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## The Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin

Last Thursday Night we held "Part 2" of the Recruitment and Retention Forum.

Many ideas and names were put forward. Thoughts on the *what and why* we are currently having difficulty finding members and retaining them. More in Jack's Journal on page 3.

George made the point that we must be careful about talking to someone about becoming a member as a certainty as appointments must be approved by the board.

Chris O'Brien gave us a run down on the Oyster Festival Parade and metaphorically painted a great picture of what we will see. If we can get enough members with free time we will march. Make sure that you ear mark the 15<sup>th</sup> of May to work in the van. This will be one of our major fundraising events for the year and will take a big commitment by all... (Rolf is exempt as he will be working, Chris, as she is the Parade Organiser and Kris as she will be handling furry creatures in the name of Banking.)

The monthly board meeting followed the Club Assembly and a few ideas were tossed around as well as some decisions made. A summary is to be found on page 4..

## CINDERS NEXT WEEK

AT  
BODALLA BOWLING CLUB  
DONT'T FORGET YOUR PARTNER  
(BRAIN!!)



Without talking to our Quiz Guru, for fear of jeopardising the impartiality of the Quiz, below are a few teaser questions to get your brain going!

- 1) Name either of the two planets in our solar system which don't have moons?
- 2) Which country was formally known as East Pakistan?
- 3) "Trouble & Strife" is Cockney rhyming slang for....?
- 4) A durian is what kind of food?
- 5) Which one of Disney's Seven Dwarfs has the shortest name?
- 6) John Key is which country's Prime Minister?
- 7) Where would you wear a biretta?

Answers somewhere in this Beacon

**TONIGHT:** Hannah Prior & Brandon Scriven – Youth Week

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:** Two coming up Ian Thomlinson celebrates on the 18<sup>th</sup> 😊 followed by Therese Aston on the 20<sup>th</sup> 😊

## COMING EVENTS

15 <sup>th</sup> April	Hannah Prior & Brandon Scriven – Youth Week
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Cinders – PARTNERS NIGHT
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Markets
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Pride of Workmanship – (Partners Night)
6 <sup>th</sup> May	TBA
13 <sup>th</sup> May	TBA
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Van at Oyster Festival and Marching.
20 <sup>th</sup> May	TBA
27 <sup>th</sup> May	TBA
30 <sup>th</sup> May	MARKETS
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	TBA
10 <sup>th</sup> June	TBA

## DUTIES

TASK	15 <sup>th</sup> April	22 <sup>nd</sup> April	29 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Cashier</b>	Bob Antill		Angie Ulrichsen
<b>3-minute talk</b>	Jeremy Ferguson	CINDERS	PRIDE of
<b>Wheel</b>	Bob Aston		WORKMANSHIP
<b>FINES</b>	George Barker		AWARDS
<b>Introduction</b>	Laurelle Pacey		
<b>Thanks</b>	Chris Obrien		

### INTERNATIONAL TOAST:

R.C.of Coacalco,Mexico in Dist. 4170 was chartered in 1976 and has 7 members only. They gather for tacos on Thursdays at 9.00pm at the Calle Oaxaca.

1) Mercury & Venus (2) Bangladesh 3) Wife (4) Tropical fruit (5) Doc (6) New Zealand (7) On your head – worn by clergy.

# JACK'S JOURNAL

It was a great turnout last week with all on deck except those on leave, namely Marilyn, Max and Ted. We certainly miss them. We wish Marilyn and Max all the best in dealing with their respective health problems, and Ted and Sam likewise in settling in to their new community.

I was not present to open the meeting, having to return home quickly for some important papers I thought I must have left behind, then to see that they were not there and eventually finding that they had slipped off the seat of the car on to the mat. Not a good start! It was Ian's lot to start proceedings and welcome Chris' and Angie's guests, and my lot to let them know that they could not stay after dinner, unfortunately, as we were to conduct a club assembly.

One of the important papers was the booking sheet for the Cinders Trophy Challenge. We want to have this finalised tonight if possible as Bodalla Bowling Club needs to have a good idea of numbers tomorrow in case they have to order in. Any last minute changes can be accepted up to Wednesday, however – just make sure that Rolf is informed.

The business of the club assembly was membership recruitment and retention. It was a very productive session – a number of prospects were named and advice about the information they should receive was circulated and discussed. It was accepted that interesting speakers must be engaged for meetings to which prospective members and partners are to be invited. They are to be club guests when they first attend a meeting, and, above all, made welcome every time they attend. There is some good advice about approaching prospective members in the new Membership Proposal form which sets out the procedure that must be followed in bringing a future Rotarian into membership of the club. Included in Part B of the form is provision for the nomination of a mentor, whether that be the proposing member or another member assigned to assist with orientation of the new member in the weeks and months following induction. Last week, together, we developed a plan to recruit new members. More importantly we sought to nominate someone to fill the vacancy on the Board for chairperson of the Membership Committee – someone who will monitor the implementation of our plan and keep us focussed on seeking new members. We are grateful that Bob Aston has volunteered to coordinate our efforts, bearing in mind that each of us has the responsibility to reach out to friends, business associates and other community members and find future Rotarians.

I'm sorry to miss our Youth Week speakers (this is one of my stay-at-home nights) – I'm sure that they will leave you with the impression that the future is in good hands. Jeremy is chairperson for tonight's meeting and I expect that he will clear your minds for the challenge ahead – the Cinders!

Yours in Rotary Fellowship,  
President Jack.

An Unofficial Summary of:

Last Thursday night's board meeting covered a varied journey of information some of which was resolved and some to be followed up. Apologies from Marilyn Gibson who is on leave.

The minutes from last months' meeting were accepted without amendment.

- ✓ Bob Antill reported on the request to Council about getting extra garbage bins at the markets. Council reported back that it was our responsibility and we must remove garbage to the tip, as part of our lease agreement with them. Stall holders will be notified of the need to remove their own rubbish and we must make sure we check the grounds and remove rubbish at the close of the markets.
- ✓ A letter of congratulations will be sent to the RYDA committee at the Bay for their successful running of the program.
- ✓ Jack was to look up where our Shelter Boxes are, and make sure that we have been credited for each.
- ✓ Requests for a donation for the South Coast & Monaro Social Science Teachers' Association was not accepted as was a request for funding from Little Athletics. Both did not appear to meet the Club's requirements.
- ✓ Treasures report was accepted and passed without alteration.
- ✓ All members were urged to continue their support for the Foundation and keep making their weekly contributions.
- ✓ Youth exchange is still being considered but we need a commitment from members to be host families or suitable families outside the Rotary community.
- ✓ Youth Week will have two young people talking to us on the 15<sup>th</sup> (tonight)
- ✓ Public Relations – Laurelle reported on two articles she wrote for the Narooma News that were published on Bowlescan.
- ✓ Presentation of cheques \$2,000 to Cycleway committee & \$500 to St John Ambulance.

## ***STOP PRESS....***



### **Let Me Explain!**

A police officer in a small town stopped a motorist who was speeding down Main Street. "But officer," the man began, "I can explain."

"Just be quiet," snapped the officer. "I'm going to let you cool your heels in jail until the chief gets back."

"But, officer, I just wanted to say,..."

"And I said to keep quiet! You're going to jail!"

A few hours later the officer looked in on his prisoner and said, "Lucky for you that the chief's at his daughter's wedding. He'll be in a good mood when he gets back."

"Don't count on it," answered the fellow in the cell. "I'm the groom."