

# THE BEACON



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**Apologies and additional guests to Rolf Gimmel the Tuesday before the meeting on 44762274 or email [rolfs@dodo.com.au](mailto:rolfs@dodo.com.au) OR you will be charged for your meal.**



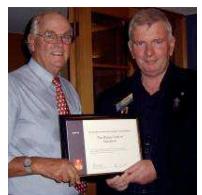
*“Ted had something to offer the club – what an understatement” – Ian Thomlinson*

*“You’ll be sorely missed from our circle of friends, Your smile, Your warmth will be missed” - Maureen Manning*

*“Friendly, welcoming, easy to get along with” – Phil Armstrong*

*“Without Sam, Ted would have been lost” – George Barker*

*“I’m not too sure who they are talking about tonight – but if it’s me, I thank you” – Ted Bladwell*



**TONIGHT:** Joint meeting with Bega Rotary in Cobargo.

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:** none this week

## COMING EVENTS

7 <sup>th</sup> March	Bowel Scan starts – Max for more details.
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Joint Meeting at Cobargo with Bega Club. 6.30 for 7.00 at the Cobargo Hotel
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Board Meeting
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Barefoot Bowls at Bodalla Bowling Club 12.30 for 1pm (PARTNERS) <b>PLEASE NOTE POSTPONED TBA</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> March	TBA
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Markets
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Youth Driver Campaign at Moruya (some members assisting)
1 <sup>st</sup> April	
8 <sup>th</sup> April	
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Board meeting (?)
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Cinders

## DUTIES

TASK	11 <sup>th</sup> March	18th <sup>th</sup> March	25 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Cashier</b>	Joint Meeting	Kris Elphick	Rolf Gimmel
<b>3-minute talk</b>	at Cobargo	Rody Byrne	Bob Antill
<b>Wheel</b>	We need someone	Bob Antill	Rody Byrne
<b>FINES</b>	to assist at the door	Bob Aston	Chris O'Brien
<b>Introduction</b>	Please.	John Messner	Kris Elphick
<b>Thanks</b>		Chris O'Brien	John Messner

**INTERNATIONAL TOAST:** None this week as we are in Cobargo

## JACK'S JOURNAL

Bob Aston received this note from Sue Liddy of the N-K-D Cycleway Fund Raising Committee:

"What a great day on Sunday [28<sup>th</sup> February]! Fantastic effort by you and your team. Despite tsunami warnings, floods which damaged the pathway, and a not so nice day you had all those families and individuals participating in a bike-a-thon on our fantastic cycleway.

"No matter what the financial outcome is that was a great effort by a variety of people and the Cycleway Fund Raising Committee would like to thank you all for the effort you put into the bike-a-thon and the market."

We have yet to get an accounting for the bike-a-thon from Treasurer John apart from the receipt of \$500 grant money and \$755 from entries. Market receipts were \$1,045 and van revenue \$552. Amounts to be disbursed to the Cycleway Committee, the VRA and St John Ambulance will be determined by the Board with these figures in mind.

Thanks to Max and Pat, Bowelscan 2010 is up and running. I urge all members to take the opportunity to buy a test kit from your local pharmacy and use it. \$10 is a small price to pay for the assurance of a negative result or prompt follow-up should the report be positive. The 2009 Bowelscan program detected 198 individual instances of bowel cancer or polyps and another 216 results were pending investigation as at November.

Rotary's top priority program is Polio Eradication. To give you some idea of its scale, in India alone after just six recent NIDs (National Immunisation Days) 2.5 million volunteers visited 191 million homes and immunised 167 million children. Just imagine, they immunised Australia nearly eight times over in six days! Think about it. Make it your top charitable priority to give to The Rotary Foundation for this vital program.

We were not keen on having to say farewell to Ted and Sam last week, however all good things come to an end and the Ted and Sam team was one of the best things the club has had. We enjoyed an excellent dinner with our partners and our good friends the Gaffneys, Hon Member Pam and President Rohan Gleeson (Moruya), and distinguished visitors Past AG Phil Armstrong, AG Maureen Manning and partner Stephen and Past District Governor Phil Mewett and his Rotarian partner Denise. Among the many words of praise and thanks spoken, I thought Micki's was the best – just a heartfelt hug of friendship and thanks to Sam. Congratulations to Ted for receiving a Sapphire pin and best wishes to both Ted and Sam for the future in Toowoomba, involving Rotary no doubt.

Anyone not going to join the company of members of our mother club Bega at Cobargo tonight (and I'm sorry to say, that's most of us) will miss an interesting and well organised program. I hope our poor attendance this year does not discourage continuation of this annual event.

Yours in Rotary Fellowship,  
President Jack.



My Grandfather and my Father were both Rotarians and Presidents of the Goulburn Club, with Grandfather being a charter member. Soon my side of the family we knew Rotary.

Sam's Father was a President of Kempsey Club before being moved to Broken Hill in his job as Principal of the Technical College, and was asked by the then District Governor to form a Club in Broken Hill.

I was a very shy person when asked to join Rotary in 1976. Married with three children.

I agreed to join as long as I wasn't given a job to do for the first couple of years as the Mulwaree Club had about 50 members and a lot I didn't know. Within 3 months I was given the job of Sergeant and was terrified. From then on have held most positions at Club level, but so far I haven't been trusted as Treasurer.

We were invited to serve on the YEP District C'tee for a four year term, which started our interest in the District side of Rotary, and over the years our involvement has given us both many enjoyable times in the company of the leaders of Rotary which included hosting the Australian RI world President, Clem Renouf, public officials in the wider Community, as well as Rotarians from all over, with Group Study Exchanges and Youth Exchange hosting.

The Mulwaree Club took on a FAIM trip (Fourth Avenue in Motion) now RAWCS, to KANTIBA in the New Guinea Highlands in 1979 to build a Health Centre in which I joined and again in 1992 I led a team to Papitilaion Manus Island to build a school Room at an Island School.

In 1988 the Polio Plus Campaign was launched and all clubs were given a target amount to contribute. As I was the Polio Plus nominee for the Club we had to come up with a project to raise some \$8000. I had a committee of 3 to work with and came up with the idea of a Vintage and Veteran Vehicle Show and Swap Meet. The Club thought that this was a bit ambitious, but backed the idea, and the first year raised some \$23000. I was the organizer of the event for the Club for the next 14 years, and it has become one of the major Swap Meets on the Eastern Seaboard, and has been running for 21 years.

Another highlight was being nominated for District Governor by the Club, but went up against PDG's Jack Ings and Len Goodman.

In moving to Toowoomba, another Rotary Club, and another opportunity to meet people and to become part of Rotary again.

Sam & I have enjoyed our time in Narooma and will miss the association we have had with you all over the past 4 years. We leave many good friends and thank you all for your part in our Narooma Experience.

Our farewell last Thursday night will long be remembered, and the presentation of the Sapphire Pin was most appreciated. I regret not being part of the Club in the future, but we wish you all the best for the future it is a great Club and may it grow in numbers and remain the friendly meeting place it is now.

Ted & Sam Bladwell