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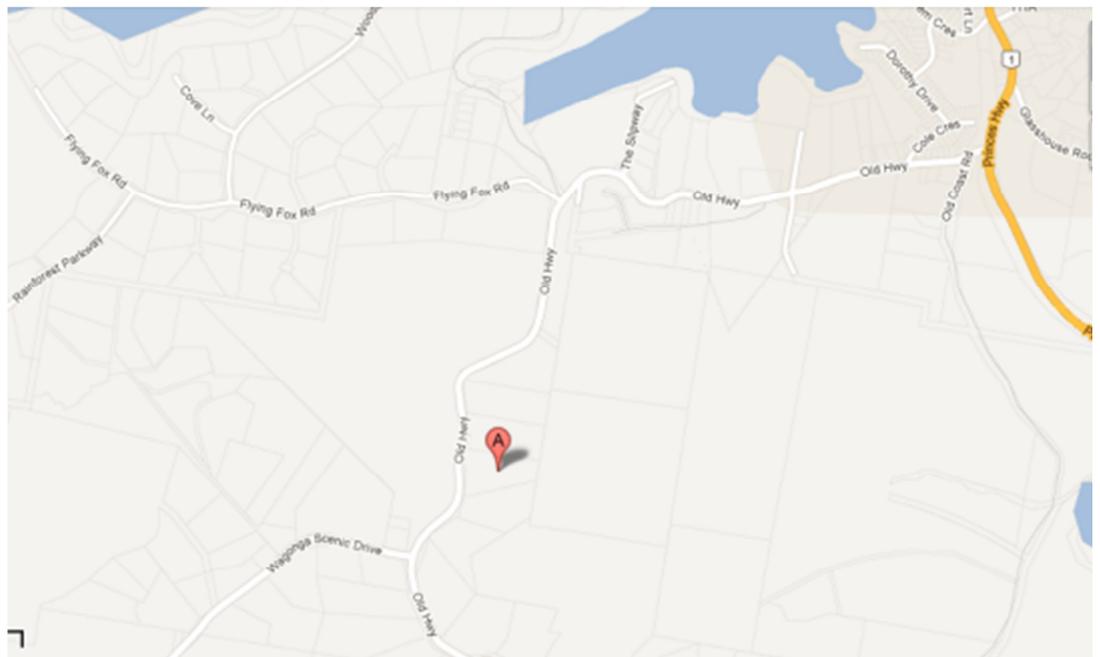
THE PRESIDENT WRITES

President John is on a pre-changeover break – so no President's report this week. Just a reminder about a few things:

This week

There is no meeting at the Whale this Thursday – instead we will be meeting at Phil and Daiva Gaffney's place for a barbeque and to meet Tim's mother. Tim's mum has arrived in town just to make sure we are looking after her boy – I am sure that we are given that he can now run the wheel with ease and has grown by at least 300mm since arriving in Narooma – it must be all that great Aussie tucker! The BBQ will commence at 12:30pm, please bring your own drinks, all other food provided, cost is \$10.00 per head. Thanks to Daiva and Phil for hosting this event.

The address is 229 Old Highway Narooma – See map below.



Changeover

Our annual Changeover will be held on Thursday 28 June at the Whale. Keep the date free.

Anniversary of Inductions

The editor has been a bit lazy in including significant dates in recent issues of the Beacon so to catch up the following members were inducted into the Club in May and June.

11.05. 00	Laurelle Pacey
14.05. 98	Jeremy Ferguson
03.06.04	Chris O'Brien
18.06.09	Rolf Gimmel
24.06. 00	Jack Wightman
24.06. 05	Kris Elphick

The Editor

Tonight

No Meeting – See page one for details of this week's event.

Coming Events

7 June TBC

14 June Combined 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

It was a busy week with an excellent speaker from the Australian Maritime Safety Authority. Our speaker provided great insights how maritime disasters sometime unfold and the response when things go wrong. It was great to see members of our local volunteer emergency services such as the VRA and RFS at the meeting.

Our two RYPEN students and their families were also present at the meeting along with their year adviser from Narooma High School. From all reports both students had a great time – well done to the organisers.

On Saturday night Bob Aston represented the Club at the Quota Instillation and 25th Anniversary Dinner. Maureen Young was recognised for her service to Quota as a foundation member and 2011-12 President. Quota have also donated \$1000.00 for a Shelter Box.

Sunday was market day – the grey day turned into a stunner weather wise with a reasonable turn up of stall holders and shoppers. We took \$537.50 at the gate \$533.70 in the van and the wishing well accounted for \$45.95

RI President Visit to Canberra

Rotary International President Kalyan Banjaree visited Canberra on Wednesday May 23 and spoke at a special meeting of the Rotary Club of Canberra to an audience of 300 Rotarians and their partners including Terry and Annette, Chris and Angie.

Kalyan and his wife, Binota, have a son living in Sydney so they had another reason to visit this country. Of course they had recently been at the International Convention in Bangkok (Charmaine will share her experiences of this event at another time as she attended it along with 35,000 other Rotarians).

Kalyan claims to be a Cricket Tragic confessing to listening to ABC Cricket radio broadcasts from Australia from 4.30am in his early days.

On the way to visit us he visited Hong Kong.

His experience at the convention inspired him for another Rotary Year, as Rotary makes the world a better place to live in, but the experience of the convention only lasts for four days, the real work of Rotary happens in the Clubs for the whole year.

He urged us to work unceasingly to ensure there is no end to Rotary that it should continue to grow, that we should keep doing more because there is still more to do, the world's population continues to grow, and with the growth the number of disadvantaged people grows exponentially.

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Apologies and additional guests to Rolf Gimmel the Tuesday before the meeting on 44762274 or email rolfs@dodo.com.au OR you will be charged for your meal.

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Duties
This week
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Angie Ulrichsen

3 Minute Talk

Wheel

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He inspired us to have a hard look at membership that while there has been an increase in the World's population of one billion since 1997 there has been no growth in the number of Rotarians worldwide. He also quoted the break-up of age groups in Rotary, that highlighted the preponderance of older members, he emphasised that Rotary should be green and growing, not grey!

We must ask ourselves how are we to grow? We must become more attractive to a younger membership, he admitted that young people are more time challenged than ever before, but we should show them how their lives, and other peoples' lives are enriched through Rotary.

He stressed we should use the social media available to reach the younger potential members, that we should have a web page that is always up to date, use Face Book, modernise our language to relate to young people and look to Rotoract and Interact to expose these generations to Rotary. If Rotary grows it must change, day by day, bit by bit.

As we all know, the world is close to ending Polio, Kalyan is going to Pakistan, still one of three countries still experiencing Polio, along with Afghanistan and Nigeria, he will be examining what steps still need to be taken to accelerate the elimination of Polio in that country.

However, we must plan a post-Polio future for Rotary; therefore there is a need for active clubs with strong leadership, that asks themselves what are we doing? There is a need for local strength, we should be in Rotary because we love it for the friendship, the fellowship and because we feel we are achieving something. We should smile at people and do what we enjoy doing.

In addition to this note from the Canberra meeting, members should read, or watch, Kalyan's speeches at the International Convention, they give a good understanding of what Rotary is doing in the World, and there is also an anecdote of taxi experience he had with a Pakistani driver and a message of Peace.



Impassable road can't stop malaria fighters

The Rotarian -- May 2012

Physician Michael W. Felz spent several years with his wife and children in Papua New Guinea as a medical missionary in the late 1980s



"Malaria was rampant, and severe disease was not unusual," recalls Felz, a member of the Rotary Club of Augusta-West, Georgia, USA.

Since 1997, Rotarians Against Malaria in Papua New Guinea (RAM-PNG) has been responsible for the nationwide program to distribute long-lasting insecticidal nets. In addition to providing a physical barrier, the nets thwart malaria by poisoning mosquitoes, which are killed on contact by the insecticide embedded in the fibers.

In May, working with RAM-PNG and with financial support from his club, Felz and a local friend, Andrew Pine, delivered 900 nets to the village of Mamuane in an epic journey that almost ended when a rocky, rutted mountain road became impassable.

"We were fully stuck – in the middle of nowhere, in the dark and chilly downpour, with 100-pound bales of nets that no man could carry on foot to Mamuane in that slick, sticky mud," Felz says.

Pine sent word to his friend Luke Wembi, principal of the nearby Tunda Primary School, and soon after daybreak, a chattering company of 80 barefoot students arrived. Each child shouldered several individual nets wrapped in plastic.

"And off they went, carrying lifesaving mosquito nets up the slopes, over the ridges, between the tall weeds, down the valleys, and through the mud, on the two-hour trek to Mamuane." In December, Pine reported back about the village: "We don't have malaria anymore."

The Funny side

A fanatical golfer and his equally –devoted wife rushed into a dentist's office. The golfer said to the dentist, "Look Doc, I'm in one hell of a hurry. I have a mate and his wife sitting out in my car waiting for us to go play golf, so forget about the anesthetic, I don't have time for the gums to get numb. I just want you to pull out the rotten tooth, and be done with it! We have 10 a.m. tee time at the

best golf course in town and it's 9:30 already... I don't have time to wait for the anesthetic to work!"

The dentist thought to himself, "My goodness, this is surely a very brave man asking to have his tooth pulled without using anything to kill the pain."

So the dentist asks him, "Which tooth is it sir?"

The man turned to his wife and said, "Open your mouth Pet, and show him."

Did you hear about the teacher who was helping one of her kindergarten students put his boots on?

He asked for help and she could see why. With her pulling and him pushing, the boots still didn't want to go on. When the second boot was on, she had worked up a sweat. She almost whimpered when the little boy said,

"Teacher, they're on the wrong feet." She looked, and sure enough, they were. It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on. She managed to keep her cool as together they worked to get the boots back on - this time on the right feet.

He then announced, "These aren't my boots." She bit her tongue rather than get right in his face and scream, "Why didn't you say so?" like she wanted to do. Once again she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off.

He then said, "They're my brother's boots. My Mom made me wear them." She didn't know if she should laugh or cry. She then mustered up the grace to wrestle the boots onto his feet again.

She said, "Now, where are your mittens?" He said,

"I stuffed them in the toes of my boots..."

Most members are aware that Jeremy's mother, Trudi passed away last week. Her funeral will be held at St Paul's Anglican Church on Friday 1 June at 12:00noon.