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## *Welcome to a New Year in Rotary*

It is with a great deal of nerves and a lot of excitement that I commence this year as President of such a wonderful club.

Last Thursday night was a testimony to the organisational skills and hard work of many people. Ian ran the night as a "Master" MC, not only keeping the night flowing, but also reminding me when I stuffed up! For that I am grateful.

Laurelle organised the album for Jack, a time-consuming project, but well worth the effort and very appreciated. Jack was the driving force behind making this a successful evening and how special to have Carolyn with us for the night.

The great service from Mat, Jen and their staff at the Whale who excelled as always. It was also fantastic to share the evening with our Partners, without whom we probably wouldn't be!

My final thanks goes to my wife Merinda, who not only keeps me going but gives me full support.

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*Ian is presented with his "service" award by DG Michael Pedler and Pres Jack*



On Sunday lunchtime Jack and I witnessed the Changeover of District Governor from Michael Pedler to Bill Seelis at Mittagong. It was at this official function that Phil Armstrong, from Moruya Club, took a step closer on his quest to be District Governor in 2012-13. DG Seelis will be visiting us on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September, I'm sure you will all warm to this man from the Berry club.

Last night Merinda and I went to the Moruya changeover. Rowan Gleeson, who regularly visit us, handed over the chains of office to Derek Anderson. The night went very smoothly at the Moruya Bowling Club.

Yours in Rotary

Bob Ant. (p.s I won't be making a habit of hogging the front page ☺)

**TONIGHT:** Matt Bryant – GSE Team leader

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:** None this week

## COMING EVENTS

July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Change over Batemans Bay
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Damon Davies
July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fellowship & board meeting
July 25 <sup>th</sup>	Markets
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
16 <sup>th</sup> September	District Governor visit – Partners night.

<b>TASK</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>
<b>Cashier</b>	Angie Ulrichsen	Laurelle Pacey	Jeremy Ferguson
<b>3-minute talk</b>	Bob Antill	Terry Irvine	Marilyn Gibson
<b>Wheel</b>	Chris O'Brien	John Messner	Jack Whitman

## DUTIES

### INTERNATIONAL TOAST:

We are off to the Rotary Club of Arkangelsk in Russia. Chartered in 2002 they have 11 members and meet at 12.30 on Wednesdays at the Pur Navalok Hotel.

*“At the current rate of arrivals [of boat people] it would take twenty years to fill all the seats in the MCG”*

*Julian Burnside QC human rights advocate as heard on ABC radio.*

## JACK'S JOTTINGS (THE LAST WORD)

I trust that everyone enjoyed the Changeover dinner – I know I did, especially the last little ceremony.

We were privileged to have the District Governor with us, representing Rotary International. In his response to the toast to RI, DG Michael informed us about progress made towards the eradication of polio from the world (RI's top priority) and the prospects for success despite the recent outbreak in places close to the endemic countries of Nigeria, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India.

It was good to have the newly minted District Governor Nominee Designate take his place rightfully at the head table. Phil Armstrong is well known to us as a member of RC Moruya and District committees. We should take advantage of his ability to lead us in Club Visioning to map out a 5-year plan.

We were pleased to see RC Moruya represented amongst the visitors as well as the representatives of other local service clubs and associations and the organisations which were to receive donations.

Our felicitations to the members whose service was recognised with certificates of attendance and appreciation – and our thanks to all of the other members who have done so much for the club. Hearty congratulations to PP Ian Thomlinson for earning the Four Avenues of Service Citation – a singular honour.

For making the Changeover dinner so convivial and successful I have to thank the following cast of characters:

- Matt and Jen and their bar and kitchen staff who are put to a lot of trouble to set up the venue and cater to our needs;
- Ian for presiding so smoothly as Chairman;
- John and Kris for running the raffle, and Sam Bladwell for donating the major prize;
- Toastmasters Jeremy, Bob Antill and Terry for their etiquette and wit, and Annette for her eloquent response on behalf of our partners;
- Merinda and Chris for getting us off on the right note for Grace and the Anthem; and
- Bob the journalist for producing such a splendid edition of *The Beacon* for the occasion.

Finally, my last word is for Bob the builder and his team (Building Communities, Bridging Continents) – EXCELSIOR!

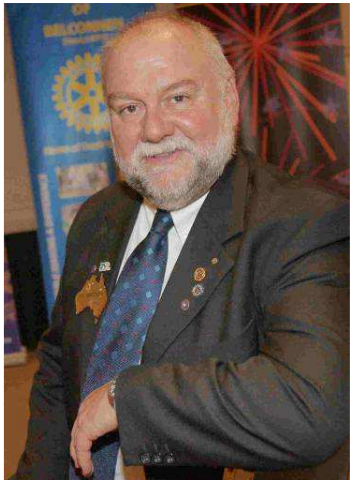
Yours in Rotary Fellowship,  
Past President Jack

Excelsior – Latin and archaic English for “ever higher”



Above: Jack and Carloyn (above right:) Jack receives photographic memory of his year from Bob.

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Our Changeover last Thursday evening

(above) Michael & Julia Pedler, Mary & Bill Seelis at the DG Changeover. (right) Phil Armstrong a DG in waiting. In Mittagong.