

# THE BEACON

*The Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin*

“Let us reflect on what is truly of value in life, what gives meaning to our lives, and set our priorities on the basis of that.”  
The 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama



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**Apologies and additional guests to Rolf Gimmel the Tuesday before the meeting on 44762274 or email [rolfs@dodo.com.au](mailto:rolfs@dodo.com.au) OR you will be charged for your meal.**



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To all Australian District Governors, Club Presidents and Rotarians.

Dear Fellow Rotarians

I am writing to you to advise you of the action Shelterbox has taken over the last few days in response to the Pakistani floods, and seek your support and financial assistance to help us expand on the work we have commenced to respond to one of the most catastrophic natural disasters in recent times.

The floods in Pakistan have resulted in massive flooding in the Punjab and Sindh regions of Pakistan. Although the death toll has been mercifully low and estimated at 1600 people, the United Nations has indicated that up to 14.5 million people will potentially be displaced as a result of this disaster.

Susan Schneider, International Programs Coordinator for Rotary International has indicated that RI will direct Rotarians seeking to help in with immediate short term Disaster relief to Shelterbox's website for up to date information and options for donating funds.

Our web site can be accessed at **[www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au](http://www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au)** and is being updated as rapidly as possible as we respond to advise of steps we are taking.

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This week's Beacon has no photos !!!!

Last week we had an enjoyable meeting with lots of fellowship.

Lin talked about his Rotary journey and pointed out different ways other clubs conduct meetings, thank you Lin. One suggestion was that members other than the President run some of the meetings. A great idea that I'm very open to. If you'd like to chair a meeting please see me.

Tonight Jenny Swanson from Snowy Hydro South Care will be our guest. Jenny is also a Rotarian from Canberra. but we

The Four – Way Test  
Of the things we think, say or do

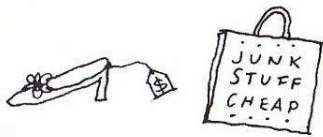
Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

**TONIGHT: Jenny Swanson – Snowy Hydro South Care.**



Don't forget our Markets are on this Sunday. If you can tow the van back please confirm with Kris

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:** Merinda has a birthday on this Market Sunday with best wishes from all 😊

## COMING EVENTS

22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Markets
26 <sup>th</sup> August	Club Assembly, Fellowship & Board Meeting
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	(meeting in conference room) Sharon Thompson
9 <sup>th</sup> September	
16 <sup>th</sup> September	District Governor visit – Partners night.
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Board Meeting and club assembly
26 <sup>th</sup> September	Markets
30 <sup>th</sup> September	
7 <sup>th</sup> October	
14 <sup>th</sup> October	
21 <sup>st</sup> October	
23-24 <sup>th</sup> October	District Conference at Berry also MARKETS on 24 <sup>th</sup>

TASK	19 <sup>th</sup> August	26 <sup>th</sup> August	2 <sup>nd</sup> September
Cashier	Jack Wightman	Angie Ulrichsen	Angie Ulrichsen
3-minute talk	Bob Aston	Bob Antill	Marilyn Gibson
Wheel	Chris O'Brien	Terry Irvine	George Barker

## Short words from bob ant

As a photographer my world is very visual, and this week a photo of people trying to walk along a flooded road, fleeing the flood waters, in Pakistan were swamped by an army truck as it pushed a bow wave over a metre high.

I have witnessed first hand that a flood is a shocking way to lose everything and my memories of the Nyngan flood are still very vivid.

"Shelter box" is already in there and the task is enormous (see story pg1 and 4).

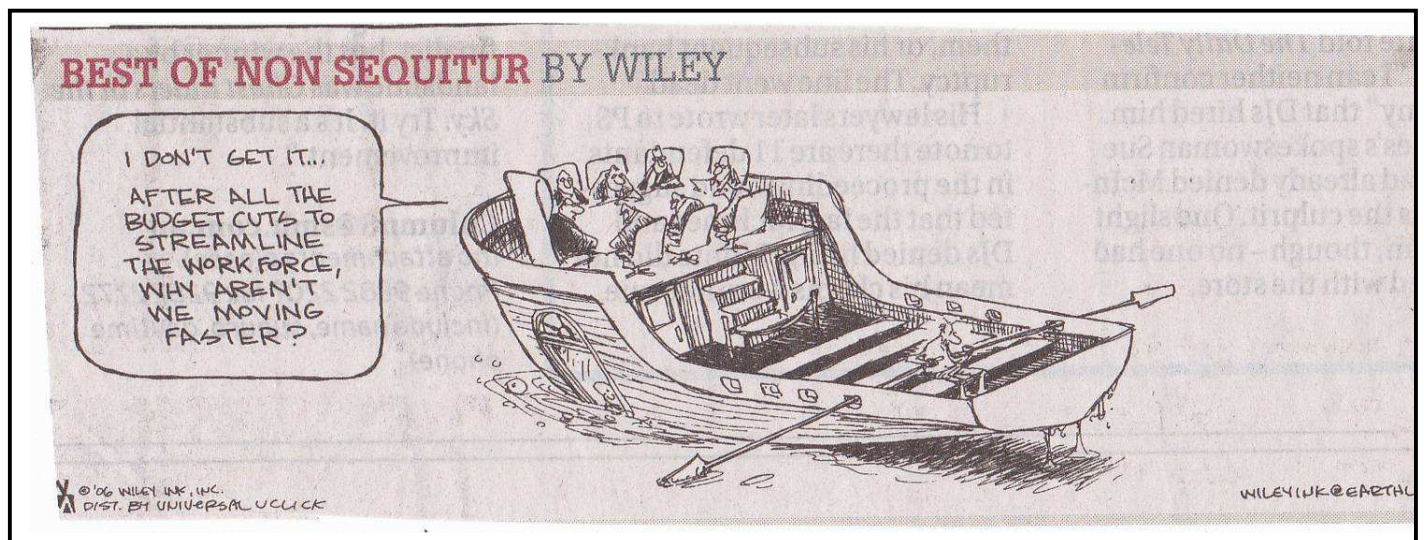
However, we, not only as Rotarians, but also human beings, need to do what we can. I have already been approached by a donor wanting to buy a "Shelter Box" and this will get the ball rolling. Ideas on how we can offer our services are welcome, let's do something!

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September we have a delightful Irish "Lass" coming to talk to us. Please wear something green, making it a theme night, fines for those who don't!!

Markets this Sunday. Remember this is our major fundraising activity throughout the year and it doesn't take too much of your time in the scheme of things - and is good fellowship.

Below is a Non Sequitur borrowed from The Sydney Morning Herald.

Yours in Rotary and I'll see you at the Whale.



**INTERNATIONAL TOAST:**  
Rc Changi, Singapore D 3310  
Chartered in 1988 ,33 members meet at  
Serangoon Gardens Country Club  
on Wednesday at 7.30 pm

**“A loving heart is the truest wisdom”**

*Charles Dickens.*

## *STOP PRESS....*

### The Old Drunk

A drunk stumbles along a baptismal service on Sunday afternoon down by the river. He proceeds to walk down into the water and stand next to the Preacher.

The minister turns and notices the old drunk and says, "Mister, are you ready to find Jesus?"

The drunk looks back and says, "Yess, Preasher... I ssssure am."

The minister then dunks the fellow under the water and pulls him right back up.

"Have you found Jesus?" the preacher asked.

"Nooo, I ddddidnt!" said the drunk.

The preacher then dunks him under for quite a bit longer, brings him up and says, "Now, brother, have you found Jesus?"

"Noooo, I dddid not Reverrrrend."

The preacher in disgust holds the man under for at least 30 seconds this time, brings him out of the water and says in a harsh tone,

"My God man, have you found Jesus yet?"

The old drunk wipes his eyes and says to the preacher, "Are you ssssure thhis is where he fffffelll in?"

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Our initial response was to release 1000 boxes that had been prepositioned in the north of the Country on the advice of our partner organisation in Pakistan, the National Rural Support Program as a severe monsoon had been predicted and we had prepared for such a possible emergency. A further 400 boxes have been distributed from the South of the country in conjunction with Karachi Rotary clubs and the National Disaster Management Agency of the Pakistani Government. Assistance was received from the French military to fly a further 240 boxes in from Europe free of any cost to Shelterbox and boxes are being packed for further deployment from Cornwall as rapidly as possible. John Leach, Operations Manager of SB headquarters in the UK has advised me overnight that Vango, our tent suppliers are making arrangements to ship 6000 tents directly to Pakistan for us for immediate use and related components of the box will be shipped separately according to demand. As you can see a massive demand exists and Shelterbox is again in the forefront as a major International Disaster Relief Organisation. As such we now face an unprecedented demand for funds. This disaster probably will need more support than either the Asian Tsunami or Haiti but after Haiti and the recent Floods in Brazil and Earthquake in Chile our URGENT need is for funds to supply essential emergency aid.

Any donations are welcome. Although a Donation of \$1000 will fund a box any amounts will be gratefully received on behalf of the displaced in Pakistan.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact me or any of the Directors of Shelterbox in Australia. Our phone numbers are available on our website.

Yours in Rotary Service.

Tim Klar

Chairman ShelterBox in Australia

To the 2010-11 District Governors of Rotary International  
The 2010-11 Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in  
2012-13, having functioned in accordance with the bylaws of Rotary  
International, has indicated that it unanimously nominated:

SAKUJI TANAKA  
of the  
Rotary Club of  
Yashio, Saitama, Japan

for the office of President of Rotary International for the year 2012-13.

**DON'T FORGET  
TO REGISTER FOR  
THE 2010  
CONFERENCE AT  
NOWRA  
OCTOBER 23 -24**