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The Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin

“If I’d stopped at Braidwood I would have set fire to the bike and caught a cab!”

Last Thursday our very special guest speaker was Derek Long (Proprietor of the Tree Motel) who enlightened us on his life as a “Motor Cycle Racer”.

Derek was supported by his wife Inta, as he reminisced of racing at Bathurst and other tracks around the country.

Breaking his leg four times, meant he has been left with the legacy of being “overweight” as he can’t exercise. Also it is a hassle getting through airport security!!

Born in England, Derek grew up in a family that understood motor bikes and racing them. His parents would come and see him race, but had little interest in his other sporting activities.

Despite being a Maths teacher, Headmaster, Author, Poet and Motel proprietor, Derek has spent more time racing motor bikes. His love of two wheels and speed has defined who he is and his philosophy on life.

Derek met his wife Inta through racing, and as a headmaster, he set an example to and mentored some wild students who went on to race nationally and internationally. *“Sir you don’t win that many but you sure go out in style”.*

Derek’s philosophy: *“Stop and think about things and if you think too long it’s gone”.*

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Derek Long – “no regrets, except I couldn’t go quicker!”

The Four – Way Test

Of the things we think,
say or do

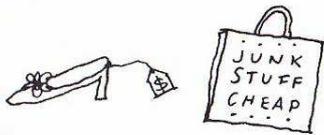
Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all
concerned?

Will it build
GOODWILL and
BETTER
FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL
to all concerned?

TONIGHT: Plan “C” (plan “A” fell over)



Don't forget the Markets are on the 22nd and if you have any quality items for the white elephant, bring them

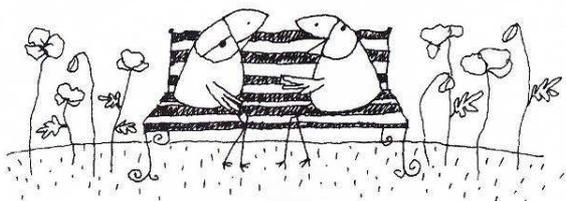
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: Happy Birthday to Heather Ferguson on the 14th and Wedding Anniversary to Ian and Miki on the 18th. And on the 11th Chris Obrien and Peter celebrate 5 years together
 Congratulations and best wishes to all. 😊

COMING EVENTS

19 th August	Jenny Swanson – Snowy Hydro South Care.
22 nd August	Markets
26 th August	Club Assembly, Fellowship & Board Meeting
16 th September	District Governor visit – Partners night.

TASK	12 th August	19 th August	26 th August
Cashier	Kris Elphick	Jack Wightman	Angie Ulrichsen
3-minute talk	Lin Morey	Terry Irvine	Bob Aston
Wheel	Max Reid	Chris O'Brien	Terry Irvine

Short words from bob ant



problems solved together
on the park bench.

Ian has reported that former member David English died last week.

David was a very gregarious member of the Club during the 90s, and had suffered from Parkinson's disease for many years and sadly also dementia in his final two years.

He died peacefully in his sleep.

Are you sick of all the politicking yet? It always seems to me that we have such an adversarial system that neither side will attempt to find a consensus on anything.

I find it sad that the best brains on each side can't just sit down and do something for the common good and not for the individual recognition.

With our motto of "Service above Self", Rotarians all over the world **get on and do**, often while the politicians are working out how!

All the wonderful projects on a local, national and international level that are completed by Rotarians, would be lost if we behaved like some of our elected leaders.

When we say the Four Way Test, we are affirming that we are involved in our community to help others, without reward, beyond the satisfaction of doing the right thing.

Maybe we could encourage a Polly or two.

Our thoughts go out to Carolyn who is in Moruya Hospital following a fall. We wish her a speedy recovery and offer our support to her and Jack at this time.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST:

Rotary Club of Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. District 2750
This club was chartered in 1968 and currently has 41 members.
They meet for lunch on Tuesdays at the Hyatt Regency, Garapan.

"Always keep several get well cards on the mantel ... so if unexpected guests arrive, they will think you've been sick and unable to clean."

Joke from Fred Doctor

STOP PRESS....

Bob Aston (who prefers his two wheels to be pedal-powered), thanked Derek Long (on left) for his great talk on faster two wheels and what's involved in racing them. Derek donated a signed book which will be a prize in the "fine comp" this week.

A story from Fred Doctor

John decided to go skiing with his buddy, Keith. So they loaded up John's minivan and headed north.

After driving for a few hours, they got caught in a terrible blizzard. So they pulled into a nearby farm and asked the attractive lady who answered the door if they could spend the night.

'I realize its terrible weather out there and I have this huge house all to myself, but I'm recently widowed,' she explained. 'I'm afraid the neighbours will talk if I let you stay in my house.'

'Don't worry,' John said. 'We'll be happy to sleep in the barn. And if the weather breaks, we'll be gone at first light.' The lady agreed, and the two men found their way to the barn and settled in for the night.

Come morning, the weather had cleared, and they got on their way. They enjoyed a great weekend of skiing.

But about nine months later, John got an unexpected letter from an attorney. It took him a few minutes to figure it out, but he finally determined that it was from the attorney of that attractive widow he had met on the ski weekend.

He dropped in on his friend Keith and asked, 'Keith, do you remember that good-looking widow from the farm we stayed at on our ski holiday up north about 9 months ago?'

'Yes, I do.' Said Keith.

'Did you, er, happen to get up in the middle of the night, go up to the house and pay her a visit?'

'Well, um, yes!,' Keith said, a little embarrassed about being found out, 'I have to admit that I did.'

'And did you happen to give her my name instead of telling her your name?'

Keith's face turned beet red and he said, 'Yeah, look, I'm sorry, buddy. I'm afraid I did.' 'Why do you ask?'

'She just died and left me everything.'

(And you thought the ending would be different, didn't you?... you know you smiled...now keep that smile for the



HAITI – an update

More than six months after Haiti sustained a massive earthquake, Rotary clubs and account holders of the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund are beginning to allocate resources to help rebuild schools, provide prosthetics, and equip thousands with adequate shelter.

Despite assistance from around the world, the situation in Haiti remains bleak. An estimated 1.5 million Haitians still live in tent cities, while billions of dollars in aid from foreign countries has yet to materialize. Debris from 280,000 destroyed homes and buildings clogs the streets of Port-au-Prince.

Rotarians have contributed more than US\$2 million to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, a donor advised fund set up by The Rotary Foundation.

"By beginning the work on many of the projects, we anticipate that additional funds will be contributed by Rotarians who are motivated to continue that help," says Past RI Vice President Eric E. Lacoste Adamson, an account holder and member of the Rotary Club of Front Royal, Virginia, USA. "We also hope to encourage other partners and NGOs [nongovernmental organizations] to match these funds so that we can double or triple the impact of the funds in Haiti."

It's good to know that the people of Haiti are not forgotten and that we helped to provide some of the Shelter Boxes that are a temporary home.

Read more at the Rotary Australia web site.