



The Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin

That was the week that was

Acting President Jeremy as usual ran a tight ship and chaired a most interesting meeting; starting with a surprise request that Bob Aston recite the 4 Way Test. Bob #1 of course rose to the challenge with aplomb.

Ian related his Birthday Mystery Trip to Sydney where Micki presented her self-confessed, height hating husband with a gift card for the Harbour Bridge climb. On a perfect Sunday midday, Micki and Ian stood atop the great arch, all nerves suppressed and reveling in the experience and the wonderful views.

In recognition of the upcoming Oyster Festival, AP Jeremy fined us for our various individual attempts to create oyster dishes worthy of the Oyster Recipe Competition. I doubt whether any of us will be successful.

“Don’t waste your whole life on a stupid moment” Senior Constable Dan Bishop, our guest speaker, from Bermagui police advises youths who he fears are straying.

This advice often hits the spot and gives him great satisfaction to see a teenager turn their life around.

Dan is pictured with Jeremy who presented him with a thank you gift from the club.

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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.

SATURDAY The Oyster Festival... needs everyone who is able to help. Extra helpers would be VERY welcome. Van has to be set up Friday arvo and Saturday morning.

SUNDAY 23rd MAY

Is markets, please let Chris know early when you can help. Also marking out on Saturday.

TONIGHT: Brian Gorman Retired Senior Diplomat

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: On the 19th Jim Gibson (Marilyn's husband) celebrates his birthday.

COMING EVENTS

15 th May	Van at Oyster Festival and Marching.
20 th May	Board Meeting
26 th May	Meeting at Moruya with Bay and the Ambassador for Chile
23 rd May	MARKETS
3 rd June	TBA
10 th June	TBA
17 th June	TBA
24 th June	TBA
10 th June	TBA
17 th June	TBA
24 th June	TBA

DUTIES

TASK	13 th May	20 th May	26 th May
Cashier	Kris Elphick	Terry Irvine	
3-minute talk	Chris OBrien	John Mesner	At Moruya
Wheel	Bob Antill	Bob Aston	
FINES	Laurelle Pacey	Ian Thomlinson	Ambassador
Introduction	Jeremy Ferguson		For Chile
Thanks	Rolf Gimmel		

INTERNATIONAL TOAST:

RC Osakajo, OSAKA, District 2660, Japan Chartered in 1988 their 14 members and meet on Wednesdays, 12.30 pm at the Mujako Hotel Osaka.

To an optimist the glass is half full, to a pessimist the glass is half empty and to an engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be!

JACK'S JOURNAL

It was my lot unfortunately to have missed last week's meeting and guest speaker Detective Senior Constable Dan Bishop. While it has been said (sung) that a policeman's lot is not a 'appy one, I trust that Dan's story was not a dismal one notwithstanding the personal trials and challenges that police men and women have to face in the course of duty. It is the custom of some clubs to recognise the worth of police in the community by making an award of Police Officer of the Year, and DG Michael is currently considering a suggestion by a fellow DG that a NSW award be made. Here in Narooma I believe that we should develop a working relationship with the local police having regard to our common interest in social needs of the community.

So I'm pleased to be free to attend tonight's meeting and mentally compare notes with Brian Gorman about overseas postings. My exposure to diplomatic circles is limited to a posting to the Army staff of the Australian Embassy in Washington, DC. It was not exactly a hardship posting.

I am also pleased to congratulate those members who were admitted in the month of May and continue to pass this annual milestone. May they keep on keeping on!

- Jeremy Ferguson – inducted on 14th May 1998.
- Laurelle Pacey – inducted on 11th May 2000.
- Marilyn Gibson – inducted on 23rd May 2002.

Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) is not as well known to us as the Youth Exchange Program or Group Study Exchange, but it is alive and well in District 9710 which has organised a RFE with District 3132 in India from 15th October to 30th October. Contact District RFE Chair Roger Pearson for information – 4471 2778 or romar49@bigpond.net.au

District 9710 is seeking applications for the 2011-12 Ambassadorial Scholarship which provides a grant of US\$26,000 for one academic year of study in another country. The purpose of this Rotary Foundation program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries and geographical areas. While abroad, scholars serve as goodwill ambassadors to the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Details of the scholarship can be found at www.rotary.org. I wonder if this would interest any of our recently graduated tertiary scholarship awardees.

The money that members donate at our regular meetings with their dinner fee to support the good works of The Rotary Foundation will be despatched to TRF before the end of this month. I encourage them to give generously with a view to claiming Centurion or Sustaining status for having donated at least \$100 or its US equivalent this year up to and including 20th May (that's next week's meeting).

Yours in Rotary Fellowship,
President Jack.

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The highlight of the evening was the guest speaker Senior Constable Dan Bishop from the Bermagui Police Station. A member of the NSW Police for 17 years, he spent 13 years as a Detective and is very happy to be back in uniform in a country community away from such experiences as an undercover cop in some of the most difficult drug areas of Sydney.

S/C Dan was quite frank, telling us of some of the highs and lows of policing and the frustrations of the job which gives rise to around 80% of his time devoted to paper work and related matters, away from the "beat".

He also explained the high level of training and refresher courses that all members are required to do, and the use and protocols of the various "tools of trade" which all uniform police carry on their belts.

It was a truly fascinating talk and we all admire the courage and commitment that our police demonstrate in the line of duty every day.

Report, with thanks from Ian.

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26th May Wednesday
meeting at Moruya
(Instead of
Thursday)...
PARTNERS
NIGHT... we need
numbers to Rolf
early. If we have
enough people we
can take a small bus.

Why I am a Rotarian

I am a Rotarian because a dear old primary school headmaster sought me out as a young country newspaper editor and invited me to join the Rotary Club of Parkes, NSW, Australia, many years ago. I have remained a Rotarian for 35 years because it did not take me long to realize that this unique vocationally based service organization provided the opportunity for ONE person to be part of an amazing humanitarian army doing special things in our world. We heal the sick, care for the poor, provide basic literacy and numeracy skills, provide food and fresh water for the hungry, and - in recent times - provide educational resources for a new breed of 'peace fighters' playing a major role in conflict resolution around our world. I have great pride in Rotary's ongoing mentoring of young people and dedication to lifting ethics in business, and I draw daily inspiration from the knowledge that Rotary International impacts 33,000 communities throughout our world
EVERY DAY!

PDG Bob Aitken AM, Managing Editor reprinted in the North Rocks bulletin from Rotary Magazine

STOP PRESS....



A Doctor was addressing a large audience in Tampa. "The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here, years ago.. Red meat is awful. Soft drinks corrode your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG. High fat diets can be disastrous, and none of us realizes the long-term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water. However, there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all and we all have eaten, or will eat it. Can anyone here tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?"

After several seconds of quiet, a 75-year-old man in the front row raised his hand, and softly said, 'Wedding Cake.'