event was carried out smoothly and efficiently, and it was obviously enjoyed by the cyclists who participated. Congratulations and thanks to Bob Aston for organising it so well.

Thanks also to Terry Irvine for conducting the membership satisfaction survey and compiling the report. Overall I think we can be satisfied that members, by and large, are satisfied with the club although some members indicated that they would like to see some improvements. The Board will be considering it and taking whatever action is necessary. I note that the majority of members feel that we should be more active in membership development and be more attentive to the orientation of new members. As so many members are confident in recommending the club to potential members, let's get on with it!

A ShelterBox note - ShelterBox Australia has applied to the Dept of Foreign Affairs and the ATO for DGR (Deductible Gift Recipient) status and will soon have it. This will open up a lot of corporate and government doors in that AusAID has approved ShelterBox Australia as an NGO partner in humanitarian emergency disaster relief aid.

We look forward to clubbing with Bega at Cobargo next week. Please be sure to give an apology (if that's you) to Rolf before Monday.

Yours in Rotary Fellowship,
President Jack.

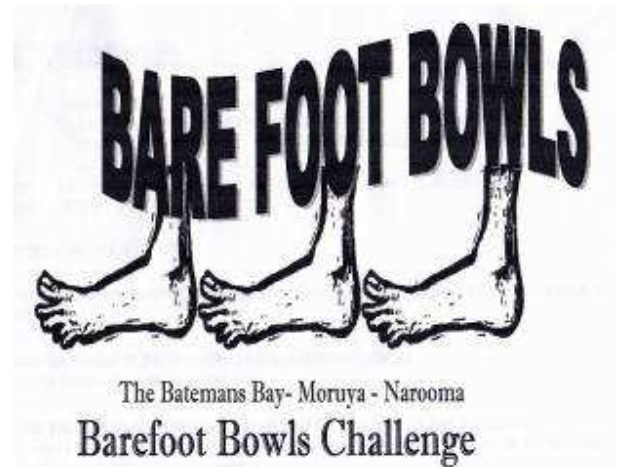


George hands the cheque from Lions to Jack. Lions donated \$1200 for a shelter box

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)



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(above from left) Printing certificates at the finish of the bike-a-thon Jeremy Ferguson, Therese Aston & Bill Hardie; Laurelle Pacey awards Scotty Ferguson his RYLA certificate last Thursday ; Bob Aston with VRA President Ben Bate.

(left) St John Ambulance officers ready for action Janni Thompson and Graham Pyne
 (below) President Jack, Angie Ulrichsen and Kris Elphick with Geoffrey Garrad at the Apex park check point.



SURVEY RESULTS

Responses

Member	%age
Membership	
Glad	75.00%
Neutral	16.67%
Wonder why	16.67%

Welcome

Yes	91.67%
Neutral	
Isolated	

Activities - Club

Membership Development

Excessive	
Adequate	25.00%
Insufficient	66.67%
Not Aware	

Membership Orientation and Development

Excessive	
Adequate	41.67%
Insufficient	50.00%
Not Aware	8.33%

Local Community Service Projects

Excessive	
Adequate	66.67%
Insufficient	33.33%
Not Aware	

International Service Projects

Excessive	8.33%
Adequate	83.33%
Insufficient	
Not Aware	8.33%

Club Public Relations

Excessive	8.33%
Adequate	66.67%
Insufficient	16.67%
Not Aware	

Fundraising

Excessive	16.67%
Adequate	75.00%
Insufficient	8.33%
Not Aware	

The Rotary Foundation

Excessive	25.00%
Adequate	66.67%
Insufficient	8.33%
Not Aware	

Fellowship

Excessive	
Adequate	83.33%
Insufficient	16.67%

Not Aware

Youth Service Projects

Excessive	25.00%
Adequate	75.00%
Insufficient	
Not Aware	

Participated in Club projects and activities

Yes	100.00%
No	

How?

Volunteered	83.33%
Asked	75.00%

Involvement in activities**Membership Development**

currently	25.00%
would like to be	25.00%

Member Orientation and Development

currently	33.33%
would like to be	8.33%

Local Community Service Projects

currently	58.33%
would like to be	16.67%

International service projects

currently	25.00%
would like to be	16.67%

Club Public Relations

currently	33.33%
would like to be	8.33%

Fundraising

currently	75.00%
would like to be	

The Rotary Foundation

currently	33.33%
would like to be	

Fellowship

currently	41.67%
would like to be	

Youth Service projects

currently	50.00%
would like to be	8.33%

Other

currently	16.67%
would like to be	8.33%

Satisfaction with participation

Satisfied	58.33%
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very satisfied	25.00%
dissatisfied	16.67%
Membership costs	
Club dues	
excessive	8.33%
Reasonable	83.33%
Weekly meetings	
Reasonable	83.33%
excessive	8.33%
Club fines/assessments	8.33%
Reasonable	83.33%
Voluntary contributions to service projects	
excessive	16.67%
Reasonable	75.00%
Voluntary contributions to The Rotary Foundation	
Reasonable	91.67%
Enjoyment of weekly meetings	
Yes	100.00%
No	8.33%
Rotary Content in meeting	
insufficient	33.33%
adequate	50.00%
Length of meeting	
adequate	83.33%
always finish at 9pm	
Fellowship activities	
more	41.67%
same as now	58.33%
Bulletin Rotary information	
insufficient	41.67%
sufficient	58.33%
Bulletin is	
interesting	75.00%
useful	75.00%
informative	83.33%
boring	8.33%
limited	25.00%
Meeting should continue with	
Grace	66.67%
Loyal Toast	66.67%
International Toast	75.00%
Raffle	91.67%
Fines	83.33%
Anthem on formal occasions	8.33%
conform with modern trends	8.33%
Meeting time is	
convenient	91.67%
better fortnightly	8.33%
Location is	
convenient	83.33%
Lack of privacy for meeting	33.33%
Noisy	25.00%

Changes to meetings

Better speakers	50.00%
increased variety	50.00%
Improve meal quality	25.00%
Better service	16.67%
too much Youth service speakers	8.33%
more involvement of family	25.00%
more service opportunities	8.33%
more social functions involving friends and family	50.00%
more focus on fellowship	33.33%
increased emphasis on vocational information	16.67%
better time management	58.33%
more leadership opportunities	25.00%

Spouse/partner feelings

proud of my involvement	66.67%
feels it takes up too much time	16.67%
wishes for more interaction with other Rotary spouses etc	16.67%
too expensive	8.33%

Adding new members

confident in recommending	83.33%
reluctant	16.67%

Not all members responded or their data could not be accessed by my computer software.

Some figures that should perhaps add to 100% do not because we had some each way bets as it were with people qualifying their responses.

Most of the additional information was not able to be translated into quantifiable responses; I will prepare a document showing at least some of these later.

Many thanks to Terry for your work on this project.

Please respond to a member of the board or to Jack directly so this can be discussed at the next board meeting.

