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District Governor Bill Seelis joined with us last Thursday Night on his official visit to our club. We were also honoured to have two visiting Rotarians and some invited guests as well as our partners. As always, our wonderful hosts at the Whale served a great meal and top service. This always makes us feel special and . . .

THE DG COMETH AND AWARDS A TOP ROTARIAN

. . . gets our meetings off to a warm start.

Our raffle created a great deal of interest and was followed by a quick quiz which Merinda ran with lots of fun and some interesting answers being offered. Eventually the winner was decided by a tie-breaker question.

Bill Seelis then presented Max Reid with the Rotarian of the Year award for 2009-10. Max was genuinely surprised and well deserving of this honour.

Following dinner, DG Bill gave an entertaining speech on "Cowboy Logic" and important Rotary projects.



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TONIGHT: RYPEN Students (Board Meeting)

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:
NONE THIS WEEK**

COMING EVENTS

26 th September	Markets
30 th September	Linda Ord – Recording family stories
7 th October	Almost locked in
14 th October	
21 st October	Board Meeting and club assembly
23-24 th October	District Conference at Berry - also MARKETS on 24 th

TASK	23rd September	30th September	7th October
Cashier	Bob Aston	Kris Elphick	
3-minute talk	RYPEN Students		
Wheel	Chris O'Brien		

INTERNATIONAL TOAST:

North Bay Metro Rotary Club in the Philippines.
Chartered in 1980 and has 22 members who meet at 8pm on
Monday nights in the Foundation building, Malabon City.

Short words from bob ant

It was a sad start to the DG's visit when I had to announce the passing of Jack's wife and life partner, Carolyn. Our thoughts, love and support are with Jack, and his family, during this time and into the future.

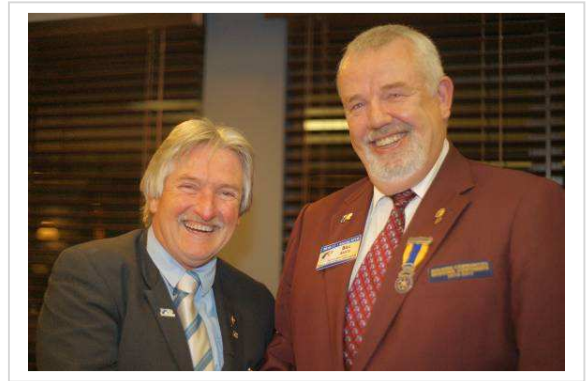
It was pleasing to see a great turn out at the meeting and many thanks to Chris O'Brien for inviting some new faces along to meet us. I hope they enjoyed their visit.

Angie is to be commended for her work with the RYPEN project. Finding her way has been done with great skill and tonight we will see the fruits of her labour and the RYPEN team's endeavours.

DG Bill talked about his meeting with Rotary President Ray Klinginsmith at the conference in Canberra. Also he covered the important projects that we, as Rotarians, are involved in. Around the world Rotary is making a difference.

I was grateful to DG Bill for coming to visit us and we are lucky to have such an approachable man as our District Governor.

On Sunday we are running the van at the Markets. This will be a chance for us to look at some fine tuning and introduce a better operating system for the future, I look forward to the joining with you as we "move this forward."



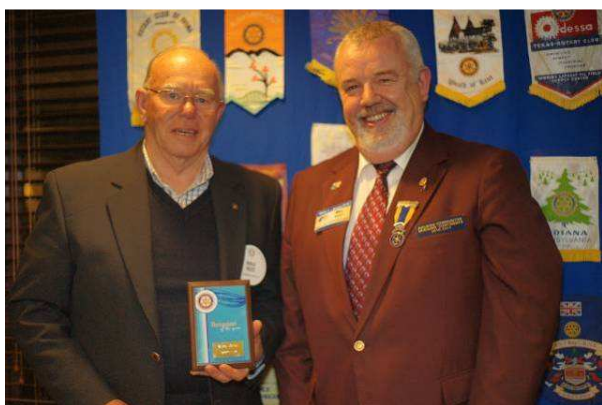
I was pleased to receive a wonderfully positive letter from Rohan Gleeson about Erin Fahey's help with the current Youth Exchange students. it was great to see Erin giving her experiences to others and having a positive influence on them.

Kids on Oceans: "If you are surrounded by ocean, you are an island. If you don't have ocean all around you, you are incontinent." (age 7)

"Sharks are ugly and mean, and have big teeth, just like Emily Richardson, She's not my friend any more". (Kylie, age 6)

"Thunder is impressive, but it is lightning that does the work."

'Mark Twain, quoted in The Advertiser reproduced in The Week.'



MAX REID: CITATION FOR ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR 2009-10.

- *Elected a director for 2009-10 and appointed as Chairperson for Community Service and Chairperson of the Service Projects Committee as well when Bob Antill became Editor of the Bulletin.
- *With Pat, Max hosted not one, but two, members of the GSE team from Arizona.
- *Was a keen helper in marking out NATA Oval for the markets.
- *Teamed up with Ted Bladwell for making the food van ready for the markets and special events, especially the Blues Festival, also for the few days at Apex Park during the Christmas/New Year holidays, taking the van to the Park each day and home again to clean all the cooking utensils and ensuring that fresh food and drinks were cooled for the next day's work – making the work so much easier for each rostered van crew.
- *Installed a shelf for bread in the van - extra space that was needed badly. Repaired the old urn and procured a fire extinguisher for the van.
- *Helped make up the wish list of van requirements for a Volunteer Grants application which was successful.
- *With Pat, he hosted a barbecue for the club in lieu of a meeting in January.
- *Helped to sell Duck Race tickets at the Island View Caravan Park; 4 books sold there – a record!
- *With John Messner, Max took charge of the Duck Race, initially checking up to 500 ducks for missing numbers (an unenviable task) and getting them launched off the bridge for the swim downstream. Next job for them that day – setting up the stage at Ken Rose Park for the Australia Day observance.
- *Chaired the panel appointed to interview applicants for RYLA (only one as it transpired – Scott Ferguson who was successful)
- *Took students to MOGO for the October RYPEN camp, and assisted the District by taking Youth Exchange students to their weekend away at Tumut.
- *Conducted the Bowelscan Awareness campaign most efficiently, although handicapped by health problems which subsequently grounded him for the rest of the year. Pat partnered him in this.

CAROLYN POOLE WIGHTMAN 15th July 1919 – 16th September 2010

Yesterday we celebrated the life of Jack's beloved Carolyn. A great Elvis fan, they were both born in Tupelo Mississippi, USA.



During 1948, in Japan, she met Jack. A meeting that would leave such a lasting impression on both of them, that in 1950, Carolyn came to Sydney and married Jack. Always keeping her American interests, she never missed voting in the Presidential elections and the 4th of July was always celebrated in style. First with dinner dances at the US Club and then with parties at home. In 1969 she joined Keystone Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and went on to become a founding member of the Captain James Cook Chapter and their Chaplin. Eventually, home became North Rocks in Sydney where Carolyn was an active Inner Wheel member and also of the Presbyterian Church. She is a Paul Harris Fellow. A full St Andrews Presbyterian Church in Narooma, yesterday, heard friend and groomsman Walter Stinson talk fondly of the woman, mother and wife that was Carolyn. Members of Narooma Rotary paid their respect with friends and family at the service and then onto Narooma Cemetery with a celebration of life held at the Whale. Dearly loved wife of Jack, devoted mother to Gregory and Melissa and mother in law to Phillip. Loving Nanna of all her grandchildren, sister of Jack Jones Jnr. Also a great friend and supporter of Narooma Rotary. At rest after a wonderful innings of 91 years.

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DON'T FORGET

ANY GOOD BOOKS FOR PRIMARY AGED KIDS

SO WE CAN SEND A BOX AWAY.