

# ROTARY CLUB OF NAROOMA INC

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THE PRESIDENT WRITES

### *A well earned break*

This will be my last contribution to The Beacon for at least two weeks as I will be away on business and holidaying in northern NSW.

On 2 June there will be a lunch-time BBQ at the home of Phil and Daiva Stafford-Gaffney. This takes the place of the regular meeting which would have been held on 31 May. Club members will have an opportunity to meet Tim's mother who will be in Australia for a couple of weeks.

Given that my year is fast coming to an end and May is Planning Month, I provide the following articles from the May issue of "The District Chronicle".

### *Eight leadership tips for incoming club officers*

Make the 2012–13 Rotary year the best ever by helping your club or district reach its goals. Consider these leadership tips, passed along by past club and district leaders.

1. Fill team positions as early as possible
2. Plan new projects early and with continuity in mind; support past projects that carry over into your year in leadership, even if the project isn't within your area of interest
3. Network with your Rotary colleagues and mentors for expert advice at events like Presidents-elect Training Seminars and the International Assembly
4. Tap new club members as a sounding board for new ideas and experienced members for their institutional knowledge
5. Prepare three short speeches on general topics that can be adapted for any meeting in a pinch
6. Delegate tasks to your team -- you can't know or do everything yourself
7. Recognise volunteers by saying "thank you" -- people like to be appreciated
8. Remember that while planning is key, it is through action that Rotarians put Service Above Self.

Club leaders can consult *Be a Vibrant Club: Your Club Leadership Plan* and see which of the recommended best practices your club is already doing and which ones could be used to increase its vitality. Also, refer to the *Planning Guide for Effective Rotary Clubs* to modify goals or add new ones, and the manuals of the *Club Officers' Kit* to help you carry out your role.

### *The Rotary Leadership Institute*

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a series of fast-paced, interactive, (three one-day) courses offered to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their base knowledge of Rotary.

Courses are fun, topical, interactive and geared to busy people who would like to be more dynamic as leaders and members of their vocation and club. The training provides a better understanding of Rotary and its programs, developing more effective Rotarians.

RLI training is recognised by the Gordon Institute as credit towards the Advanced Diploma of Community Sector Management.

The first District 9710 program was successfully commenced on 18 February and the RLI Team will be commencing at least two more programs this Rotary year: on May 26 in Canberra at the West Belconnen Leagues Club (9.30 am-5.00 pm) and June 23 in Goulburn (details to be advised).

**President John**

## *Tonight*

Graham Peachey, Australian Maritime Safety Authority

## *Coming Events*

27 May Narooma Rotary Market

31 May **No Meeting**

2 June BBQ at Daiva and Phil Gaffney's to welcome Tim's mother Barbara. 12.30pm, partners and friends, BYO drinks only, \$10 per head

7 June TBC

14 June Combine Board Meeting

21 June Charmaine to tell us about Int'l Rotary Convention in Bangkok

28 June Change Over at the Whale

## *The week that was*

The main event last week was the Board meeting – see Jack's report below

## *Across The Board*

**Vale Max Reid.** It was sad to record the termination of Max's membership of the club upon his demise on 12 May. A donation to The Australian Lung Foundation (\$100.00) was made in memory of Max in accordance with the family's wishes.

**Mental Health First Aid Workshop.** Scheduled to have been held last weekend, the workshop was cancelled, regrettably, because of a very poor response to promotion. We look forward to Hat Day for Mental Health Research to be hosted by Charmaine on 14 July.

**Polio eradication.** A stock of Safe Moneyboxes is being held for sale to raise funds at the markets in the warmer months later in the year.

**BowelCare.** Terry has been touch with the coordinator of the program to express our concern that the test kits supplied are not the most effective.

**Food Van.** The new barbecue has been replaced under the terms of the warranty because of a defect found when it was being used at the Oyster Festival. Takings from the van at the festival were \$2,280.

**Jarvis Bay Experience.** Dolphin Wild Cruises based at Huskisson has given us two gift vouchers for an "eco adventure" tour of Jarvis Bay for two adults. They are priced at \$75.00 per person. It is intended to raffle them at Changeover.

**Rotary Youth Programs.** We sponsored two students to attend the RYPEN camp at Mogo last weekend – Ben Potter and Courtney Leary. Angie is now actively seeking applications from Year 11 students for the NYSF program which takes place in January 2013.

**The Rotary Foundation.** The donations which members have made with their payments for dinner in the six months December-May will be remitted to the RI office at Parramatta early in June. They are to be sent to The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust to ensure that they are tax deductible.

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OR you will be charged for your meal.

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Duties  
**This week**  
Cashier  
Bob Antil

3 Minute Talk  
Rolf Gimmei

Wheel  
Chris O'Brien

**Next week**  
Cashier  
Angie Ulrichsen

3 Minute Talk  
Bob Antil

Wheel  
Rolf Gimmei

**Disbursements from Charity Account.** It was decided to support the following at the end of this Rotary year, leaving it to the next meeting to determine the amounts to be donated:

- The Rotary Foundation
- Australian Rotary Health
- Snowy Hydro SouthCare
- Marine Rescue NSW (Narooma)

**Board appointments 2012-13.** Terry convened a meeting of the Board of Directors-elect to fill vacant positions. The position of Treasurer was filled by Jack Wightman, and the position of Director Administration and Club Service was filled by Angie Ulrichsen.

### *This week's Market*

Just a reminder that we have a market this Sunday. Helpers are needed. Please help if you can.

### *Wipe out polio, now*

Posted on **May 17, 2012** by **Rotary International**

*By Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations*

Wild viruses and wildfires have two things in common. If neglected, they can spread out of control. If handled properly, they can be stamped out for good. Today, the flame of polio is near extinction — but sparks in three countries threaten to ignite a global blaze. Now is the moment to act.

During the next two weeks, on two continents, two events offer the chance for a breakthrough. First, the leaders of the world's largest economies, the G8, congregate at the U.S. presidential retreat at Camp David in rural Maryland. A week later, the world's ministers of health convene in Geneva. Together, they can push to deliver on an epic promise: to liberate humankind from one of the world's most deadly and debilitating diseases.

Polio today survives in only three countries: Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan. That's the good news. The bad: we are in danger of falling victim to our own success.

Here's why: the world is now populated by a generation which has either never been exposed to polio or has been inadequately vaccinated. When the virus strikes under those conditions, the impact can be devastating. We saw that in the Republic of the Congo in 2010 and elsewhere in Africa when an outbreak killed half of all who were infected. A prompt emergency response by the international community halted that budding epidemic. But the incident gives an idea of the potential consequences of failing to eradicate polio while we have the chance. This year fewer than 100 people were left paralyzed by this easily preventable disease, almost all in the three countries I have mentioned. Left unchecked, however, UN epidemiologists warn that a renewed outbreak could cripple as many as one million people within the decade, many of them children — the most vulnerable of the vulnerable.

This threat keeps me up at night because I know how easy it is to address. My wife and I have personally immunized toddlers in Asia and Africa, joining tens of millions of government workers, Rotarians, volunteers, political and religious leaders (not to mention parents) who have worked for decades to ensure that every child is protected. Most recently, we visited India, which just two years ago was home to half of all the world's children with polio. Now, thanks to a concerted drive, we were able to celebrate India's first polio-free year in history.

The United Nations, with its partner Rotary International, is driving the global campaign. Our agencies are working hard to reach all children, including those in refugee camps or swept up by natural disasters and hunger emergencies.

The [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) has only half of the \$2 billion it needs to procure vaccines and deploy

staff to the last bastions of the disease. Now is the critical moment. If we can cover a relatively modest \$1 billion shortfall — we can save the world an estimated \$40-50 billion in the cost of treatment by 2035, not to mention many lives and many young futures.

When the world's health ministers gather in Geneva later this month, they will declare a global public health emergency and call on the world to respond to the threat of a resurgent polio. As the G8 leaders meet at Camp David, they should be aware of what is coming — and recognize this great opportunity to act in the name of the world's people.

Those meetings will soon be followed by others: the annual gathering of the G20 in Mexico, the Rio+20 conference in Brazil and the European Union summit in Belgium. I hope polio will be on the agenda. I appeal to all leaders, everywhere, to act now to protect future generations. By funding the Global Polio Emergency Action Plan for the next two years, we can make the threat of polio a distant and fading memory.



Our Exchange Student Tim with Rohan Gleeson





Terry Celebrates a Birthday!

### *The Funny side*

#### TOP TEN SIGNS THAT YOU ARE OLD BEFORE YOUR TIME

1. You refer to people your own age as 'kids today'
2. Your high school grad sweater no longer fits your gut
3. You have more hair on your back than on your head
4. You begin stories with the expression 'in my day ...'
5. You have to take naps
6. You don't think that the Rolling Stones are that old ...
7. You have to take so much medication that you're on a first-name basis with all the pharmacy clerks in town
8. You think that Bob Saget is funny
9. Your joints crack so loudly when you get out of bed that France surrendered
10. People your own age call you 'sir' and give you their seat on the bus.

An old man and woman were married for years and years even though they hated each other. When they had an argument, screams and yelling could be heard deep into the night. Repeatedly a threat was heard from the old man against his wife. "When I die I will dig my way up and out of the grave to come back and haunt you for the rest of your life!"

It was believed that the old man practiced black magic and was responsible for missing cats and dogs and strange sounds at all hours. He was feared and he enjoyed the respect it garnished.

The old man died abruptly under strange circumstances and the funeral had a closed casket. After the burial, the wife went straight to the local bar and began to party as if there was no tomorrow.

The gaiety of her actions were becoming extreme when her neighbours approached in a group to ask these questions: "Are you not afraid? Concerned? Worried? that this man who practiced black magic and stated when he died he would dig his way up and out of the grave to come back and haunt you for the rest of your life?"

The wife put down her drink and said, "Let the old guy dig. I had him buried upside down."