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Apologies and additional guests to Rolf Gimmel the Tuesday before the meeting on 44762274 or email

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OR you will be charged for your meal.

Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin





BOARD REPORT

This is a summary of deliberations of the Board which met on 31st March, 2011.

The Board voted on disbursements to be made from the Bike-a-thon, resolving to donate \$2,000 to the Shared Pathway Committee to go towards completion of the pathway/cycleway, \$1,000 to the VRA and \$500 to St John Ambulance.

The contribution of \$260 to make up the total cost of transporting students of NHS to RYDA (\$660) was approved.

A donation of \$340 to Bodalla Public School was made to partly meet the cost of transporting students to Narooma for swimming lessons.

Requests for individuals to be financially assisted were received.

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RYDA and ME

"It hasn't put me off wanting to drive but I'll certainly think about it before I get behind the wheel". A very positive reaction to RYDA from two Yr 11 Students from Narooma High School, who, last Thursday night shared their view on RYDA.

Daniel Simpson and Conor Atkins were part of the contingent of NHS students who travelled to Moruya for RYDA. Daniel and Conor both felt that the experience was a worthwhile step in their driver education and really enjoyed the hands on activities.

It was a pleasure to have these fine young people attend our meeting and speak openly about RYDA and other youth week events.

Both are pictured above with President Bob (who remembers when they were shorter than him)!!

SHELTER BOX
AT THE
MARKETS
NEXT WEEK

TONIGHT:

Club fellowship and assembly

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

Ian Thomlinson will celebrate his birthday on Monday 18th and on the 20th Bob and Therese Aston will celebrate their wedding anniversary.

Our best wishes to all ☺

COMING EVENTS

21 st April	St John Ambo Ray Johnston		
24 th April	MARKETS		
28 th April	Combined with Bega at Bermagui – Terry to supply map!!		
5 th May	TBA		
12 th May	Oyster Festival planning		
13 th 14 th May	OYSTER FESTIVAL - Van		
15 th May	OYSTER FESTIVAL – Van and Parade		
19 th May	Board Meeting and Oyster Festival de-brief		
22 nd May	MARKETS		
26 th May	TBA		

TASK	14 th April	21 st April	28 th April
Cashier	Jeremy Ferguson	Bob Aston	Combined
3-minute talk	Angie Ulrichsen	Chris O'Brien	Meeting at
Wheel	Laurelle Pacey	John Messner	Bermagui

INTERNATIONAL TOAST:

Rotary Club of Whitehorse in District 5020 Yukon Territory, Canada. They were chartered in 1969, have 37 members and meet on Friday at 1210 pm at the Westmark Hotel.

"To say what you mean ...or mean what you say – that's the same thing"

Lewis Carroll

Short words from bob ant

Bob Aston advised us of the passing of his mother in Grenfell earlier in the week.
Our thoughts and support go out to Bob,
Therese, Jenni and Clare at this time.

Easter Markets should be a big one for us and also a chance to showcase one of our best projects in the ShelterBox. Fred Faulk is kindly bringing one down to set up at the markets.

Please tell all your friends and neighbours that it will be there and hopefully we will have a vibrant display and a chance to let more people know about Rotary's wonderful work.

On page four Ian has provided the report from the BAAS Educational Trust School in India in which we have been involved through a matching grant. This is a wonderful project and if you would like a full copy either Ian or myself can send you one, just ask, or check out their web site. See you Thursday
Bob ant 0400104731

STOP PRESS....

"A house hit my car" is another strange but true insurance claim. The prefabricated house was being moved by a lorry when it fell off and crushed the car.

Police suspected a black bear of stealing a car in New Jersey, USA. The window and door of the car were damaged, the handbrake had been released and the car ended up 15 metres or so from the owner's house. The damage and, most tellingly, being fur inside the car pointed to the chief suspect. Board report continued from page 1...

Both were declined because they were deemed outside our operational areas. Further discussions regarding other ways to assist one of the applicants are currently underway.

The Animal Welfare League (Eurobodalla) has been writing to Council about the state of the fence around NATA Oval. Having had no response they copied their correspondence to us, believing we might have influence with Council on this matter of common interest. Director Laurelle Pacey has this in hand.

Sunday 17th April was fixed as the date for this year's Buckeridge Lookout working bee. NHS has been approached regarding the RYPEN weekend 13-15th May. A date early in June is to be set for the Pride of Workmanship Awards

Applications for leave by Terry Irvine (17^{th} March -28^{th} April) and Ian Thomlinson (21^{st} April -9^{th} June) were approved.

And the appointment of Jack Wightman as Secretary was endorsed (Merinda Antill to take the minutes of Board meetings).



Big days for the children and teachers alike are the sports-days and celebration days. In addition to normal running, jumping and tugging we have funny races like the shopping race where the tracks are littered with articles that have to be picked up and put into the shopping bag. See pg 4

ANNUAL REPORT 2010/11 – BAAS EDUCATIONAL TRUST SCHOOL Full details are on our website - www.betsinfo.org

We warmly welcome the opportunity to bring our supporters up to date with progress at this school.

GENERAL

By and large it has been a very good year. We had 290 children registered in seven classes and increased our number of teachers to eleven, with seven class teachers, the head and three specialists for music art and sport.



Village India – the view over the school wall

We continued the Montessori training program and now have three teachers properly qualified. This is vital for the school's success. The children, being illiterate offspring of illiterate parents, they need the best possible early jolt to set them off along the paths of wider learning. They have Hindu mums at home and "English" mums at school, and the latter have three years to give the children enough fluency in English to attack the English Primary curriculum confidently. Furthermore, the Montessori method takes them away from the blackboard and fills them with active curiosity and a sense of fun. The teachers who have not been used to such freedom now love it and the enthusiastic way in which the children respond.

We measure our success on the volume of noise to be heard.

We consolidated the iDiscoveri system of teaching in the Primary School which sets the curriculum through work books. You work your way through the day-work books and you have covered the prescribed ground, without teachers battling with timetables, or wondering what to say. The coverage is agreeably broad, spanning health, hygiene, science, nature, history, geography, maths etc.