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RYPEN “A SHAMEFUL AMOUNT OF FUN”



Our RYPEN students returned to claim success last Thursday night. Under Angie's watchful eye they all reported on a worthwhile adventure to Mogo and the amazing things they learnt. Jessica Reid, Nicholas Cowley and Jessie Richardson from Narooma High School all had very a very positive learning experience from the well organised event.

Angie spoke of a talk she caught up with and Jessie Reid found closure in a family tragedy, through one of the sessions.

Our thanks to Angie for her co-ordination, to all our members for supporting such a positive program for young people and to ADG Maureen Manning and her team for organising the weekend.

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“The ocean is made up of water and fish. Why the fish don't drown I don't know.” Bobby aged 6

TONIGHT: Lynda Ord – Recording family stories

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:
NONE THIS WEEK**

COMING EVENTS

7 th October	Narooma Blue Water Dragon Boats.
14 th October	Denis Pont
21 st October	Board Meeting
23-24 th October	District Conference at Nowra
24 th October	MARKETS
28 th October	TBC Partner's night at Primary School – new technology.
4 th November	Club Assembly – Christmas, van, duck race, meetings etc

TASK	30th September	7th October	14 October
Cashier	Jeremy	Bob Aston	
3-minute talk	Bob Antill	Angie Ulrichsen	
Wheel	Max Reid	Kris Elphick	

**INTERNATIONAL TOAST:
RC Puerto Porvenir, Chile in D 4350.
Situating in Tierra del Fuego they have just 7 members
who meet on Thursday for dinner at Club Croata**

“It’s not that I’m so smart, it’s just that I stay with problems longer.”

Albert Einstein, quoted in The American Spectator

Short words from bob ant

The last few weeks have been a learning curve and a test of resilience, on my part.

I've learnt that I should never assume, that the fine detail of a system, that is in place verbally, can be lost along the way, and that we must keep our eye firmly on the ball at all times.

When we found ourselves short of money at the end of the August markets we took decisive action in taking over the running of the van for the September Markets. This allowed us to regain total control of our project.

In the process we discovered a few things.

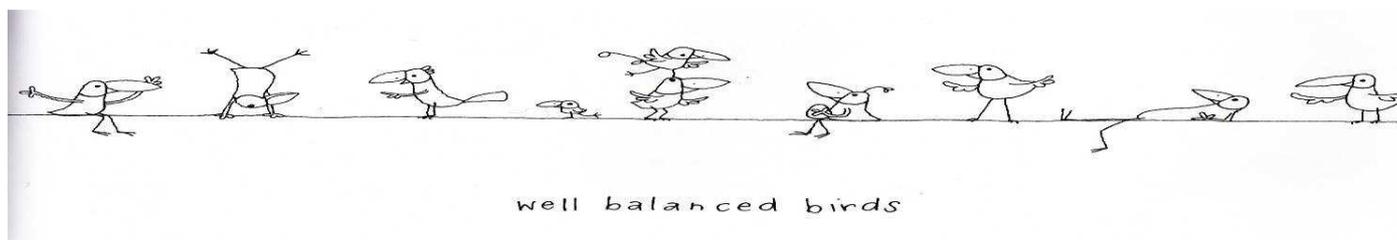
- ✓ *We had firm rules that don't allow under 16's in the van without full adult supervision.*
- ✓ *The right to operate the van with us was tendered out to community groups - not given to one organisation permanently.*
- ✓ *The operation should be reviewed annually.*
- ✓ *It is important that a Rotary presence be in the van at all times - after all it is the Rotary van and it carries our good name.*
- ✓ *Feedback from customers is very important and unless we are there we have no way of hearing it.*

So last Sunday we ran the van and, I feel that we had a very successful time.

To all involved in the Markets I send my grateful thanks. To Chris, Angie, Kris, Jack, Marilyn, John, Jeremy, Bob Aston, Merinda, Josh and Sarah, George, Rolf and Lyn Hardingham and young Meagan Creed (who turned up without being told that we were running the van and stayed to help us). This was a great effort by everybody and my thanks to all.

Helen Audsley from the Blue Mountains has donated some wonderful quality products for a raffle. Sarah Antill has added to this and I will propose tonight that we make up a raffle, through November, for the Snowy Hydro Helicopter (we have the little toy copter as well).

YIR Bob Ant.



"Times have not become more violent. They have just become more televised"

'Marilyn Manson quoted in the Adelaide Advertiser.'

A SNAP SHOT FROM THE BOARD MEETING

- Mountain Bike event is still progressing in the planning stage. Ian, Rolf, Max and Kris have formed a great team.
- On foundation - Ian has sent an article off to Rotary Down Under.
- The running of The Van at markets and the future direction was discussed ... for an update see the story on right
- We are still looking for a President Elect.

Meeting closed at 9pm (starting to get it right!) and the Treasures report and minutes from the last meeting were accepted.

The Program for the next few months is taking shape and a partner's night will be organised soon at the Primary school to view new technologies, stayed tuned.

HOW TO START A FIGHT

One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift...

The next year, I didn't buy her a gift.

When she asked me why, I replied,

"Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!"

And that's how the fight started.....

My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping channels.

She asked, "What's on TV?"

I said, "Dust."

And then the fight started...

My wife was standing nude, looking in the bedroom mirror.

She was not happy with what she saw and said to me,

"I feel horrible; I look old, fat and ugly.

I really need you to pay me a compliment.'

I replied, "Your eyesight's damn near perfect."

And then the fight started.....

With thanks - from Fred Doctor

STOP PRESS....

The Markets were a great success on Sunday. We took over running the van for the first time in a long while, following a few concerns from the August Market and a need for us to become more hands on with this side of the operation. Firstly – The missing money was found after we pulled the van apart. Much relief from everyone. Secondly – A lot of cleaning went on and we concentrated on wastage and quality of product, as well as service. Thirdly – we listened to the customers and found that we haven't been getting feedback. The Markets are our big fundraiser and the Van is the face of Rotary at the Markets. It was pleasing to see a strong Rotary presence. The White Elephant was well patronised and George cleaned out a lot of old stuff so that we are now offering quality. Please bring items that are sale worthy and check with George before you donate them so we can maintain a professional image.

We recovered \$395 that went missing from the Food Van on the day of the August markets.

September market results are:

Stallholders	\$782.50
Food Van	\$668.25
White Elephant	\$89.70
Wishing Well	\$79.75

*These are gross figures and the expenses still have to come out.

We have seen an improvement in all areas over the previous two years. This is our first year without the Blues Festival or the Blues Market.

I'm confident the results will continue to improve during the next few months.

Well done everyone ☺.