

# THE BEACON

Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin



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**and**  
**additional**  
**guests to**  
**Rolf Gimmel**  
**the Tuesday**  
**before the**  
**meeting on**  
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**OR you will**  
**be charged**  
**for your meal.**



*"In China, there are almost 6 million graduates from University each year."*

*Alex Olah ... his year in China.*

Our guest speaker Alex Olah - Angie's brother, fascinated everyone at our partners' night last Thursday.

Alex and his wife spent a year in China teaching University students to speak English.

The experience was an eye-opener on the huge scale of humans in the vast country.

The University was in a small city of one million people called Dongying. At the University they served 15,000 meals a day on Campus and 100 million people share the three most common surnames.

The major similarity between the Chinese Students and ours is the Western style clothing. Jeans, T-shirts and joggers are all the rage. A maths/science degree costs about \$700 while an arts degree was about \$1000. The students sleep 6 to a small room with one toilet and no shower for which they pay about \$180 per year for a bed. Students spend about \$2.50 per day on food.

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CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT VAN WILL BE THERE ON THE 19<sup>th</sup> AT NATA OVAL – PLEASE LET KRIS KNOW THAT YOU ARE COMING TO HELP OUT... ALSO COULD YOU PLEASE LET HER KNOW YOUR AVAILABILITY FOR THE MARKETS DECEMBER 28<sup>th</sup> ... Thankyou

Lycra free pushies invade bike track!!  
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**"SECONDS BEFORE DEATH" (CHILLING)**  
**WARNING! GRAPHIC BOATING INCIDENT.**

**THIS IS A PICTURE OF A MAN WITH JUST SECONDS LEFT TO LIVE (FRIGHTENING!) .... photo page 3.**

**TONIGHT: David Maidment - Oysters**

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

Kevin Young will party hard tomorrow night (the 10<sup>th</sup>) as he celebrates his Birthday, well done and Happy Birthday to you from all of us.

## COMING EVENTS

16 <sup>th</sup> December	AGM
19 <sup>th</sup> December	ROTARY VAN AT CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Christmas Party – Partners Night
25 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY – RELAX WITH FAMILY</b>
28 <sup>TH</sup> December	MARKETS
13 <sup>th</sup> January	Barefoot Bowls at Dalmeny – Partners - TBC
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Bob and Merinda's – Partners night.
26 <sup>th</sup> January	DUCK RACE
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Return to the Whale
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Youth Night
17 <sup>th</sup> February	TBA
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Board Meeting and Bike-a-thon final preparation

TASK	9 <sup>th</sup> December	16 <sup>TH</sup> December	23 <sup>rd</sup> December
Cashier	George Barker	Bob Aston	Kris Elphick
3-minute talk	Bob Aston		
Wheel	Rolf Gimmel		Raffle

## INTERNATIONAL TOAST:

The Rotary Club of Christchurch Sunrise in New Zealand.  
They meet at the crack of dawn - 6.45 am,  
in Eliza's at 82 Bealey Ave Christchurch.

“At the airport if you refuse to be patted down, they arrest you. And what's the first thing they do when they arrest you? Pat you down.”

*Jay Leno on the Tonight Show.*

## Short words from bob ant

*As I watched parts of Dubbo under water on the 7 o'clock news, I remembered what it was like to be in a flood. Floods are worst than fires. Everything that survives the flood then has to be destroyed as the water contaminates and renders things that seem good, useless.*

*In lots of areas people have made silly mistakes. Building a single story house on a cement slab in a low lying flood-prone area is inviting trouble. A two story house with garage underneath can mean a small clean up rather than devastation when the water subsides.*

*The foundations of our Club were built very strongly. Members like George set a high standard that has shone in our community and has weathered many storms. Currently we are in need of new members, expanding our "friends of Rotary" base and setting a direction for the future.*

*Our Markets are our main focus, followed by small and large projects that are aimed at a specific purpose.*

*Our meetings are, and should be, enjoyable, informative and good fellowship so that we want to come each week.*

*As my year as President passes the half way point, we need to start focusing on PE John's year. I'm very pleased that PE John is fully committed to moving the Club forward. His ideas are consistent with mine and hopefully we can set in place the foundations that will move us into an exciting future of serving the local and worldwide community.*

*Please give John all your support and help to fill all positions at next week's AGM. This will really get the ball rolling and don't forget that Terry is ready, willing and very able to help with new members.*

Y I R bob Ant... ☺

## STOP PRESS....



## Blond Guy Joke:

**There are three blond guys stranded on an island. A fairy appears to grant each a wish. The first blond asks to be intelligent, is turned into a brown haired man who swims off the island. The next asks to be even smarter, is turned into a black haired man, builds a boat and sails off the island. The third asks to be even smarter than the others. The fairy makes him a woman, who walks over the bridge...**





Laurelle spied these two characters on the Bike track preparing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Narooma Rotary Bike-a-thon. Not convinced of their innocence, she took a photo to prove they were secretly in training.

Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> of February will be a big day for all of us and any other helpers you can muster.

Bob Aston and Jack are currently doing the ground work and Laurelle is getting publicity under way.

Please mark this day in your diary as it will be one of our main fundraising events next year. Let's also make it a fun one.

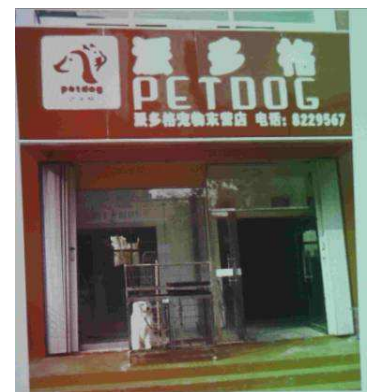


(above) Alex is thanked by Max after an enjoyable journey in China.



Above top: Alex during his photo presentation.

Above Right: Very large and expensive dog.



Above: Alex holds up a poster which advertised his sell out speech that translated into "Sex Drugs and Rock & Roll" ... He didn't say if the sell out crowd was disappointed or not.

Above right: A pet dog shop selling large expensive dogs to people with very little space.

# CHRISTMAS PARTY 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER



AT THE WHALE  
WITH YOUR  
PARTNER,  
A  
KRIS KRINGLE  
OF \$5.00 ONLY.

PLEASE GIVE  
NUMBERS TO ROLF  
AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE.

► Willy-nilly (adj.), impotent.

► Abdicate (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.