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GREETINGS FROM COBARGO!

Last week a few members travelled to down town Cobargo to join with our fellow Rotarians from Bega.

We enjoyed fellowship and being part of their normal meeting. The guest speakers talked about The Crossing.

The Crossing is an adventure program for young people who take the 'Sea to Snow' challenge to ride, walk and canoe from the beach (at Bermagui) to the High Country. A great learning experience for them and some of our local Narooma kids have completed the journey in past years.

Thank you to Bega for the photos.

More in Jacks Journal on page 3.

ALSO:

With sadness it has been announced that Rody has resigned from the club.

Our thoughts are Marilyn & Jim, Bill & Lillian, Max and Carolyn.

Bob Antill is looking for people to fill positions for the next year (pg 4)

Coming Events etc (pg 2)

A funny on page 4.

TONIGHT: Board meeting

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: Our former club president and member on route north Ted Bladwell's birthday on the 20th ...send a text 😊

COMING EVENTS

18 th March	Board Meeting
25 th March	Bob Reid from the Blue Mountains Sunrise Rotary Club
28 th March	Markets
30 th March	Youth Driver Campaign at Moruya (some members assisting)
1 st April	TBA
8 th April	TBA
15 th April	Hannah Prior & Brandon Scriven – Youth Week
22 nd April	Cinders
April	Markets
29 th April	Pride of Workmanship – (Partners Night)

DUTIES

TASK	18th March	25th March	1st April
Cashier	Kris Elphick	Rolf Gimmel	
3-minute talk	Chris O'Brien	Bob Antill	
Wheel	Bob Antill	John Messner	
FINES	Bob Aston	Chris O'Brien	
Introduction		Kris Elphick	
Thanks		John Messner	

INTERNATIONAL TOAST: The Rotary Club of Patong Beach Phuket in Thailand - District 3330 Chartered in 2001 and has 25 members.

JACK'S JOURNAL

I gather that it was a full house for our joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Bega last week, although we were small in numbers for the occasion. I accounted for nine including myself who were either exempt, away interstate (that includes NZ) or having self or family health issues to contend with. Better to record who did attend – Jeremy who kindly represented me, George, Rolf, John, Bob & Merinda and Terry & Annette. Our visiting Rotarian Colin Holmes and partner Enid also attended. The main feature of the program was a presentation by the leader and two participants in the recent Sea to Snow trek conducted by The Crossing land Education Trust as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award program.

On behalf of members I have sent a message of congratulations via DG Michael to the Canberra clubs for receiving the award of the 2010 Canberra Citizen of the Year. It is indeed a great honour and well deserved recognition for the good work done by the Canberra Rotarians, and it reinforces the goodwill that they have developed. I think that we, along with other clubs in the District, can bask in reflected glory.

In a weak effort to claim honours for ShelterBox funding *vis-à-vis* publicity gained by the Moruya club for their wonderful effort this year, I have informed the DG about our tally and the additional donations we attracted from the Lions and Uniting Care. On a per-member basis we are the tops!

President-elect Bob is already getting organised for his year, designating directors as committee chairpersons based on the Avenues of Service. In the past three years we have attempted to work according to the RI recommended Club Leadership Plan (CLP) with committees for Membership, Service Projects and Public Relations as well as Club Administration and The Rotary Foundation. We have found this difficult with small numbers in membership, so we will go back to the set-up most members have worked in, meanwhile continuing with the organisation as per CLP.

With the departure of Ted to Toowoomba the Board has filled the casual vacancies arising by appointing Ian Thomlinson as Correspondence Secretary and Kris Elphick as Fundraising Chairperson. Please give them your total cooperation and support. The Membership Chair is still vacant, however the present situation demands that membership development be our top priority with immediate effect. With Ted still a member, on leave but not returning, and the resignation of Rody Byrne, our numbers on the ground are down to 17 and our effective numbers are fewer than that.

Next week's meeting is devoted to food from a fundraising point of view. As for food this week, I apologise in advance if the meal and associated program is a bit rushed as there are time constraints on the Board meeting to follow. Anyone who cares to stay to observe proceedings is welcome to do so.

Yours in Rotary Fellowship,
President Jack.

HELP WANTED!!!

Due to the shrinking nature of our club at the moment through a lot of unrelated circumstances we will need to run a different structure for the next financial year. So far I have a Secretary and Treasurer but need a few more positions filled. I also need your input as I put things together.

Coffee anyone??? If you would like to join me for a Coffee or Lunch or just call up and chat or put your hand up for a position... **please do.**

On Tuesday and Thursday I have a bit of time between school bus runs.... OR call me 0400104731 or 44763048

A lot needs to happen in a short time and I'm open to suggestions NOW before anything gets locked in.

Please consider and Thank you

Bob Antill.

What Battle Stars are For

As a crowded airliner is about to take off, the peace is shattered by a 5-year-old boy who picks that moment to throw a wild temper tantrum. No matter what his frustrated, embarrassed mother does to try to calm him, the boy continues to scream furiously and kick the seats around him.

From the rear of the plane, an elderly man in the uniform of an Air Force general rises and slowly walks forward up the aisle. Stopping the flustered mother with an upraised hand, the white-haired, courtly, soft-spoken general leans down and, motioning toward his chest, whispers something into the boy's ear.

Instantly, the boy calms down, gently takes his mother's hand, and quietly fastens his seat belt. All the other passengers burst into spontaneous applause.

As the general slowly makes his way back to his seat, one of the cabin attendants touches his sleeve. "Excuse me, general," she asks quietly, "but could I ask you what magic words you used on that little boy?"

The old man smiles serenely and quietly tells her. "I showed him my pilot's wings, service stars and battle ribbons, and explained that they entitle me to throw one passenger out of the airplane door on any flight I choose."

Why did your mum marry your dad? (answers provided by eager yr 2 students)

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mum eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that mum didn't have her thinking cap on.