



The Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin



Meet our new neighbours. Assistant Governor Maureen Manning is flanked President elect for Batemans Bay Vere Gray and Moruya Derek Anderson pictured at the PETS conference in Paris!

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By Bob Antill.

NOTE A CHANGE OF DAY ON MAY 26th INSTEAD OF 27th.
We are off to join The Bay & Moruya in Moruya for an address by the Ambassador of Chile

**RI President
John Kenny**

**9710 DG
Michael Pedler**

**President
Jack Wightman**

**Secretary
Ian
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**Treasurer
John Messner**

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.

The week that was..... Rotary meeting of 15 April, 2010

By Ian Thomlinson

It has become an annual event in the club's meeting calendar to help recognise Youth Week with guest speakers from Narooma High School, usually active members of the Student Representative Council (SRC) .

This year ,we were addressed by Year 12 students Shelby Fitzhardinge and Hannah Prior who spoke enthusiastically about their commitment to not only the SRC, but also the Youth Council which brings together representatives from the Shire's secondary schools, and the success of the annual event called "Amplify" which is the highlight of Youth Week.

There is obviously a keen awareness within these youth organisations of the issues relating to youth road accidents, depression and family breakup leading to homelessness.

Our two speakers told us about youth concerns over the current rules for P plate drivers and recommendations which have been agreed on by the Youth Council for changes to the P plate laws which would allow more flexibility and improved safety for young drivers. They are hoping with the support of local politicians to have their proposals accepted in revised legislation .

A disturbing issue is the number of young homeless people who survive by "couch surfing", perhaps in a different friend's house every few nights as the only shelter they can find. Apparently, within the far south coast area, there are only 8 emergency beds for youth. This and other problems always seem to stem from a breakdown in the family unit.

We were most impressed with the two girls open ,honest and forthright manner and their clear dedication to improving the lot of their peers in the local community. These groups deserve our continued support.

TONIGHT: Cinders – PARTNERS NIGHT- Bodalla Bowling Club

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: 26th sees Bill and Lillian Hardie celebrate their anniversary 😊

COMING EVENTS

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
26 th May	Meeting at Moruya with Bay and the Ambassador for Chile
30 th May	MARKETS
3 rd June	TBA
10 th June	TBA
17 th June	TBA
24 th June	TBA

DUTIES

TASK	22 nd April	29 th April	6 th May
Cashier		Angie Ulrichsen	Bob Antill
3-minute talk	CINDERS	PRIDE of	Ian Thomlinson
Wheel		WORKMANSHIP	Chris O'Brien
FINES		AWARDS	Jeremy Ferguson
Introduction			Bob Aston
Thanks			George Barker

INTERNATIONAL TOAST:

R.C.Diamond Head, Honolulu, with 21 members is the Smallest club in Hawaii .This is Dist 5000. and the club was chartered in 2001 They meet on Tuesdays at 6.00pm at the New Otani Hotel, Waikiki Beach.

“We don't stop playing because we grow old, we grow old because we stop playing.”

George Bernard Shaw, playwright.

JACK'S JOURNAL

According to our club records the first Cinders Challenge comprised a home and away competition won in turn by Moruya and Narooma in 1996-97. Since then the Challenge has become an annual fixture with the two clubs taking turns in hosting the Challenge and presenting the quiz. The trophy is inscribed "Rotary South Coast Cinders Yearly Challenge" and the records indicate that we also competed with RC Bega in the late 1990s.

Of course we are the underdogs in tonight's match. Moruya will have about twice our number of members and partners on deck – some of us might say that isn't fair, but others would consider us evenly matched. We will have the benefit of some reinforcements by way of members' guests and club visitors – we welcome the extra numbers and brain power of Michael and Marg Hayward (guests of Jeremy and Heather), Colin and Enid Holmes from Canberra, and Maureen Manning and Stephen from RC Batemans Bay. Whatever the result, we shall enjoy meeting and dining with our Moruya friends again.

Next week we have another partner's night when our club holds what is practically another annual fixture – the Pride of Workmanship Awards. Fitting appropriately within the Vocational Service port-folio, this program seeks to identify individuals whose exemplary contributions in their vocations are worthy of public acknowledgement. The program was initiated by RC Pennant Hills in District 9680 in 1975 and has been enthusiastically taken up by clubs across Australia and overseas. The Awards proceedings will be conducted by our Vocational Service representative Bob Antill.

I had hoped to give you an update on ShelterBox Australia, thinking that the two boxes we funded with the Duck Race and January market might have been sent to China, however I find at the time of writing this that their website has been temporarily deactivated.

The Moruya Rotarians have set us a great "Every Rotarian, Every Year" example – every one of them is a Centurion contributor to The Rotary Foundation, having donated at least \$100.

The EREY program seeks an annual donation of US\$100 which converts to \$110, a Sustaining member's contribution, not much more than what is required to become a Centurion. We have Sustaining members and Centurions amongst our members but if every member became a Centurion member we would easily achieve and exceed the goals set for giving to the Foundation this year. District Governor Michael is certainly keen to have every Rotarian become a Centurion because that would add a tremendous amount to funds designated for the District to allocate to matching grants and overseas projects identified by clubs, as well as thousands of dollars that could be spent on projects within the District.

We have a call from Gerry McNamara, Chair of the 2010-11 District RAM (Rotarians against Malaria) Committee - he wants to identify Rotarians willing to serve on his committee to help to promote the RAM program at club and District level. Anyone interested should give him a call - 0407 780 619, or email gerrymcn@bigpond.net.au

Yours in Rotary Fellowship,
President Jack.

PETS a personal journey by bob Antill

BANG SCRAPE..... CLANG.... "Got him" ! Three am on Saturday morning and the rat trap on top of the fridge awakes us from a very deep sleep. The now deceased rat has performed a triple back flip with pike, from the top of the fridge landing head first between the coils and the rear of the fridge, followed by the now sprung trap.

As I pull the fridge into the middle of the kitchen floor I feel a tinge of sympathy for the rat. For a couple of weeks this early morning rodent has laughed at the efforts of the combined DNA of two humans, a cat and a dog as we pursued him, and now he is no more, well he will be after I unscrew the coils and remove him, guess he had the last laugh.

"DONG" oops I'm late, rush to get ready and pack the Scooter then hit the road to Eden. Arrive with enough time to pitch my tent and head to the PETS conference at the Eden Marine High School. Brought the batteries but forgot my torch, must get one.

The assembly hall is filling quickly as I register and pick up my information kit.

Morning is filled with introductions, meeting the new District Governor Bill Seelis, who'll be visiting us on the 16th of September... mark that day in your diary now, please. A movie showing the incoming president Ray Klinginsmith, from the USA, who talked us through his personal journey to come up with the theme for 2010-2011. Very interesting evaluation of what has been before and how this new theme was finalised.

After lunch, cooked on Bega club amazing BBQ trailer (that's another story) we broke into groups to go through the President Elect Manual with Assisstant District Govenor Maureen Manning.

This session was full on, with a lot of ground covered and many ideas shared between the members of the group.

5pm and back to the hall. More info and then another film, many groans - many leave. I scooter up the hill, and buy a \$2 torch.

Sitting most of the day can cloud sensible thoughts and I decide to walk to The Eden Fisherman's Club for the dinner... Uphill and about 3km's (did I mention the hill?)

The dinner was great and the auditorium was filled with 230 people. I sat with Rotarians from Eden and two members from one of the Canberra Sunrise Clubs.

Talked with and met many President Elects and seeing it was such a great night I walked back to the camping ground - conquering the hill was a breeze in decent!!

Sunday morning started with a vote on the financial statement for District, a few minor questions and all approved.

Feeling more confident, I returned to the camping ground, packed my tent and scootered back home along the beautiful coast road drinking in the moments. Realising that others are facing the same challenges and fears that we are. Ageing members, drop in numbers and difficulty in recruitment and retention. The new system has failed to work with many of the smaller clubs. Perhaps some local solutions might be better than using a formula from afar.

Most importantly we need to have fun and each of us needs to own what we do as a club.



STOP PRESS....

Name the four seasons?

A) Salt, Pepper, Mustard & Vinegar.

How do you delay milk from turning sour?

A) Keep it in the cow

What does the word benign mean?

A) Benign is what you will be after you be eight.

Many thanks to Chris O'Brien for above.