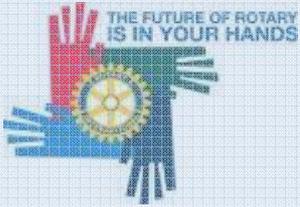


The Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin



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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.



EVERY ONE'S A WINNER

Story and photos by Laurelle Pacey

Last Thursday we brainstormed on whom we might invite to join the club, tonight is part two.. more on page 3
The strength of our club is in you, our members, and your contribution should never be taken for granted. Chris O'Brien is the face and organisation of the Markets, Kris Elphick keeps the van stocked and joins Jack on a Saturday to mark out the sites. George runs the White Elephant Stall. Rolf arrives early to set up for our meetings.
Just a few of the contributions made to keep our club going, and much more, we all do our bit to serve ...thank you all.

Our Club donated \$2,000 to the Narooma-Kianga-Dalmeny Cycleway Fundraising Committee last Sunday towards the cost of the next and final stage of the Cycleway.
The Board approved the funds to come from the recent Rotary Bikeathon as well as proceeds from the markets that day.
We also presented St John Ambulance with a cheque for \$500 in appreciation for their assistance on the day.
Our Bikeathon supremo Bob Aston says he's still getting great feedback from the Bikeathon in February... read on - page 4...

TONIGHT: Forum on membership – retention and recruitment

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: None this week

COMING EVENTS

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)
6 th May	TBA
13 th May	TBA
15 th May	Van at Oyster Festival and Marching.
20 th May	TBA
27 th May	TBA
30 th May	MARKETS
3 rd June	TBA

DUTIES

TASK	8th April	15th April	22nd April
Cashier	Jeremy Ferguson	Bob Antill	
3-minute talk	Chris O'Brien	Jeremy Ferguson	CINDERS
Wheel	Laurelle Pacey	Bob Aston	
FINES	Terry Irvine	George Barker	
Introduction		Laurelle Pacey	
Thanks		Chris Obrien	

INTERNATIONAL TOAST:

Rotary Club of Warszawa Centrum, Dist 2230, Poland

The club was chartered in 1993, currently has 9 members and meets for dinner at 6.00pm on Wednesdays at “Dom Technika Not” restaurant.

Random thoughts of a wandering mind....

“A day without sunshine is like Night!”

JACK'S JOURNAL

Erratum – The amount of the payment to the High School P&C Association was \$1,300, not \$2,300 as reported in the Journal last week.

My thanks to Jeremy for taking the Chair last week in my absence and guiding members through a classification survey and the discussion that followed about the recruitment of prospective members identified in the survey. Time spent this week on developing a plan for their recruitment and orientation will be well spent. The Board, meeting after this assembly, will endeavour to fill the vacancy for Chairperson of the Membership Committee and to appoint members to that committee. Nominations will be sought from the assembly tonight.

Two important fixtures coming up – the Cinders Challenge on the 22nd and Pride of Workmanship Awards on the 29th, both partners nights. I look forward to a good turnout of members and partners on both nights – the former being a jolly good social gathering with our Moruya fraternity and the latter being a significant event in the life and work of members of the community.

Now some information about Rotary's No. 1 project – eradication of polio from the world. The Polio Plus campaign had just begun when I first joined Rotary in 1986. Now, nearly 25 years later, polio has been confined to four countries – Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan, although the disease recently broke out from Nigeria. Nine other countries in Central and Western Africa have had cases of polio within the last six months and the Rotary Foundation has had to expedite US\$30 million to run an immunisation drive in those and other surrounding countries to deal with the outbreak. Nevertheless whereas Nigeria had 388 cases of polio in 2009, so far this year there has been only one case.

And in India, in the endemic states of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, a survey identified thousands of homes and children who had not been reached by health workers. These two states have been a challenge because of high population densities in areas of extreme poverty and poor sanitation.

The Foundation's strategy for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative involves mobilising massive resources to reach more children where the virus remains endemic. Another key element of the strategy focuses on eliciting the support of political and traditional leaders including even cooperation with immunising efforts in Afghanistan between the Taliban and NATO forces. A new tool has also been brought into play – the bivalent polio vaccine which has an advantage over monovalent vaccines because it is effective against both remaining types of wild poliovirus, types 1 and 3 (type 2 has already been eradicated).

Money is an essential resource for tackling polio, and it is our goal, as a club, to contribute US\$1,000 this year towards Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge to meet grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Yours in Rotary Fellowship,
President Jack.



An email from Roger Pearson who organised the RYDA day in Moruya. This is a rundown on what goes into such an event.

- Hi all it is over for another year - next year's dates Mon 18th (set-up)
> Tue 19th & Wed 20th April 2011.
>> FACTS & FIGURES on Eurobodalla Rotary Youth Driving Awareness Program 2010
>> Rotarians from Batemans Bay 15 (some more than 1 day)
> Partners of B/B Rotarians 2
> R/C Narooma 2
> R/C Moruya many over the 2 days providing lunches for students & staff.
> Volunteer in Policing 3
> Police 3
> B/B Fire Brigade 4 Tue 3 Wed
> Presenters 8
> Council 1
>> All five High Schools attended from the Eurobodalla Shire
> Number students attended the 2 days 283 (last year 221) teachers 13
> 473 letters posted out to parents of year 11 students
> 60 student surveys handed out 48 came back
> 3 bus company's involved using 6 buses
>> A big thanks to the following
> 1. Rick Myer of Moruya Nissan & Kia for again the third year in supplying a
> vehicle to be used in the stopping distance session.
> 2. Local Eurobodalla Shire Council for use of the grounds & road.
> 3. Moruya Jockey Club
> 4. All those that made/bought the goodies for morning tea for the staff
> both days.
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> Yours in Rotary Service Roger.

STOP PRESS....

There was an old priest who got sick of all the people in his parish confessing to adultery.

One Sunday, in the pulpit, he said, "If I hear one more person confess to adultery, I'll quit!"

Well, everyone liked him, so they came up with a code word. Someone who had committed adultery would say instead that they had 'fallen.'

This seemed to satisfy the old priest and things went well until the priest passed away at a ripe old age.

A few days after the new priest arrived, he visited the mayor of the town and seemed very concerned.

"Mayor, you have to do something about the pavements in town. When people come into the confessional, they keep telling me they've fallen."

The mayor started to laugh, realizing that no one had told the new priest about the code word. But, before he could explain, the priest shook an accusing finger at him and shouted, "I don't know what you're laughing about, those curb-stones must be a death-trap, your wife has fallen three times this week!"

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"It was such a terrific community activity and great fun that attracted 101 participants," Bob said.

"All these ideas have been taken on board and hopefully we will run a bigger and even better bikeathon next year. One suggestion is to include walkers."

Our Club organised the bikeathon in association with Narooma-Kianga-Dalmeny Cycleway Fundraising Committee. We also had great assistance from Eurobodalla Shire Council, the VRA, and other volunteer marshals and check pointers, ABC Radio, 2EC and Narooma News.

Sue Liddy from the Cycleway committee was pleasantly surprised when she saw how much the cheque was for, as you can see from the photo. It was not posed!

"We're still waiting to hear from Council about the route for the next stage but we understand there are three options between Carters Beach and Apex Park, and our community will be consulted about that," Sue said.

St John Ambulance spokesperson Janni Thompson said they are fundraising at the moment for a second ambulance which will be four-wheel-drive.

"There's been such an increase in demand for our services, we're now attending 150 to 200 events a year compared with less than 50 only a few years ago," she said

Photo on page 1

President Jack presents a cheque to Janni Thompson of the St John Ambulance. In background Bob Aston and Sue Liddy of the Bike Track committee.