

# ROTARY CLUB OF NAROOMA INC

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THE PRESIDENT WRITES

### *The Passing of Max Reid*

As most of you would now know Max Reid passed away at home on Saturday evening (12 May). Max had been fighting a major illness for some time, and over the past 12 months had been unable to fully involve himself in Club activities. However, Max was Tim's Counsellor and was still actively carrying out those duties via the phone, emails and one-on-one meetings. He was a good neighbour, friend and Rotarian.

His funeral will likely be held on Thursday (17 May) at Broulee. I will keep you informed of the details.

### *Next Week - Presentation by CEO of Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)*

AMSA is the national agency responsible for maritime safety, protection of the maritime environment, and maritime and aviation search and rescue. They inspect ships all around Australia, issue qualifications to mariners, provide search and rescue services, maintain aids to navigation including lighthouses from the very modern to the historic, and in the event of an ocean pollution incident, clear up the mess.

AMSA's work has a big impact at the local level on the far South Coast including here, at Narooma. Their pollution response and shipping inspections help to ensure safe shipping and to keep the marine wildlife in our oceans healthy and free from pollution.

Invitations have been extended to a number of local groups who have an interest in maritime safety. This is a partner's night and an invitation is extended to your friends and business associates.

### Emergency Response

- 700 searches annually
- 818 people rescued at sea and on land last year
- Typically 40 incidents a weekend
- AMSA registered 230,000 406 MHz distress beacons
- 24/7 operation



Montara  
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Rig

Timor Sea  
2009

## **Tonight**

Joint Board meeting outgoing / incoming boards

## **Coming Events**

- 17 May Joint Board meeting outgoing / incoming boards
- 24 May Graham Peachey, Australian Maritime Safety Authority. Open meeting, prospective new member night
- 27 May Narooma Rotary Market
- 31 May TBC

## **The week that was**

The Editor was away and as such there is no report from last week's meeting. I am sure that Tim would have done a great job.

## **Rotarians leave Bangkok encouraged to fight poverty and finish the job of eradicating polio**

By Ryan Hyland  
Rotary International News -- 9 May 2012

Rotarians and friends left the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, energized to keep up the fight against polio and to use their ingenuity to help reduce global poverty.

The four-day event, which drew to a close Wednesday, attracted more than 35,000 attendees from 181 countries and geographical areas and included a celebration of two major milestones in the global polio eradication effort.

Attendees were also treated to a preview of the next RI Convention, which will take place 23-26 June 2013, in Lisbon, Portugal.

In his closing remarks, RI President Kalyan Banerjee reminded Rotarians that "what's important in Rotary isn't what we say. It's what we do, and who we are."

"There dwells within you the power and spirit that can evoke the energy you may not realize," Banerjee said. "You have to be hungry enough to reach within and release the energy to help you embrace humanity. I believe this is the state we call happiness. I have just given you the prescription for it. Rotary can help you achieve happiness in life that you seek."

## **Peace through service**

Incoming RI President Sakuji Tanaka outlined his plans for his term, which begins 1 July. Tanaka will ask Rotarians to achieve *Peace through Service*.

"Through service we learn that the problems that may seem large to us are really very small," said Tanaka. "We learn empathy for others. We come closer to people who seem very different from us. And we begin to understand how much we are all the same."

"Through our Rotary service, we know that cooperation is more productive than conflict," he said. "We know that every one of us has something to give, and everyone has something to teach."

Delegates elected nominee Ron D. Burton, of the Rotary Club of Norman,

RI President  
Kalyan Banerjee

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Rob Woolley

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Secretary  
Jack Wightman

Treasurer  
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OR you will be charged for your meal.

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Duties  
**This week**  
Cashier  
Rolf Gimmel

3 Minute Talk  
Chris O'Brien

Wheel  
Bob Aston

**Next week**  
Cashier  
Bob Antil

3 Minute Talk  
Rolf Gimmei

Wheel  
Chris O'Brien

Oklahoma, USA, as the 2013-14 RI president during the fourth plenary session earlier in the day.

"I am both honored and humbled to accept the nomination of president of Rotary International," Burton said in his acceptance remarks. "I take a tremendous amount of pride in being a Rotarian. To me, Rotary isn't just another service organization. It is something different, something special."

Burton says the best years are still to come for Rotary. He emphasized RI's Strategic Plan as the tool to make that happen.

"The plan is a way to look clearly at who we are, where we are going, and how we should get there," said Burton. "It's a powerful reminder of our goals and priorities, which at their heart are the same as they've been since Rotary was founded."

### **Achieving peace**

Jose Ramos-Horta, president of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, talked about his country's struggle to achieve peace. He told Rotarians that peace can be difficult but, with the right people in place, it's attainable.

"Peace is a process — sometimes a long one, too long. It can be a formal political process," said Ramos-Horta. "But to be sustained we have to deal with human beings as individuals, as communities, as people with traumas, emotions, and anger, but also with hopes, hearts, and feelings."

Earlier in the session, Banerjee honored clubs and districts with the Changemaker Award and the Presidential Citation.

The Changemaker Award recognizes clubs that made an extraordinary impact during 2011-12 through the Avenues of Service. The Presidential Citation recognizes achievements related to membership development and contributing to The Rotary Foundation.

During the fourth plenary session, General Secretary John Hewko outlined five priorities for the Secretariat to get Rotary on the best footing possible to embark on its second century. These included eradicating polio, implementing the Strategic Plan and Future Vision, finding an effective way to track and demonstrate the value of the service provided by Rotarians, increasing membership, and bringing Rotary into the ranks of major players in the world of global humanitarian assistance and development.

### ***The Funny side***

Jim's car is swerving all over the road so a cop pulls him over, "Step out of the car" says the cop, "I am going to need you to take a breathalyzer test." "I can't", Jim responds "You see I have very bad asthma, that can set off an attack." "Alright," says the cop, "then you're going to have to take a blood test." "Can't do that either," Jim responds, "I am a hemophiliac, if a wound is opened, I won't stop bleeding, and I could bleed to death." "Ok," the cop answers "then I will need a urine sample." "Sorry," says Jim "I also have diabetes, that could push my sugar count really low." "Fine, so just come on out, and walk a straight line for me." "Can't do that either" responds Jim. "Why not?" Demanded the exasperated cop. "Well, because I'm drunk!"

There was this preacher who was an avid golfer. Every chance he got, he could be found on the golf course swinging away. It was an obsession. One Sunday was a picture-perfect day for golfing. The sun was out, no clouds in the sky, and the temperature was just right. The preacher was in a quandary as to what to do. The urge to play golf overcame him. He called an assistant and told him that he was sick and could not attend church. Then he packed up the car, and drove three hours to a golf course where no one would recognize him. Happily, he began to play the course.

An angel up above was watching the preacher and was quite perturbed. He went to God and said, "Look at the preacher. He should be punished for what he's doing." God nodded in agreement.

The preacher teed up on the first hole. He swung, and the ball sailed effortlessly through the air and landed right in the cup three hundred and fifty yards away. A perfect hole-in-one. The preacher was amazed and

excited. The angel was a little shocked. He turned to God and said, "Begging Your pardon, but I thought you were going to punish him."

God smiled. "Think about it — who can he tell?"

A man and his wife live in a row house where all of the houses look alike. The wife tells the husband that every time he goes out he returns to the wrong house and disturbs the neighbours.

To fix the problem the man puts a lantern on his porch to remind him of his house.

So, like clockwork he goes out and gets plastered. Upon returning home he sees the lantern and says to himself "There's my house and there's the lantern I put on the porch."

Satisfied with himself he walks onto the porch and puts his key in the door, "I knew it, this my house cause my key works."

Now even more impressed with himself, he enters into the house and goes to his bedroom. Upon entering he exclaims, "I knew this was my house cause there is my wife, and there I am in bed with her!"

### *Vale Max Reid*

Max at a Rotary Meeting in October 2008

