

# ROTARY CLUB OF NAROOMA INC

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THE PRESIDENT WRITES

Welcome back President John!

### **Rotary Success Conference 21-22 July 2012**

I encourage all members to attend the Australian Rotary Success Conference that is to take place in Canberra 21-22 July.

At the conference you will be able to participate in breakout sessions on various topics such as:

- Membership retention
- Membership Recruitment and Extension
- Diversity in Rotary
- Flexibility, Innovation and the Future
- Public Image and Media
- Club Visioning

You will hear about new innovative ideas on a wide range of topics, all practical ideas that can be used in our Club.

RI President 2013-2014 Ron Burton will be the keynote speaker on the Saturday morning. The closing speaker on the Sunday morning will be Kirsty Sword Gusamao, former first lady of Timor Leste, who will share how Rotary has been successful in her country of Timor Leste.

Social Media will play a big role in the future of Rotary. Mark Wallace the Editor of Rotary Down Under is an acknowledged expert in this field and he will be leading two breakout groups on Social Media and how it can help your club to grow.

You will also hear from Philip Archer who is the Rotary Public Image Coordinator for the Zone and a leader in his field of Public Relations and Public Image. Philip is a visionary and has good practical ideas that all Clubs can use in promoting Rotary. Another speaker is PDG Rob Aitken who is leading the plenary session on 'connecting with your community for membership'.

This is a *national event* where you will have the opportunity to meet Rotarians from across Australia and swap ideas. Registration is through the Rotary Down Under website and the cost is \$100 per person.

### **Rotary Club Vision Facilitation Program**

Now is the time for the Club to consider running a Club Visioning Facilitation Program.

#### *What is Vision Facilitation?*

Vision Facilitation helps a Rotary club design its OWN VISION and set out the steps necessary to achieve that vision. The result is not a vision decided by the Rotary District or by Rotary International: it is a vision designed and agreed by the Club's own members. The process will help to improve communication and to ensure continuity in its leadership and programming so as to set the stage for future progress.

President

John

## *Tonight*

Combined Board Meeting and presentation from our NYSF candidate Jackson Reed.

## *Coming Events*

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

28 June Change Over at the Golf Club

## *The week that was*

With President John still away PP Bob Antill took the chair, although many members were away, enjoying a holiday or otherwise engaged it was enjoyable and interesting meeting. Bob showed us some photos of the recent visit from Tim's mum, Barbara to Narooma, Sydney and the South Coast. Bob Aston gave an enlightened toast to the Queen to mark 60 years as Britain's head of state, however, the highlight of the night was a wonderful presentation from Micki Thomlinson on life and times in Libya in the 60s and 70s. Thanks Micki for a humorous and entertaining presentation.

Micki also cleaned up on the raffle winning the eggs, port and wine, Chris O'Brien was lucky enough to win Rolf's bread.

## *News from the Secretary*

### **National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)**

NYSF is a program for students moving into Year 12 who desire a career in science, engineering or technology. Rotary has been in partnership in the program since 1984 along with the Australian Government, industry and research institutions. The main event in NYSF is the 12-day forum hosted by the Australian National University.

The role of Rotary clubs in NYSF is to interview and assess applicants and to refer them to a District selection panel if their applications are endorsed. This club has received an application from Jackson ('Jacko') Reed who has been invited to attend our meetings tonight and next week to speak about his application and his special interest in science. He is one of 62 applicants in District 9710 vying for 17 places at the Forum, so he is up against stiff competition. We wish him well.

### **The Rotary Foundation and EREY**

Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) is a Foundation initiative aimed to have every Rotarian making a contribution to the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund every year. In this club we can do so when we pay for dinner at meetings. Members' contributions for the six months December 2011 to May 2012 have been remitted to The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust so they will be tax deductible. With the addition of contributions made in the period June to November 2011, total contributions by members for the year amount to \$1,707. 15 members contributed some amount and will be recorded by TRF as EREY Members in anticipation of them continuing to contribute in the years to follow. 10 of them contributed AU\$100 or more and are therefore Centurion Members. In fact, they all contributed more than US\$100 and are Sustaining Members of the Foundation, entitled to receive a badge sticker for their achievement.

Contributions count towards Paul Harris Fellow recognition. With the tacit agreement of members their contribution have been directed to the Annual Programs Fund which is the primary source of funds shared with Districts for the

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

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Duties  
**This week**  
Cashier  
George Barker

3 Minute Talk  
Angie Ulrichsen

Wheel  
Tim

**Next week**  
Cashier  
Chris O'Brien

3 Minute Talk  
George Barker

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humanitarian, educational and cultural programs operated by the Foundation.

Donations by the club are being directed to PolioPlus for the eradication of polio. US\$1,000 was provided by recognising Dr Jenny Wray as a Paul Harris Fellow, and a further amount will be provided from disbursements to be determined by the Board when they meet tonight.

### **Changeover – ours and theirs**

Our 54<sup>th</sup> Changeover on 28<sup>th</sup> June will be held at the Golf Club for a change, 6.30 pm for 7.00 as usual, cost \$35 for dinner and wine for each table. DGE Phil Armstrong will be attending with Kim to represent the DG and RI. The booking sheet is going around tonight. Guest of members will be warmly welcomed. If you wish them to receive an invitation from the club also, please give me their names and addresses.

Our mother club Bega is holding their Changeover next week, Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup>, 6.30 for 7.00 at Littleton Cafe, Ayers Walk, Bega – cost \$30, BYO drinks. RSVP by next Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> June. It's our meeting night, however they would welcome some of us, as the joint meeting of our two clubs scheduled earlier this year was cancelled due to flooded roads.

RC Moruya meets for their Changeover on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30 for 7.00 at the Moruya Bowling Club, 2 Shore Street – cost \$35. RSVP 13<sup>th</sup> June (yesterday!). President John and I will be going and hope others will also be attending. Unless anyone is stranded in Batemans Bay on the 28<sup>th</sup>, we will have no one at their Changeover. The dates always coincide.

The District Changeover will be held on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July – DG Rob Woolley passes the baton to DGE Phil Armstrong. It's a lunchtime meeting, 12.00 for 12.30 pm, at The Abbey, O'Hanlon Place, Nichols, ACT. Cost \$35; registrations on [www.rotaryd9710.org.au](http://www.rotaryd9710.org.au) close at 10.00 am on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June.

And the Lions are staging a Changeover Dinner Dance on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July commencing at 6.30 pm at the Golf Club, upstairs in the Function Deck. The theme is "Titanic Glamour", dress code Dinner Suit & Miniatures/Evening Gown or kitted up as a passenger. Cost \$35 – RSVP 30<sup>th</sup> June. Tickets from Michelle Merry – 4476 1404 or Gillian Kearney 0422 272 805. Could we muster numbers for a table?

Secretary Jack

### ***Rotarian starts community corps to help adults with special needs***

by Diana Schoberg

The Rotarian -- June 2012

Sharon Irving's 20-year-old son, Douglas, has developmental disabilities, but he doesn't want to be on the receiving end of charity all the time.

"I notice this among people throughout the special-needs community," Irving says. "They're thrilled to be the ones giving for a change. They need self-respect and self-esteem just like everybody else on the planet."

In 2010, she started the Rotary Community Corps of Keon at a vocational center for adults with special needs; 25 people signed up.

The members elect their own officers, each of whom is paired with a mentor, and select their own projects. Their first, a spaghetti dinner in March 2011, raised \$1,000 for St. Jude Children's Hospital. They've also joined members of Irving's Rotary club to ring the bell for the Salvation Army and participate in a local parade.

"I've never seen a club where everyone shows up for every meeting and votes not 'yes' but 'yay!' for everything that's brought up to do," Irving says. "This gives them a chance to shine and to show that they have as much to give as you and I."

A bonus is increasing the public's understanding of Rotary. "If I died tomorrow, this project would be the one thing I could be the most proud of in my life," she says. "I did it as a tribute to Douglas."



Photos (Thanks to Bob Antill)

Top left                      Tim and Barbara at Parramatta

Top right                  Barbara takes a liking to the clock at Central Railway

Above                      Some of the crew at Phil and Davia's on Saturday 2 June

### *Some puzzles*

Do you know the answers?

1. What are the next three numbers in the sequence: 2, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 14.....?
2. What mathematical symbol can be put between 5 and 9, to get a number bigger than 5 and smaller than 9?
3. A census taker approaches a house and asks the woman who answers the door *"How many children do you have, and what are their ages?"*  
Woman: *"I have three children, the product of their ages is 36, the sum of their ages is equal to the address of the house next door."*  
The census taker walks next door, comes back and says *"I need more information."*  
The woman replies *"I have to go; my oldest child is sleeping upstairs."*  
Census taker: *"Thank you, I now have everything I need."*  
**What are the ages of each of the three children? (hint the number of the house next door is 13)**

### *The Funny side*

#### *Getting Old*

A young man saw an elderly couple sitting down to lunch at McDonald's. He noticed that they had ordered one meal, and an extra drink cup. As he watched, the gentleman carefully divided the hamburger in half, then counted out the fries, one for him, one for her, until each had half of them. Then he poured half of the soft drink into the extra cup and set that in front of his wife. The old man then began to eat, and his wife sat watching, with her hands folded in her lap.

The young man decided to ask if they would allow him to purchase another meal for them so that they didn't have to split theirs. The old gentleman said, "Oh, no. We've been married 50 years, and everything has always been and will always be shared, 50/50." The young man then asked the wife if she was going to eat, and she replied, "Not yet. It's his turn with the teeth."

#### *Men And Women*

##### **Dressing Up**

A woman will dress up when she goes shopping, empties the garbage, answers the phone, waters the plants, gets the mail and reads a book.

A man will dress up for weddings and funerals.

##### **Children**

A woman knows all about her children. She knows about their best friends, romances, secret hopes and dreams, favourite foods, fears and dental appointments.

A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.

##### **Thought for the Day**

Married men should forget their mistakes. There is no need for two people to remember the same thing.

##### **To Be Six Again**

George was a thoughtful husband. He wanted to give his wife something special for her birthday which was coming up soon. As he sat on the edge of the bed, he watched his wife turning back and forth and looking at herself in the mirror. "Reta," he said, "What would you like for your birthday?"

His wife continued to look at herself and said, "I'd like to be six again."

George knew just what to do. On the big day, he got up early and made his wife a bowl of Fruit Loops. Then he took her to an amusement park where they rode all the rides. Five hours later, Reta's stomach felt upside down and her head was reeling. Never the less, George took her to McDonald's and bought

her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake. Next, it was a movie with popcorn, soda and her favourite candy.

As Reta wobbled into the house that evening and flopped on the bed, George asked her, "Well, Dear, what was it like to be six again?"

Reta looked up at him. Her expression changed. She said, "I meant my dress size!"

## **Rotary Club of Narooma Inc**

### **54<sup>th</sup> Changeover**

**28 June 2012 at the Narooma Golf Club**

**6:30 for 7:00pm**

**Cost \$35.00 a head (including wine on the table)**