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Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin



Across the Board:

A report to members from last week's Board Meeting

BowelCare (the new name for Bowelscan) is running until 31st March and sampled kits have to be returned to pharmacies by 14th April.

Terry Irvine reported having attended a Pharmacy Conference recently where another method of screening for bowel cancer was discussed – BowelScreen run by Bowel Cancer Australia. It is superior to BowelCare in that it is more accurate in identifying the development of cancer and is simpler to use although it is more expensive. On the question of whether we should continue to be involved with BowelCare in future, it was agreed that we should raise our concern with the coordinator of BowelCare (which operates in the Rotary Districts in and around Sydney as well as our District), and if warranted, take it further to Australian Rotary Health.

Bob Antill is coordinating the Mental Health First Aid Workshop we are holding on the weekend 19-20th May. The facilitator selected by Australian Rotary Health to run the program is Fay Jackson who presented the Mental Health Forums we ran in 2009 for Narooma High School and the community.

In reviewing the weekly program for April culminating in the Cinders Trophy competition with the Rotary Club of Moruya, President John stated that a good turnout of members, partners and friends for Cinders is essential. Moruya took the trophy last year and we must win it back.

The monthly market is getting smaller and the financial return to the club is consequently diminishing. In an endeavour to turn this around President John will be appointing a group of members to review the situation and bring forward recommendations.

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TONIGHT

Mark Jolly – The latest on defibrillators
PARTNER'S NIGHT

COMING EVENTS

29 March	Mark Jolly – The latest on defibrillators PARTNER'S NIGHT
5 April	Club night, Rotary Quiz (suggested reading-- RDU magazine ,March issue)
12 April	Dr Jenny Wray – Special Event PARTNER'S NIGHT
19 April	Board Meeting
26 April	Cinders vs. Moruya RC. PARTNER'S NIGHT

TASK	29 March	5 April	12 April
Cashier	Bob Aston	Lin Morey	Terry Ivirne
3-minute talk	John Rungen	Bob Aston	Lin Morey
Wheel	Ian Thomlinson	John Rungen	Bob Aston

Across the Board (Cont)

Fundraising to End Polio Now has been delayed pending supply of Safe Moneyboxes to be bought for \$2 and sold for \$10 - a Rotary Club of Milton-Ulladulla project that is endorsed by District 9710. Charmaine White introduced the idea of a Garden Gnome event to raise funds for polio eradication. The Rotary Club of Canberra East did this successfully at Floriade, selling hundreds of gnomes. The Board agreed that the feasibility of doing this next year at the Tilba Festival and Oyster Festival be investigated.

In relation to the club's application for a site at the Oyster Festival a donation of \$200 was approved.

There was some discussion about signs to promote membership of the club. Enquiries will be made to ascertain the likelihood of Council approving the erection of signs at designated places in the town.

RYDA, the driver safety program run for high school students, is being conducted at Moruya on 3rd and 4th April. Angie Ulrichsen, Chris O'Brien and Bob Antill will be there to help. The transport of students from Narooma High School will be funded by the club.

A decision was made regarding the purchase of a new barbecue which will be in our possession next week. Old Smokey will be kept in reserve.

A vote of appreciation to Jeremy Ferguson was passed to acknowledge his fine work in restoring the knobbed wooden mace belonging to the club.

Notice of absence from meetings was received from Terry Irvine (22 March to 26 April), Laurelle Pacey (26 April to 14 June), and Jeremy Ferguson (29 March to 22 June).

A Message from Phil Armstrong

I take this opportunity to remind all Clubs that District Assembly is scheduled for 21 & 22 April and that Club Assembly is a great resource to expand Rotary knowledge as well as provide, hopefully, some guidance and learning for incoming Boards for 2012-13.

Where: To be held at the Canberra College in Phillip in the ACT.

When: To commence at 9.00am on Saturday 21 April with focus talks on Rotary programs.

Assembly to commence at 12.40pm following lunch at 12.00 noon

Assembly is scheduled to conclude on Sunday 22 April at 1.00pm followed by a light lunch

Dinner: A dinner is organised for Saturday night 21 April and will be held at the Southern Cross Club – cost \$42 p.p.

While the program is not yet finalised some important presentations include Insurance and the responsibilities of Club Boards in relation to Insurance, planning through Visioning, E Club opportunities, Foundation Future Vision, and Child Protection requirements.

Assembly is not just for incoming Boards but hopefully all Rotarians, and especially new Rotarians, will gain something from attendance at District Assembly and therefore I would encourage Members of your Club to register. Registration should be available shortly and can be made through the District website. Assembly is also an opportunity to mix with other Rotarians from around the District and exchange ideas or just meet new friends or in fact to catch up with old ones. Hopefully it is also an opportunity for me to meet many more Rotarians from around District 9710 and to share Rotary International President Elect Tanaka's theme for 2012-13 of "Peace Through Service".

I look forward to catching up with as many of you as I can at District Assembly on 21 & 22 April and if you have any questions or require further information please contact either myself or District Trainer PDG Bernie Rodgers.

Rotary clubs have water projects on tap

Rotary International News -- 22 March 2012

Villages in four regions of Ghana are being equipped with ventilated pit latrines, showers, and boreholes featuring hand pumps and mechanized pipes through the efforts of dozens of Rotary clubs in Latin America, North America, and Ghana.

The effort is part of the The International H2O Collaboration, an alliance between Rotary International and USAID, a centerpiece of Rotary's emphasis on water and sanitation issues. Launched in 2009, the alliance works to implement long-term, sustainable water, sanitation, and hygiene projects in the developing world. The first phase of the partnership has focused on three countries: Ghana, the

Philippines, and the Dominican Republic.

In 2011, The Rotary Foundation also established a strategic partnership with UNESCO-IHE, a United Nations institute in The Netherlands that is the world's largest postgraduate water education facility. The Rotary Foundation will provide grants to Rotary clubs and districts to select and sponsor eight students each year for scholarships leading to master's degrees in specified program areas.

Collaboration is key if Rotary is to help the world achieve the water and sanitation improvements called for in the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, said Ron Denham, chair of the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group and a member of the Rotary-USAID Steering Committee.

"We realize that the challenge of meeting the development goals is something that no organization can achieve on its own," Denham said. "Not even Rotary, with its 34,000 clubs and over 1.2 million members. To be successful we need leverage, the leverage that comes from collaboration with others who share our goals."

To draw attention to the need for action, the United Nations has designated 22 March as World Water Day. Each year since 1993, it has selected a different theme. This year's summit addresses the connection between hunger and water resources. The number of people in the world living in chronic hunger puts an additional strain on the supply of water. Learn more about World Water Day events.

Rotarians are engaged in many water and sanitation projects year-round. Here's a sampling:

- In Uganda, a very successful relationship between World Vision and the Rotary club of Gulu is improving the lives of up to 50,000 villagers through a joint bore-hole and behavior change program.
- Rotarians in District 5420 (Utah, USA) are working with Rotarians in Colombia and Ecuador on a series of global grant projects to build bathrooms for schools, provide clean drinking water, and teach students better hygiene practices. They also have reached out to the general public through billboard, radio, and television public service announcements.
- The Rotary club of La Molina Vieja, Peru, supported by The Rotary Foundation, embarked on a program to help local Indian villagers build, install, operate, and maintain a bio-sand filter program. The program has benefited from the help of a local NGO and technical support from the Center for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology in Calgary, Canada.
- In Lima, Peru, Rotarians with support from the Foundation have provided water filters to 5,000 families living along the Rimac River, which is polluted with high levels of cadmium, copper, lead, zinc, and arsenic. See the video *Doing Good: Providing Clean Water*.
- In Ghana, a coalition of more than eighty clubs from the U.S., Canada, and Switzerland, together with the host clubs of Sunyani Central, Tamale, and Bolgatanga Goodwill, Ghana, have drilled boreholes, repaired wells, and installed water systems in remote areas. Rotarians have also played an instrumental role in eradicating Guinea Worm Disease in the country. Read more in Rotary Voices.

The Week that was!

It was a fairly quite meeting with lots of discussion about the future of the markets – this was further discussed at the board meeting – see above for more details.

Some Humour!

The Big Flood

It had been raining for days and days, and a terrible flood had come over the land. The waters rose so high that one man was forced to climb onto the roof of his house.

As the waters rose higher and higher, a man in a rowboat appeared, and told him to get in. "No," replied the man on the roof. "I have faith in the Lord; the Lord will save me." So the man in the rowboat went away. The man on the roof prayed for God to save him.

The waters rose higher and higher, and suddenly a speedboat appeared. "Climb in!" shouted a man in the boat. "No," replied the man on the roof. "I have faith in the Lord; the Lord will save me." So the man in the speedboat went away. The man on the roof prayed for God to save him.

The waters continued to rise. A helicopter appeared and over the loudspeaker, the pilot announced he would lower a rope to the man on the roof. "No," replied the man on the roof. "I have faith in the Lord; the Lord will save me." So the helicopter went away. The man on the roof prayed for God to save him.

The waters rose higher and higher, and eventually they rose so high that the man on the roof was washed away, and alas, the poor man drowned.

Upon arriving in heaven, the man marched straight over to God. "Heavenly Father," he said, "I had faith in you, I prayed to you to save me, and yet you did nothing. Why?" God gave him a puzzled look, and replied "I sent you two boats and a helicopter, what more did you expect?"



**You want to give ME a breath
test, but not THAT guy?!**