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OR you will
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"If you keep doing the same thing over and over and expect a different result, you've got a problem." RI Director Stuart Heal

The theme that seemed to run through the District 9710 Conference in Nowra on the weekend was "Change". Not what you get back from the checkout chick, not by force, but moving Rotary to become more adaptable in this new decade.

Stuart Heal is from New Zealand and was representing the R I President. He spoke about the need for looking at what we do and how we do it. We need to think outside those boundaries that threaten to constrain us and our club. He encouraged us to look at other ways of accommodating new members and he believes that we should recognise service and not attendance. "Make up belongs in the bathroom" was one of his quotes.

With people like Stuart leading from the top, Rotary will have a long future, as we embrace the message and all move in the same direction.

Below: dinner time and all glued to the GSE report.

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TONIGHT: Dr Alan Fridley - Partner's Night

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

Peter Boltis (partner of Chris O'Brien) celebrates his birthday on the 30th while Angie celebrates hers the next day 31st and Rolf the next day (Monday the 1st) - with all our best wishes.

COMING EVENTS

4 th November	Club Assembly – Christmas, van, duck race, meetings etc
11 th November	Betty Craze- Timor
18 th November	TBA
25 th November	Board Meeting
28 th November	MARKETS
2 nd December	Alex Olah – Partners night
9 th December	David Maidment - Oysters
16 th December	AGM
23 rd December	Christmas Party – Partners Night
25 th December	CHRISTMAS DAY – RELAX WITH FAMILY
28 th December	MARKETS

TASK	28 th October	4 th November	11 th November
Cashier	Max Reid	Angie Ulrichsen	Jeremy Ferguson
3-minute talk		on Paul Harris	Laurelle Pacey
Wheel	Ian Thomlinson	Chris O'Brien	John Messner

INTERNATIONAL TOAST:

RC San Jose is in D4240 Costa Rica.
Chartered in 1927 and have 37 members,
meeting at high noon on Thursdays at the
Club Union Downtown San Jose

**“If you keep saying things are going to be bad,
you have a good chance of being a prophet.”**

Isaac Singer

Short words from bob ant

As the rain tumbled down in Nowra, my thoughts turned to all who were working the Market. A very big thank you to all who stayed behind and carried on this vital fundraising effort. The donuts were missing but we still had a great result, well done!

The District Conference was fantastic and I enjoyed the friendship, organisation and positive vibe and of course Merinda's company. Rotary is a great organisation but we need to make sure we tell everyone we meet.

Don't be put off if a potential member will have trouble making all the meetings, it's service that really counts and we need bodies on the ground to do the work that we do.

Next week I'm going to bring my camera gear and take a H&S photo of each of you and I'll get a quick bio so we can have a proper members list - should be fun and a good reference point for everyone.

Partner's night tonight (Thursday 28th) please bring your partner and we'll all have a good night in fellowship and enjoy our guest speaker.

Y I R bob Ant... ☺

STOP PRESS....

A young ventriloquist is touring the clubs and one night he's doing a show in Rooty Hill RSL.

With his dummy on his knee, he starts going through his usual dumb blonde jokes when a blonde woman in the 4th row stands on her chair and starts shouting.

"I've heard enough of your stupid blond jokes.
What makes you think you can stereotype women that way?"

What does the colour of a person's hair have to do with her worth as a human being?
It's men like you who keep women like me from being respected at work and in the community, and from reaching our full potential as people. You and your kind continue to perpetuate discrimination against not only blondes, but women in general...
and all in the name of humour!"

The embarrassed ventriloquist begins to personally apologize, when the blonde yells,
"You stay out of this!! I'm talking to that little bastard on your lap!!"

Complaints to Fred Doctor!

From The Board Meeting:

We're getting better at finishing on time.

We agreed to keep supporting the Mountain Bike event which has been re-scheduled for next year, April 2 and 3. Please mark it in your diary.

We discussed the making and sale of donuts in the van. Marilyn has done a risk assessment and found it lacking in many areas. This is a major cause of concern to us, as an accident could result in serious problems. A decision not to sell donuts at this weeks' market was then taken and a full review is needed. *Please all think about this and we will discuss the matter fully at the Club Assembly next week.*

Correspondence and the Treasures Report were all agreed upon and John Messner was confirmed a President Elect. Next years' office bearers should be decided at the AGM in December. It would be great for hands to go up before this meeting.

RAFFLE FOR SNOWY HYDRO RESCUE

To be drawn at the end of November.
Ticket books available for you to
Sell around town.

Set up when you have a moment –
maybe in pairs.

This will be a good boost for our
Club, as well as raising money for a
good cause – every cent goes to
them.

What about the Westpac Surf Lifesaver
helicopter based at Moruya? At this stage
it is only here for summer and for surf
rescue... it will also respond to other
emergencies BUT the little Snowy Chopper
is still our No 1.

Let's see what we can do through
November.

Ian, Bob, Micki and Merinda joined with PDG Michael Pedler for formal dinner on Saturday evening.



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George Bernard Shaw once said that “*people are always blaming their circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and, if they can't find them, make them.*”

Our key note speaker on Sunday was a young refugee from Africa who did just that. Living in the most horrendous conditions and looking after his young sisters, Ilyasi Siraji fled his birth place in the Congo and started a journey which ended in being granted refugee status and flown to Adelaide.

This inspiring young man was full of enthusiasm for Rotary and is a very active Rotaract member. Ilyasi is studying at University to become a primary school teacher and still supporting his family. He is now a very proud Australian citizen who put a very human face on the refugee debate and showed how given a chance, these people can really shine.

Another keynote speaker was Deborah Wallace, commander of the Middle Eastern Crime Squad in the NSW police. We laughed and cried as she took us on her amazing police journey.

With speeches from DG Bill and numerous Rotarians and others, the conference was a great success. Congratulations to all the organisers.