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

**"It's important to have fun"
Bob Reid**



Last Thursday night we were privileged to have Bob Reid, President Elect, from the Blue Mountains Sunrise Club as our guest speaker. As a breakfast club they not only have an early start, but many unique ways of fundraising.

They have a catering van and use the expertise of the many caterers in their club.

Importantly, they have fun and involve as many members in fundraising activities as possible.

It was great to have a fresh Rotary view and our thanks to Bob for his insights.

Also last week:

President Jack presented a cheque to Isy Gabriel, the President of the P&C Association of Narooma High School. (See *Photo Pg4*)

Also cheques were presented on Sunday for the bike-a-thon (story & pics next week)

The Markets on Sunday were another success thanks to the hard work of Chris O'Brien and many others and thanks to Tony Fahey for towing the van in and out.

Jokes are on Page 4.
In *Stop Press* a report on RYDA in Moruya on Tuesday Pg 4

TONIGHT: *Julie from Master Chef fame introduces *The Joy of Brussel Sprouts*, brain food!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: Bob Antill celebrates his birthday tomorrow.

COMING EVENTS

1 st April	Surprise and/or classification night
8 th April	Forum on membership – retention and recruitment
15 th April	Hannah Prior & Brandon Scriven – Youth Week
22 nd April	Cinders – PARTNERS NIGHT
25 th April	Markets
29 th April	Pride of Workmanship – (Partners Night)

DUTIES

TASK	1 st April	8 th April	15 th April
Cashier	Ian Thomlinson	Jeremy Ferguson	Bob Antill
3-minute talk	Rolf Gimmel	Chris O'Brien	Jeremy Ferguson
Wheel	Kris Elphick	Laurelle Pacey	Bob Aston
FINES	Jeremy Ferguson	Terry Irvine	George Barker
Introduction			Laurelle Pacey
Thanks			Chris Obrien

INTERNATIONAL TOAST: The Rotary Club of Christchurch Sunrise in New Zealand.
They meet at the crack of dawn - 6.45 am, in Eliza's at 82 Bealey Ave Christchurch.

*After all - it is the first of April and who cares about the 12 o'clock cut off !!!

JACK'S JOURNAL

Still missed Marilyn and Max last week (on leave – so is Ted but he's gone away), and Ian and Jeremy (away interstate but not for long). Also missed Bob Aston, Kris and Angie. Had the pleasure of the company of Honorary Member Pam and guests Isy Gabriel (High School P&C Association President) and PE Bob Reid of RC Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise who was accompanied by his partner Irene and Club Secretary Helen Audsley.

Bob's after-dinner talk was pertinent to our fundraising from the food van. With a purpose-built trailer and three members with catering expertise, his club has developed a very profitable fund-raising undertaking. Evidently they get a lot of their supplies donated, probably for events that are to raise funds for specified causes. Camp Quality is a direct beneficiary of their culinary efforts as they provide the meals for the children attending.

We rely very much on the P&C Association of Narooma High School for manning the food van at our monthly markets. It is a fundraising venture for them as well, and our arrangement is to share the profits from sales less all expenses attributable to van operations. Isy Gabriel was pleased to receive \$2,300 from us for the P&C as their share for the six months June to November.

On Sunday, together with Bob Aston, I was privileged to present a cheque for \$2,000 to the Cycleway Fundraising Committee's Secretary Sue Liddy. The donation was funded largely from the proceeds of the bike-a-thon and special market held last month... And we were able to show appreciation for the assistance given to the bike-a-thon by St John Ambulance by handing a cheque for \$500 to their Publicity Officer Janni Thompson. Next in line for recognition is the VRA whose help with providing marshals for the bike-a-thon was vital to its success. They will receive \$1,000.

Each of us in membership is classified differently according to our business or profession, the idea being to have a representative cross section of the community in the club. During his talk last week, Bob Reid mentioned that his club had obtained five new members as a result of doing a classification survey and mailing out a letter to prospects. A classification survey is based on a listing of business and professional classifications not represented in the club to which can be added the names of persons known to be engaged in those businesses or professions, thus identifying prospective members. Such a list is a logical basis for club growth, and it was used as the basis for establishing the charter membership of our club in 1958.

At this week's meeting we shall do a classification survey of the community. Although it cannot cover all categories (it's just not practicable to replicate the Yellow Pages), we should be able to identify "persons of interest" and direct our recruiting efforts accordingly. We should also consider why, in some instances, our efforts to recruit and retain members have not been successful.

At the club forum on membership recruitment and retention next week we shall consider how best to approach those identified in the classification survey, and what prospective members and new members need to be told about the club and Rotary at the introductory stage.

Do we need a dry run for the Cinders challenge? I don't think so, but note that it is a partner's night and this is one occasion when we cannot do without them.

Yours in Rotary Fellowship,



Isy Gabriel, Narooma High School P&C President, accepts a cheque from President Jack for the amount raised by their hard work in the food van at the Markets during the last six months.

There's an old sea story in the Navy about a ship's Captain who inspected his sailors. Afterwards, he told the Chief Boatswain that his men smelled bad. The Captain suggested perhaps it would help if the sailors would change underwear occasionally.

The Chief responded, "Aye, aye sir, I'll see to it immediately!"

The Chief went straight to the sailors berth deck and announced, "The Captain thinks you guys smell bad and wants you to change your underwear." He continued, "Pittman, you change with Jones, McCarthy, you change with Witkowski, and Brown, you change with Schultz. Now GET TO IT!"

The moral of the story is

Someone may come along and promise "Change", but don't count on things smelling any better.

From the wonderful Fred Doctor

Murphy showed up at Mass one Sunday and the priest almost passed out when he saw him. He'd never been to church in his life. After Mass, the priest caught up with him and said, "Murphy, I'm so glad ya decided to come to Mass. What made ya come?"

Murphy said, "I got to be honest with you, Father. A while back, I misplaced me hat and I really, really love that hat. I know that McGlynn has a hat just like mine and I knew he came to church every Sunday. I also knew that he would have to take off his hat during Mass and figured he'd leave it in the back of the church. So, I was going to leave after Communion and steal McGlynn's hat."

The priest said, "Well, Murphy, I notice that ya didn't steal McGlynn's hat, after all. What changed your mind?" Murphy replied, "Well, Father, after I heard your sermon on the Ten Commandments, I decided that I didn't need to steal McGlynn's hat."

With a tear in his eye, the priest gave Murphy a smile and said; "After I spoke about 'Thou Shalt Not Steal', ya decided you would rather do without your hat than burn in Hell?"

Murphy slowly shook his head. "No, Father, after ya talked about 'Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery', I remembered where I left me hat."

STOP PRESS....



Angie Ulrichsen and Bob Antill braved drizzling rain and a 100 or so Yr 11 students to attend RYDA at Moruya race track on Tuesday. This fantastic program is a "warts and all" look at being responsible in a car, aimed at adolescent drivers. The Bay organised it and Moruya handled the catering. Hamburgers and chips all round with skill and speed. A fantastic day and a great way of showing what Rotary does in the local community. Very proud that we are part of this!