



Welcome to the end of my Year as President and **THANKYOU** one and all for your support.

Looking back to my introduction speech I have achieved most of what I set out to do. Our Club is still small but we are powered by our incredible energy, glued by our common goals and respected by the communities which we serve.

We are unique individuals who are joined to other like-minded individuals around the Nation and the entire Globe. To have been the President of a Club attached to such an amazing organisation is not only a privilege but an eye opener to how much work goes into the running of Rotary.

Any club or organisation is powered by the hard work of its members. The President is only the figurehead, who tries to ensure that each member has what they need to do the job at hand, to deal with problems as they arise and to represent the members as the public face of the club. I hope I have served you well with these tasks and I look forward to not seeing my face in the paper.

Most of all **THANKYOU** to all of you and your partners and families who are ROTARY. Your efforts have made it possible for us to donate to people in need. We have supported our community through the VRA and others. Helped give new drivers more knowledge as they take to our roads. Funded Scholarships for our High School leavers as they go on to higher studies and given other students a chance to learn new skills.

My biggest thanks goes to Merinda, my wonderful, supportive wife.

I welcome John as 54<sup>th</sup> President of the fantastic Rotary Club of Narooma.



# DISBURSEMENTS

## 2010/11 SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT DISBURSEMENTS

### Tertiary Scholarships

Liam Phelps	\$3,000
Heather Gow- Carey	\$3,000
Alice Hanigan	<u>\$1,500</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>

## 2011/11 CHARITY ACCOUNT DISBURSEMENTS

### Community

Aust. Medic Alert	\$100	
Aust. Rotary Health		\$1,500
Bowelscan (from sale of kits)		\$3,530
D-K-N Cycleway	\$2,250	
Narooma Blue Water Dragons	\$319	
Narooma High School P&C		\$360
Narooma VRA (for Stabfast)		\$3,500
QLD Flood Appeal		\$2,000
Schools:		
Bodalla		\$500
Narooma High	\$500	
Narooma Public	\$500	
Tilba	\$500	
Snowy Hydro SouthCare	\$250	
St John Ambulance		<u>\$500</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,309</b>	

### New Generations

Bodalla Primary (student transport)	\$340	
Narooma High (Citizen Award)	\$60	
RYDA transport	\$330	
RYPEN (5 students)		<u>\$780</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,510</b>	

### Foundation

Rotary Foundation Trust	\$1,511	
TRF (End polio Appeal)	<u>\$675</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,186</b>	

### International

Asha Foundation (Nepal)	\$500	
Bega Advocates for Timor	\$500	
BAAS Educational Trust - India	\$1,000	
ShelterBox Australia	<u>\$3,000</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	

**GRAND TOTAL \$25,005**

NOTE: The audited accounts for Rotary Year 2010-2011 will be available prior to the AGM to be held in December 2011.



## Travelling Rotarians

As a club we went to Moruya to defend our Cinders trophy (but were NSW on the day). Our joint meeting with Bega was held in Bermagui and much thanks goes to Terry and Annette for not only organising but hosting pre dinner drinks in their wonderful house... we nearly didn't make the function!

Merinda joined with me, Ian and Micki, Kevin and Maureen at the District Conference in Nowra and John and Jack attended the District Assembly.

Jeremy and Heather, Max and Pat, Laurelle and Steve met up with Ted and Sam and formed a one night satellite club out in the Mulga while Jack headed off to the International Conference in New Orleans. Rolf to Switzerland, Laurelle to Paris, Ian to North Africa, Spain and France, Terry at sea and Angie to Bali. And I'm sure Jeremy slipped away somewhere as well... I went to Dalmeny by bus!

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**\$2,000**

With your hard work and help from some little Ducks we have been able to donate \$2,000 to the Rotary District appeal to help the Flood Victims.

It seems that there is a natural disaster around this time each year and we then roll up our sleeves and go to work.

This year our efforts have directly gone to helping fellow Aussies. Well done.

**MOVIE NIGHT – WEDNESDAY 23 FEBRUARY**  
Tickets now available for \$20 which includes movie, pizza and wine/soft drink.  
Time: 6.30 for 6.45pm (pizza)  
Movie starts at 7.20 pm sharp  
**ALL PROCEEDS TO POLIO PLUS**  
Contact Vere or Gary on 44713468 Batemans Bay Rotary

**BIKE-A-THON**  
This will be a huge day for us on the 27<sup>th</sup>  
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**TONIGHT:** Mystery guest speaker!

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With the world at their feet

A helping hand from us ... our Scholarship winners are off to conquer the World.

Last week our Scholarship winners came and dined with us and reported on their progress. From the 'almost finished' to the 'about to start', they each presented a small talk on what they have achieved and where they are going from here. ... on page 4

Tonight is a bit different. We are having finger food with the volunteers who are going to help us on Sunday at the Bike-a-thon and Markets... our Board meeting will follow.

**TONIGHT:** Board Meeting and Bike-a-thon final preparation

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**THANK YOU THANK YOU ALL**  
Our Bike-A-Thon might not have attracted more entrants, but thanks to the hard work and dedication of our team, it was a great event that will grow.

Thank you firstly to Bob Askin, Jack and Laurele for their huge effort in organising the event, publicity and the Council. Bob trialed the helpers last Thursday night and made sure we didn't have any problems. The event ran like clockwork with the help of our members, VRA, Cycle way committee and St John Ambulance and friends of Rotary, such as Lyn Harrington and Marina.

As well as the event, we also had the Markets. Jeremy, Kris, Laurele, Angie, Tony, George and John helped man the Van. Chris for getting the Marketbooth booked in, plan made etc. Everyone worked to make this a successful day. I thank you and hope I haven't left anyone out.

**TONIGHT:** Chamaïne White, Dentist – who also helped us @

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## Youth Service (New Generations)

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) – Scott Ferguson went as a mentor this year.

Jessica Reid, Nicholas Cowley and Jessie Richardson from Narooma High had a great time at RYPEN in September 2010.

Tilley Wood won the Rotary Art Award and Rachael Wright the Rotary Club of Narooma Citizenship Award at the Narooma High Awards Night. Tilley went on to be named our Scholarship winner at the Australia Day celebrations.

In February all our Scholarship winners joined us before heading off to conquer the World. Liam Phelps and Heather Gow-Carey in their final year. Alice Hanigan (1st Year UNSW) and Tilley Wood 2012.

RYDA was very successful at Moruya showing our year 11 students the responsibilities that go with driving. Not just an enjoyable day, but a great practicable education lesson for all new drivers.

We have received an application for the National Youth Science Forum. RYPEN weekend camp at Mogo in May had great praise for the work of ADG Maureen Manning and her crew from Narooma High students Megan Creed and Jake Saly who benefited greatly from the experience. Exchange Student Tim Dunkelberg will be joining us from Germany very soon. We are looking forward to his visit which will happen through President John's year.

My thanks to Laurelle and Angie for all their work on our Youth Projects and to Laurelle for her work in PR – getting us out there is very important and Laurelle succeeds.

And to Chris O'Brien for co-ordinating the Markets – fantastic as always!

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**A SMALL BUT HAPPY TEAM GETS US READY**

The sun was shining on Saturday afternoon at East's Van Park as a small group attacked the van to give a pro-Oyster Festival clean.

Rotarians Chris O'Brien, Kris Elphick, Angie Undrussen and Chamaïne White joined with President Bob to become 'grime fighters'!

This Friday night, Saturday and Sunday will be huge and all hands will need to be on deck.

The Oyster Festival is now our biggest chance to raise funds and hopefully the 'weather gods' will smile on us and the organisers.

See page 4 for a Roster and work out which spaces you can fill and if you know any others who can join us.

**I support Hot Day for Medical Research**

**NEXT THURSDAY IS A PARTNERS NIGHT AND YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR A HAT. THERE WILL BE PRIZES AND YOU MIGHT LIKE TO GET SPONSORS!! FOR A GREAT CAUSE**

**TONIGHT:** Oyster Festival planning

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**We're Back...Welcome to 2011**

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 Roll 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 Askin, Angie and Bob Antill who all put service above self. This followed a very successful Markets on the previous Sunday.

All should be proud of your efforts.

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

**TONIGHT:** welcome back

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## INTERNATIONAL REPORT

Rotary Club of Narooma. International report for 2010-2011  
We continued the tradition of each week toasting an overseas club as a way of reminding ourselves of the breadth of Rotary involvement and activity throughout the world.

The initial focus was to trace the clubs in all countries bordering the Pacific rim from the Americas across to Eastern Russia and south to our near Asian neighbours. Later in the year it was fascinating to toast and learn of the many clubs in remote areas of the sub continent and into countries like Georgia, Kurdistan and Bulgaria...regions where one would not expect to find a Rotary club.

Our contact was maintained with the BAAS Educational Trust school in a remote farming area south of Delhi in India. After an initial donation to the new privately run school in 2007 we followed up with a Matching Grant (with the RC of New Delhi Garden City). The school continues to grow with careful planning of facilities and staffing to meet the local demand. This year we have supported them with a donation of A\$1000 for further text books and material for a learning program called iDiscover.

The Dharmik School in Nepal, a RAWCS project, has been supported by his club previously and we again donated a sum of \$500 to them. The Club is delighted that our Rotarian Charmaine White, a dental surgeon will be part of a team providing dental services and care at a special clinic at the school later this year.

We have been great supporters of the ShelterBox program in past years and our efforts and local publicity this year have resulted in 4 units being purchased. One ShelterBox was purchased through club fundraising and another was the result of a very generous personal donation from our own Rotarian Angie Ulrichsen. A further box was funded after a wonderful effort by the children and families of the Narooma Primary School. The fourth box was very kindly funded by the local Lions Club. Local support for this program was without doubt inspired by the publicity provided via Laurelle Pacey, and the demand the demo ShelterBox brought to our markets by Dist. Coordinator Fred Fawke.

A worthwhile project in Timor L'este was brought to our attention by a member of the Bega Valley Advocates for Timor L'este, Mrs Betty Craze. She has travelled into the back country of Timor to assist with health clinics and told us of the need for a small solar system being planned to provide power for a village. Our donation of A\$500 will be a significant contribution in bringing this to reality.

Ian Thomlinson  
International Service

## Community Service

Again Bowelscan was a successful project thanks mainly to the hard work of Max.

Australia Day BBQ for the Shire (sorry about the smoke alarm), Re-signing Buckeridge Lookout, Carols by Candle Light with the Van.

## Fundraising

Bob Aston organised the Bike-athon which was well supported and praised by the small numbers of people who participated. A serious review of the concept will be undertaken by the new board.

Duck race was a great fundraiser which contributed to the district appeal for the Qld Flood relief.

Oyster festival saw a small group of hard working members and friends run the van Friday night, Saturday and Sunday make a valuable contribution to our fundraising.

See Ian's International Report on left for a detailed explanation of our contributions.

Combined with our regular Markets we have been able to actively support QLD Floods, Shelter box, Mental Health Research, Polio Plus (polio eradication) and BAAS Education Trust School and Dharmik School in Nepal.

Locally the Cycleway, VRA and local Schools.