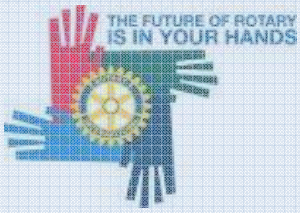


The Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin

ONE FAST TALKING LADY 😊



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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.



Faster than a Gatling gun, but much more friendly was Judith Fergin the US Consul from Sydney, who came to Moruya to talk with the combined Rotary Clubs of the Eurobodalla.

The meeting on Wednesday night at the Moruya Bowling Club replaced our usual Thursday night meeting. A top meal was served and an interesting fine session which had many “in fines” but still a lot of fun.

Congratulations and thanks to Moruya for a fantastic evening.

Consul Fergin knew her stuff and the statistics relating to US – Australia history. She was also able to handle tough questions from the likes of Roger Bailey from Moruya whose sticky question “what was a stick of butter?” didn’t throw her. Answer is on page 4 😊

On Sunday the wind blew, and blew our first meeting of the new board. We will regroup before the combined meeting on the 17th June.

On page 3 Jack has an update on the Shelter Box situation.

We are heading toward the change-over dinner at the Whale on the 1st of July. Don’t forget that it will be a partners’ night and a fee of \$30 will be charged. Please come and support Jack as he finishes his term as President and Bob Ant’s begins.

One of the organisations we support is the VRA and Bob Antill can attest to their worth, when they removed a tree stuck through the roof of Merinda’s music room.

See page 4 for a picture of their container which tried to become a tree!

TONIGHT: A mystery worthy of Agatha Christie as our advertised guest is unavailable.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: Two lovely ladies celebrate their birthdays today. Chris O'Brien and Micki Thomlinson 😊

COMING EVENTS

10 th June	Matt Devison – Oyster Festival wrap
17 th June	Joint Board Meeting
24 th June	TBA
27 th June	Markets
July 1 st	CHANGE OVER – Partners night
July 7 th	Change over Moruya
July 10 th	Change over Batemans Bay
16 th September	District Governor visit – Partners night.

DUTIES

TASK	3 rd June	10 th June	17 th June
Cashier	Angie Ulrichsen	Bob Antill	Kris Elphick
3-minute talk	Bob Antill	Ian Thomlinson	Jeremy Ferguson
Wheel	Lin Morey	Kris Elphick	John Messner
FINES	John Messner	Chris O'Brien	Laurelle Pacey
Introduction	Laurelle Pacey	Lin Morey	
Thanks	Bob Aston	Angie Ulrichsen	

INTERNATIONAL TOAST:

San Marino is the oldest republic in the world (pop. 28,000) and is a tiny part of N.E. Italy
 The Rotary Club of San Marino was chartered in 1960,
 53 members meet for dinner on Mondays at 8 pm. at the Ristorante Righi la Taverna

“I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes” *stolen from North Rocks RC*

JACK'S JOURNAL

What a wild, wet and windy weekend! At chez Wightman we were inconvenienced by the power blackout until 9.30 pm Sunday and that's all we had to contend with apart from a few branches scattered about. I hope that nothing more serious happened at your place.

Last week the contributions to The Rotary Foundation that have been collected in the box at meetings and the donations made personally by members with payment for dinner were sent to the Parramatta office of TRF just in time for conversion to US dollars before the new (June) exchange rate was set by RI. We sent \$433.15 from the box and \$715.15 (tax deductible) on behalf of members, all collected since November. The response from individual members was excellent. Tallying their contributions for the year, I was very pleased to see that seven members attained Centurion status, and of them, five maintained or attained Sustaining membership status. It is heartening to see such a groundswell of support in the club for the programs of the Foundation.

Members present on 20th May will recall my report on ShelterBox Australia – that it continues as an international arm of ShelterBox UK but is no longer operated by the Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills (D9820 Victoria). ShelterBox Australia is now based in Adelaide, SA, and is to set up an office in Sydney as well. Donations are to be sent to the ShelterBox Trust in the UK, but we may send donations by cheques made out to Rotary District 9710 via the District Treasurer who will consolidate club donations and send them on in GB Pounds. For each \$1,000 donated, a ShelterBox aid package will be paid for and delivered where needed.

We now read in the June issue of *Rotary Down Under* that RC Endeavour Hills is continuing to operate similarly but separately as Disaster Aid Australia with a family survival package produced for \$800. In the same issue there is a response by ShelterBox to the article in the April issue. It seems to me a great pity that RC Endeavour Hills has chosen to compete instead of cooperate with ShelterBox UK, even though it is capable of operating independently and is looking to work in partnership with other international aid agencies.

Bob Aston didn't make it to the Quota Installation Dinner as Therese had unfortunately injured her shoulder. We wish her a speedy recovery. I wasn't able to hear what others at the table were saying because of noise created by the general *bonhomie* so writing on serviettes became *de rigueur* instead of shouting. Quota will be holding their Student of the Year Quest at the La Salle Motel & Conference Centre on Tuesday 29th June, 7.00 for 7.30 pm – supper to be served after the public speaking segment of the quest. We have received an invitation to join them for the occasion.

Whilst we have joined with the other Rotary clubs in the Shire in presenting new mums with a first reader for their babes, the Eurobodalla Families NSW Network is running a Baby Welcoming Bags program which, amongst other things, promotes literacy and provides a book in the bag each baby receives. I hope we are not supplying the same book!

Yours in Rotary Fellowship,
President Jack.

Board Matters continued

Jack and Ian have also been working with the Council to finalise the wording for a sign at the leisure centre that gives full acknowledgement to our club for their contribution to the construction of the facility. A positive outcome has been achieved by their hard work in lobbying these officials.

MATCHING GRANT WITH INDIA – Jack reported this is now all completed and circulated the annual report from the school.

BOWELSCAN – Max reported we sold 270 kits this year which was 50 more than last year. Bob suggested we send thank you letters to the pharmacies involved.

Two chefs!!! Supplied by Rolf.



"And the answer is ¼ of a pond."

Now your life is complete.

Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again.

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The Italian Secret to a Long Marriage.

At St. Peter's Catholic Church in Toronto, they have weekly husbands' marriage seminars.

At the session last week, the priest asked Giuseppe, who said he was approaching his 50th wedding anniversary, to take a few minutes and share some insight into how he had managed to stay married to the same woman all these years.

Giuseppe replied to the assembled husbands, *'Wella, I've tried to treat her nicea, spenda da money on her, but besta of all is, I tooka her to Italy for the 25th anniversary!'*

The priest responded, *'Giuseppe, you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here! Please tell us what you are planning for your wife for your 50th anniversary?'*

Giuseppe proudly replied, *" I gonna go pick her up."*

STOP PRESS....

Where were you when the wind blew? The rain came and the trees flew!

"Ducking!!!" fortunately my container was made of the right stuff!

