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Apologies
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Betty craze is a remarkable woman, who at an age when most retire to a more sedate life, has ventured into the heart of one of the world's poorest countries.

Adventuring with the Carmalite Nuns into the Mountains of Timor L'este to run clinics for up to 100 people at a time was a real challenge.

The roads are awful and the

BETTY CRAZE – HELPING TIMOR LESTE – ONE OF THE POOREST COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD.

generators breakdown regularly.

During WWII, the Australian soldiers were helped by the Timorese, who were in turn killed by the Japanese for their efforts. Shamefully we forgot them and failed to offer enough support to our "friends".

After many years of neglect from Australia, the intervention has still failed to bring these people basic fundamentals that we take for granted.

Bega, Bendigo and some other towns as well as many Rotary projects have been offering support in many and various ways.

Betty is a member of the Bega Valley Advocates for Timor L'este and through her, we have donated \$500 to provide a Solar System for a village in the mountains of Timor.

Pictured: (top) A typical house with a Solar Panel. (right) Betty is thanked by ADG Maureen Manning.



TONIGHT:

Laurelle - An introduction to her new book.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

None this week – so in the imitable style of Winnie the Pooh -
I wish you all a very happy Thursday.

COMING EVENTS

25 th November	Board Meeting
28 th November	MARKETS
2 nd December	Alex Olah – <i>A Year in China</i> - Partners night
9 th December	David Maidment - Oysters
16 th December	AGM
19 th December	ROTARY VAN AT CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT
23 rd December	Christmas Party – Partners Night
25 th December	CHRISTMAS DAY – RELAX WITH FAMILY
28 th December	MARKETS
13 th January	Barefoot Bowls at Dalmeny – Partners - TBC
20 th January	Bob and Merinda's – Partners night.

TASK	18 th November	25 th November	2 nd December
Cashier	Bob Aston	Laurelle Pacey	Marilyn Gibson
3-minute talk	donuts	John Mesner	Terry Irvine
Wheel	George Barker	Terry Irvine	Lin Morey

INTERNATIONAL TOAST:

RC Panama. Panama is in D4240 was chartered in 1919 and is one of the oldest clubs in Central and South America.

It has 135 members and meets
at Club Union de Panama each Thursday at 12.15pm

“It’s very nice but I’m sure it’s made for an older lady”

Unsuccessful clothes shopping with Lorna, age 93.

Short words from bob ant

On Sunday morning I spent time looking through the van and closely inspected the set up for the donuts and what needs to be done to make the operation safer in both the short and long term.

This presents us with a challenge, but one that needs to be addressed with a positive outlook and creative thinking.

All too often we humans fall into a negative mind set when we are faced with change. Change is an inevitable and normal part of life, however, when through circumstances, it is forced upon us, we tend to fight it rather than look at the situation with fresh eyes and an open mind.

I am very grateful to Marilyn for taking the time to do this (long overdue) safety audit. Please don't shoot the messenger - be thankful and let's look at how to move on instead of allowing ourselves to become stuck in negative thinking as this inevitably leads to division and dissention.

Short term, I believe we can have donuts at the next Market with some minor changes to the positioning of the donut deep fryer. Long term, we will need to include an additional exhaust fan.

This has created an opportunity for us to look into extending our menu - to maybe consider trialling some healthier foods which will cater to the needs of our customers changing tastes. For example, we now offer Diet Coke and Popper Juices after numerous requests.

Together - let's keep 'moving forward' with a positive attitude and this will indeed benefit all concerned.

Y I R bob Ant... ☺

STOP PRESS....

Did you read about the road accident near Bermagui in which seven people were injured – five seriously? (Narooma News Wednesday November 17 2010).

With special thanks going to the amazing team of emergency workers (drawn from our wider community) including the VRA, NSW Ambulance Service, RFS, Police and our Snowyhydro SouthCare helicopter.

We are proud to be supporters of these vital services.

Our Raffle to support Snowyhydro SouthCare will be delayed slightly (exact date TBA) as we need to purchase a Rotary Narooma stamp with which to stamp the tickets.

A Funny from Fred Doctor.

A lady goes to her priest one day and tells him, "Father, I have a problem.

I have two female parrots,

But they only know how to say one thing."

"What do they say?" the priest asked.

They say, "Hi, we're hookers! Do you want to have some fun?"

"That's obscene!" the priest exclaimed.

Then he thought for a moment....

"You know," he said, "I may have a solution to your problem.

I have two male talking parrots, which I have taught to pray and read the Bible....

Bring your two parrots over to my house, and we'll put them in the cage with Francis and Peter.

My parrots can teach your parrots to pray and worship, And your parrots are sure to stop saying... that phrase... in no time."

"Thank you," the woman responded, "This may very well be the solution."

The next day, she brought her female parrots to the priest's house.

As he ushered her in, she saw that his two male parrots were inside their cage, holding rosary beads and praying.

Impressed, she walked over and placed her parrots in with them.

After a few minutes, the female parrots cried out in unison,

"Hi, we're hookers! Do you want to have some fun?"

There was a stunned silence....

Shocked, one male parrot looked over at the other male parrot and says,

"Put the beads away, Frank,

Our prayers have been answered!"



A Letter from Vere Gray.

I am writing to invite the Rotary Clubs of Moruya and Narooma to a fund raising evening at Bay Cinemas which Batemans Bay Club is organising on Wednesday 23 February. I know it's early but I thought if you are agreeable to coming, you'd want to put it in your calendar for next year.

As you know, 23 February is Rotary's birthday. Nationally rotary has been given approval to use preview screening of the film Conviction as a fund raiser for Polio Plus, as well as celebrating our birthday. Bay Cinemas have agreed for us to use the evening for such an event. Not sure of pricing details yet, but the evening will include supper.

Once I have more information about the evening I'll let you know. If you Google the movie Conviction you can find details about the movie. The national opening is on 24 Feb, so we will be seeing the move before it's screened nationally.

I hope you are able to join with us in celebrating Rotary's birthday and also raising some funds for Polio Plus. Can you please let me know when convenient.

Yours in rotary service

Vere (Gray)

President, Rotary Club of Batemans Bay



Also at last Thursday night's meeting we had a special visitor - the ADG Maureen Manning. This was not a formal visit, however, as always it was great to have her in the club. Maureen was impressed with our attendance at meetings and even though we are a small club we all support it 100%.

Tomorrow is the cut off for year 12 students to apply for our Tertiary Education Scholarship. So if you know someone who should apply please ring them and give them a "gentle" reminder.

Thank you to Laurelle for getting us in the paper yesterday. It is good for the community to know what we are doing with money that we generate through diligence and hard work.