



We're Back - Welcome to 2011

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Australia Day was a huge day for our Club. Many thanks and congratulations to everyone who came and helped.

Ducks and Snags were the order of the day and a change of venue, a fire alarm, faulty BBQ and the longest ceremony in the history of the world were all thrown in to add to the excitement.

Special thanks to Jeremy and Rolf for organising the change of venue, the Lions Club for lending their BBQ at the last minute and to Kris, Chris, Laurelle, Jack, Max, George, Bob Aston, Angie and Bob Antill who all put service above self.

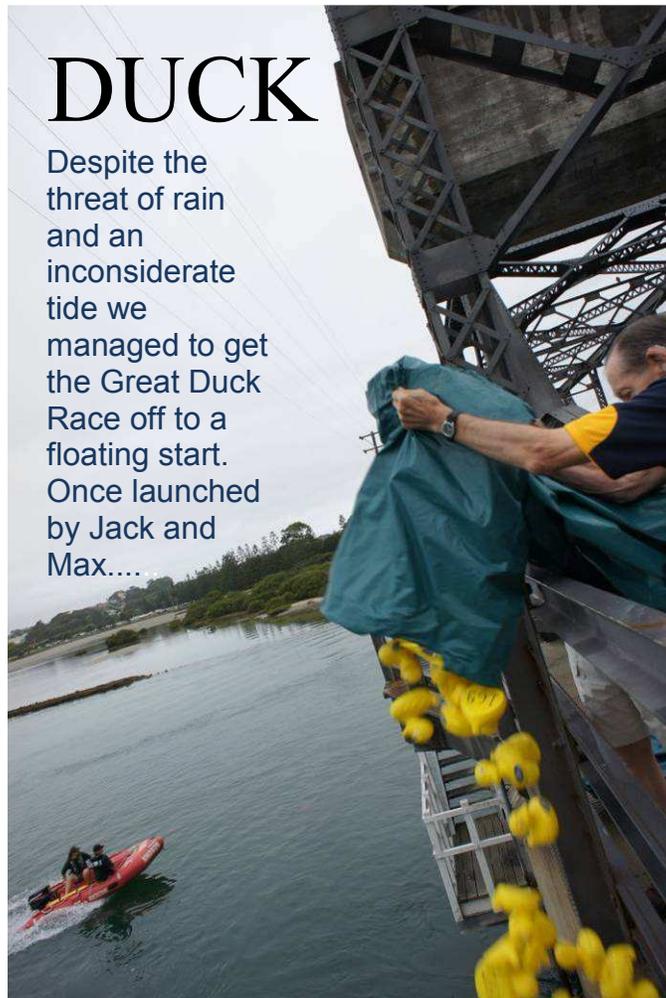
This followed a very successful the Markets on the previous Sunday.

All should be proud of your efforts.

Much money was raised for flood relief and a final amount will be announced next week.

DUCK

Despite the threat of rain and an inconsiderate tide we managed to get the Great Duck Race off to a floating start. Once launched by Jack and Max....



...the Ducks took off as if they each thought the first prize was theirs. Many thanks to Geoff and the boys from VRA Marine Rescue, Merinda and Josh and Pres Bob for their outstanding help. And to Jack for all his hard work in making this happen and to Max for assisting.

TONIGHT: welcome back

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

Many happy returns to Maureen Young whose birthday is celebrated today 3rd Feb.

COMING EVENTS

10 th February	TBA
17 th February	Youth Night
24 th February	Board Meeting and Bike-a-thon final preparation
27 th February	BIKE-A-THON
3 rd March	
10 th March	Bega club TBC
17 th March	
23 rd March	CINDERS at Bodalla (Bring partners & Brains Trust)
31 st March	

TASK	3 rd February	10 th February	17 th February
Cashier	Kris	George	Jeremy
3-minute talk		John	Laurelle
Wheel	Chris	Rolf	George

INTERNATIONAL TOAST:
RC Montague, California, Dist 5110
Chartered 1949, 14 Members.

Meet Tuesday 7pm at the Montague Community Centre

“Don’t let people without a life dictate how you should live yours.”

Kevin Bloody Wilson

Short words from bob ant

At the District Conference we were introduced to a Kiwi, Stuart Heal. Stuart is a Rotary International Director and is pictured, larger than life on the current cover of Rotary Down Under with President Ray Klingensmith.

He is a brilliant speaker, very passionate about Rotary and opinionated about the direction in which we should be heading. One of the changes he believes should be - that of rewarding SERVICE and not ATTENDENCE. I support this 100 per cent and look forward to this and other ideas that Stuart has to offer. I raise this as we return from the Christmas break. We had a break from our regular meetings but not from our service commitments.

During this time we had two huge markets and two activities on Australia Day. Planning for the Bike-a-thon in a few weeks and selling tickets for the Duck Race. Publicity for the Newspaper and finalising the Scholarship winner.

These things don't just happen by themselves, they happen through dedicated service from members and family and friends working for the common cause... ROTARY and our local and worldwide community.

January also had some social meetings at Malabu Mex and my place. Thanks to all who bought food along and to my hard working, wonderful wife Merinda for making it all possible.

Most of all my thanks to YOU the members of our CLUB and to FAMILY and FRIENDS. With team work and going that extra mile, we achieve much and, I hope, have fun along the way.

We need extra team members to help share the load. During the next few months let us all try and assist Terry in bring in some new Narooma Rotarians

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STOP PRESS....

A distinguished young woman on a flight from Ireland asked the Priest
> beside her, "Father, may I ask a favor?"
"Of course my child. What
> may I do for you?"
> "Well, I bought an expensive woman's electronic hair dryer for my
> mother's birthday that is unopened and well over the Customs limits, and
> I'm afraid they'll confiscate it. Is there any way you could carry it
> through Customs for me? Under your robes perhaps?"
> The priest answered: "I would love to help you, dear, but I must warn
> you: I will not lie." "With your honest face, Father, no one will question
> you"
> When they got to Customs, she let the priest go ahead of her.
> The official asked, "Father, do you have anything to declare?"
> "From the top of my head down to my waist, I have nothing to declare."
> The official thought this answer strange, so asked, "And what do you
> have to declare from your waist to the floor?"
> "I have a marvelous instrument designed to be used on a woman, but which
> is, to date, unused."
> Roaring with laughter, the official said, "Go ahead, Father. Next!"



Max and Jack about so free the little ducks ... well chuck 'em off the bridge!



Laurelle forwarded this story on Scott Ferguson and the Rotary Youth Leadership Conference.

In two weeks we will be having a Youth Night to catch up with our Scholarship winners and for them to catch up with us.

Our Youth programs are the envy of many and something we should all be proud of.

I had great pleasure in announcing Tilly Wood as this years' Scholarship winner on Australia Day.

Bob Ant

Young Leaders Ready to Take On the World

Narooma resident Scott Ferguson has returned from a Rotary Youth leadership conference ready to take on the world.

Scott was chosen as a mentor for the weeklong conference after receiving the Rotary Youth Leadership Award last year.

RYLA was hosted by the Rotary Clubs of District 9710 which takes in participants from Canberra to Wollongong.

All 22 participants were selected as a young people with leadership qualities and potential by Rotary Clubs across the district. Scott was given the honour of leading a group of 5 participants to actively discuss the program and learning outcomes.

While stopping short of actually making plans to take over the world, the program gave all 22 participants, and their 5 mentors, an opportunity to harness their potential, explore their leadership abilities and see how they can use their skills in the real world.

RYLA is for young people aged 18 to 25 years and is made up of three principal components; Understanding Yourself, Working in Your Community, and Leadership in the Wider World.

The six-day residential program included workshops, seminars and presentations from motivational speakers and industry leaders.

Participants heard from politicians, refugees and volunteers about how they can make a difference in the world.

“Participants come from all works of life, have varying levels of education but all have one thing in common – they have the potential to be leaders,” RYLA Committee Chair Vic Gibbons said.

“With their new skills in conflict resolution, management styles and a deeper understanding of world issues, they are ready to take their careers and dreams to new heights.”