

Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin



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Apologies
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OR you will
be charged
for your meal.



A very small part of our surrounding bush is State Forest, and only a small part of that is logged, according to Forestry spokesman Julian Armstrong who was our guest speaker last Thursday evening. Julian enlightened us with facts, figures and great slides of the processes that State Forest go through before logging is permitted.



Being responsible for an area stretching from Nowra, in the North, to the Victorian border, Julian has a large patch to cover. Many questions flowed from the members and each was carefully thought of, thank you to all who participated.

Photos: Charmaine thanks Julian; an Owl ; Julian explaining forestry areas ; an escarpment



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TONIGHT:

Combined board meeting – Lewis Robinson

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:
None this week

COMING EVENTS

26 th June	Markets
30 th June	Jack Wightman – the Convention
7 th July	Change Over – Welcome President John.
10 th July	Ringlands Walk and BBQ – Bring serious tools!!!!
14 th July	
21 st July	
24 th July	Markets
28 th July	
4 th August	
11 th August	
18 th August	

TASK	23rd June	30th June
Cashier	Charmaine White	John Messner
3-minute talk	Jeremy Ferguson	George Barker
Wheel	Laurelle Pacey	Chris O'Brien

INTERNATIONAL TOAST:

Rotary Club of Timor Lorosa'e in Timor Leste. D9550
They were chartered in 2002, have just 8 members and
Meet for dinner on Thursdays at 7.00pm at the Hotel Timor.

“It seems that often when problems arise, our outlook
becomes narrow”

The 14th Dali Lama

Short words from bob ant

As the end of my time as President is very near, it is time to thank everyone who has helped and guided me. Although I may not achieved everything I thought I could have, I'm pleased with the outcomes I have achieved.

Jack, Ian and George have offered wise words and help at the right time. Laurelle and John - great debate which has helped me find a position.

And to all other members and Merinda I say thank you and I look forward to serving John during the next twelve months.

See you Thursday - bob ant.

Sun 10 July Ringlands Rotary
Walk cleanup BBQ lunch provided by Rotary

Leader/s Narooma Rotary Club

Grade Bring gardening gloves / tools

Depart 9.00 AM Ringlands BBQ
area Ringlands Point

PROGRESS WITH POLIO ERADICATION

Bill Gates spoke at length at the Convention in New Orleans, basically to praise Rotary for its continued success in the effort to eradicate polio and to urge Rotarians to redouble their efforts to keep the disease from spreading. Against the Gates Foundation's grant of US\$355m and the challenge to Rotary to raise US\$200m, Rotarians have so far raised \$173.2m.

Besides the polio-endemic countries where transmission of the wild poliovirus has not been stopped – India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria – there are three African countries where the transmission of the virus is active and persistent following importation (no doubt from Nigeria) – Angola, Chad and DR Congo. In addition, there are several other countries bordering Afghanistan and surrounding Nigeria that have experienced outbreaks of the disease, mainly Tajikistan and the Congo. Nevertheless good progress has been made. Cases this year to date (YTD) were down to 54 in the four endemic countries including only 4 in Afghanistan and 1 in India. Very few cases were reported YTD where there have been outbreaks (10 in six countries), but considerable numbers are occurring in the countries with re-established transmission – Chad and DR Congo particularly.

Obviously it is difficult to control and eliminate the disease, however we are “this close ...” and the need for more work and more commitment was certainly emphasised at the Convention. It is not just Rotary that is involved, of course – nor is it just Rotary that needs to put more money into it. Worldwide the effort is coordinated by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) headed by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and including UNICEF and the US Centre for Disease Control (CDC) as well as Rotary International. The GPEI is financed for 2011-12 by governments (predominantly India) as well as the Gates Foundation, the US CDC and RI, and has a budget of US\$1.87billion, yet there is a funding gap of US\$665m to make up. Increased financial support is urgently needed from the international donor community and national governments to finally rid the world of polio.

Rotary's financial contribution is augmented by the enormous effort on the ground by clubs and individual Rotarians involved in immunisation activities in the affected countries, as well as the pressure for greater effort and finance put on government authorities by RI at a higher level. Together with our GPEI partners we aim to END POLIO NOW.

I am just writing to give you an update of how things have been going at University in Sydney so far this year. The start of the semester was pretty busy with orientation week at my residential college getting to know everyone. I've settled in really well at both college and university and have made a great group of friends. My Town Planning course has been very interesting with a variety of different subjects ranging from environmental studies to urban design and sociological studies. One of my major assessments this semester involved planning a coastal city of 100, 000 people with a group of five other students. I found it interesting as we were asked to plan the city from scratch which included researching topics such as public services, urban design and demographics, tourism, transport, energy systems and policy making. It was quite challenging but a very fun and relevant first assignment. I'm currently in my exam period so have been busy studying and will continue to do so for the next couple of weeks. Unfortunately, each of my three exams are spread out and fall on either a Thursday or Friday for the next three weeks so I will be unable to attend a Rotary meeting in this time. Some of my close friends from Basser College, where I have been living in Sydney, live on the North Coast and in Queensland, so a number of us have planned to travel up and visit each of them during the holiday period. I'm sorry but this means I will not be able to attend a Rotary meeting at the moment. I don't own a car but if I am able to make it down at any stage soon I will contact you to let you know. If you have any questions concerning my course or progress at University please contact me. I have attached a photo of my first day at Basser College. Hope you are well, please pass on my regards to fellow Rotary members,

Yours Faithfully,
Alice Hanigan

