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The Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin



There is only one helicopter (medical and rescue service) that covers our corner of the state and that is Snowyhydro SouthCare. With hospitals few and far between in the South East region, and specialist medical care a long way by road for the critically ill, the Helicopter has become an essential part of our modern society.

Daily we hear of people, sometimes locals we know personally, being air lifted by helicopter to Canberra or Sydney for life saving medical intervention. However, we don't pause often to think of who provides that service.

Setting the record straight, in Narooma last Thursday night, was Jenny Swanson - the Regional Relationships Manager for Snowyhydro SouthCare.

Jenny spoke at the Rotary Club of Narooma's regular meeting to inform the members of how the system works and to clarify what the service is and how it works in the South East.

Fact 1) The Snowyhydro SouthCare helicopter is the service that fly's to our area. They are "not Careflight" who are "not operating in NSW". It is common for locals to be canvassed by phone to contribute to Careflight, believing they are contributing to a local service. This is not the case!

Fact 2) The NSW and ACT governments underwrite the contract, but **do not fund the operational costs**. ACT Government pays the Doctors, NSW- the paramedics and Corporate Key sponsors together with donations from the public, cover the other expenses.

Jenny went on to outline some of the costs they face to provide this lifesaving service, that fly's one to two missions per day- sometimes up to four. At \$1,700 per hour, it is not cheap and a specialist helmet costs around \$3,000. Members of the Narooma Rotary Club showed their appreciation to Jenny, and presented a cheque for \$250 adding to a \$750 donation they made in July. Donation tins for the Snowyhydro SouthCare helicopter are in Pubs and food outlets around our South East towns and in Narooma.

TONIGHT: Club Assembly, Fellowship & Board Meeting

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: John Messner is celebrating his birthday on the 31st followed closely by Pam Rayner on the 1st.
All our best wishes for a happy time of celebration.

COMING EVENTS

2 nd September	(meeting in conference room) Sharon Thompson
9 th September	Preparations for DG visit
16 th September	District Governor visit – Partners night.
23 rd September	Board Meeting and club assembly
26 th September	Markets
30 th September	Linda Ord – Recording family stories
7 th October	
14 th October	
21 st October	
23-24 th October	District Conference at Berry also MARKETS on 24 th

Paddy and Mick were watching a John Wayne film on TV. In one scene John Wayne was riding madly towards a cliff. "I'll bet you \$10 he falls over that cliff," said Paddy.

"Done," said Mick.

John Wayne rode straight over the cliff. As Mick handed over his \$10, Paddy said, "I feel a bit guilty about this, I've seen the film before."

"So have I," said Mick, "but I didn't think that he would be stupid enough to make the same mistake twice!"

TASK	26th August	2 nd September	9 th September
Cashier	Angie Ulrichsen	George Barker	Ian Thomlinson
3-minute talk	Bob Antill	Marilyn Gibson	John Messner
Wheel	Terry Irvine	Angie Ulrichsen	Max Reid

Short words from bob ant

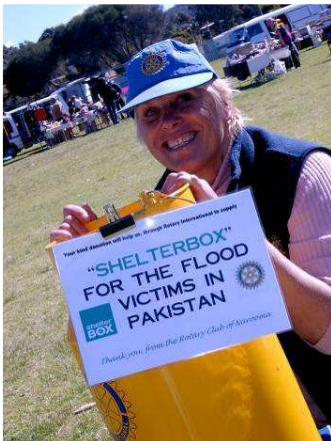
Wow, as I'm writing this, we have a close election / hung parliament following Saturday's vote. This puts Australia at a cross road (1) Do we continue as we always have been? (2) Do we have a minority Government with cross bench support? Or (3) Do we get a Government of the best talent from those who were elected (the original idea)? Whatever happens, it will be interesting watching it unfold.

As the counters were counting, the weather Gods' smiled on us and we had a perfect day for the markets on Sunday. Thank you to all who helped make it a positive day.

A problem has arisen with the van takings, and currently John, Kris and I are investigating. I hope to have a full report by tonight's meeting, and it will also be discussed by the board. Maybe the way we run the van is also at a cross road and needs some fresh input. Please think about it and bring your inspiration along.

Pakistan is still swimming and we need to look at the options open to us. I'd like to contribute to a shelter box or two and raise the funds through September (the gate from the Market kicked us off). There is also a direct fundraising through Rotary Foundation (more information to come).

Last Thursday night was well attended, and thank you. It was a pleasure to meet and hear Jenny Swanson talk about Snowhydro SouthCare.



in Rotary bob ant.

(Right) Max presents Jenny Swanson with a cheque for \$250 and a thank you card. The \$250 added to Jack's \$750 at changeover.



(Left) Angie kicking off the ShelterBox campaign at the Markets.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST:

RC Hong Kong Sunrise, Hong Kong D3450
they were chartered in 1992 and 21 members
Meeting at the Mira, HK on Wednesday at 7.00pm

“Identify a cause that speaks to you, and commit an hour a week or a month. We're all pressed for time, which makes volunteering a precious gift” — *from The Good Weekend SMH*

STOP PRESS....

Sam and Ted at the Change over dinner at their new club. Our great loss is indeed a huge win for Toowoomba... *Many thanks to Laurelle for forwarding the photo.*



Last Thursday night was also a surprise celebration for Laurelle. As you know, she is going to snub us and run away to Paris with a "Santa" look-a-like to celebrate her birthday. We couldn't be left out and thanks to Rolf for a **wonderful** cake, and Angie for the perfect card. Also to Merinda for the calligraphy and to the Narooma Rotary Choir for the resounding singing of "Happy Birthday"!!! May Laurelle and Steve have the most wonderful time. Wishing you a safe return to us.



Thanks to Ian and Jacks work, the Leisure Centre now has a sign that recognises Narooma Rotary Club's involvement.
Thankyou to Ian for the photo.

