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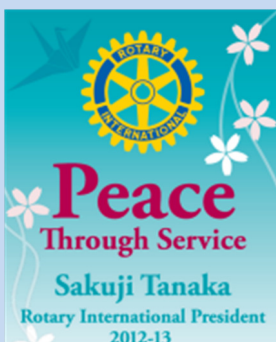
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### *The President Writes!*

*Terry's speech from Thursday night is reproduced below.*

Past President John and Kerry, District Governor Elect Phil and Kim, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, fellow Rotarians.

You might not know what you are letting yourselves in for by electing me the 55<sup>th</sup> President of this Rotary Club, and equally I am uncertain what is before me. 49 years ago in Darwin I was elected the 6<sup>th</sup> President of the Rotary Club of Darwin, and I have avoided being President again, through 5 other clubs, until now.

Kevin Andrews recently wrote:

There are two types of people who reach leadership positions. One type is driven by the hope or desire to succeed; the other by the fear of failure.

I suspect there is a third type, the person who becomes a leader because no one else wants the job and they think it is a nice way to finish off a life that has had its share of successes and failures, and it is hoped this can be a success. I think I fall into this category, but I am willing to give it my best shot.

I am encouraged by my dear wife Annette; I won't tell you one of the reasons why she suggested I should accept the nomination. And not only do I have her support, and I hope the support of all the members of this club, but I can get ideas from our son Andrew who became the 35<sup>th</sup> president of the Wagga Wollundry club on Tuesday night, supported by his wife Beverle, and their three children who each spent a year as Rotary Youth Exchange students.

As you may know I spend a fair bit of time reading, books, on-line, street signs, jokes, like the one that goes:

An American Rotarian guest speaker in Japan told a joke lasting 2 minutes.

The interpreter then translated using only a few words. Everyone laughed. Afterwards the visitor asked the interpreter how he translated such a long joke so quickly.

"Well, I didn't think they would get the point, so I said, "Our guest has just told a joke. Everyone please laugh."

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**Tonight**  
Club Assembly

**Coming Events**

Date	Event
12 July	District Governor Visit – Partner’s Night
14 July	Lion’s Changeover. Please advise President Terry urgently if you can attend!
15 July	Christmas in July – Chris O’Brien’s Place
19 July	Board Meeting
21 & 22 July	Australian Rotary Success Conference, Canberra
22 July	Narooma Rotary Market
26 July	TBC

**Duties**

Duty	5 July 2012	12 July 2012	19 July 2012
Casher	Jack Wightman	Laurelle Pacey	Bob Aston
Invocation	Laurelle Pacey	Bob Aston	John Rungen
3 Minute Talk	Bob Aston	John Rungen	Chris O’Brien
Wheel	John Rungen	Chris O’Brien	Rolf Gimmel

**The week that was**

Last Thursday was the Club’s 54<sup>th</sup> Changeover – I was not present, however, I am told that it was a great night. In all 55 Rotarians, partners and guests were in attendance.

A small presentation was made to Tim in recognition of his year with the Club and Angie was awarded Rotarian of the Year – Congratulations Angie

Thanks to Laurelle for the great pics!

**Christmas in July**

**When: Sunday 15 July 2012 at 12:00noon**

**Where: 28 Tatiara Street Dalmeny**

**Cost: \$30.00 per head please give names to Chris O’Brien**

**Menu: Roast Turkey, Roast Pork and Leg Ham, with roast potatoes and pumpkin, beans, peas and gravy  
Christmas pudding with brandy custard & tea or coffee with homemade shortbread.  
Bring your own drinks**

**There will be Christmas Bon Bons, tinsel and a Christmas tree! We hope everyone will get into the Christmas spirit!**

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I have already quoted Kevin Andrews, I have also recently read that: achievement-motivated leadership involves mobilising followers to tackle the tough challenges. Leadership often involves pacing the work in an effort to prepare people to undertake a difficult task at a rate at which they can cope. It involves taking a stand, even a loss, in order to advance a strategic position.

And another:

PEOPLE MAY NOT REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT YOU DID, OR WHAT YOU SAID  
~BUT~THEY WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL.

And a final quote from the Vicar of Bagdad, a book that jumped into my hand while at the Bega Library on Monday as I waited for our car to be serviced, the author, Andrew White, was involved in the negotiations for a peaceful settlement in the Middle East in 2002, he stated: "Like most achievements of real worth, it had not been easy"

So for us this year, what we achieve should be of real worth, even though we can expect that it may not be easy, however along the way we can enjoy the process and have fun.

I have often said Rotary Clubs and their meetings are the tips of icebergs, they are the outward and visible signs of a service organisation in a community, this year I am hoping we can increase our presence, by the placement of Community Notice Boards, two large signs one on the northern approach to the town, and one on the south, I have already had discussions on their appearance and placement with Warren Sharpe from the Eurobodalla Council. Another sign could be on the wall beside the Post Office where smaller community signs and Rotary Information can be placed.

I also believe we can increase our membership, there are already positive signs that this will happen. Andrew has in his club a member who was Clubman of the Year recently, he introduced 10 new members in that year. Incidentally, Andrew's club already has 78 members, he is hoping



The new Board Left to Right: Laurelle Pacey, Bob Antill, Angie Ulrichsen, President; Terry Irvine, Jack Wightman, Ian Thomlinson, President Elect; Charmaine White and PP John Messner

to round out the year with 100, his is just one of 6 clubs in a city of 60,000, I know it is hard to do a demographic comparison but 30 members would be a nice number for us.

However, we should remember our club is just one of 34,216 clubs in over 200 countries and regional areas around the world that makes up Rotary International with over 1.2 million members in the various countries. This organisation has done and is doing amazing humanitarian works, just one example is the elimination of Polio, we are this close to eliminating this disease worldwide, only three countries left, we are this close to achieving that aim.

As you can see from this year's theme banner, the RI President Sakuji Tanaka's theme is Peace through Service, we are part of Team Tanaka. What a remarkable theme this is, the International President from Japan, a country that last century was far removed

from peace, but who now has a countryman elected by representatives of countries that had been enemies who through the inspiration of an organisation started in Chicago over 100 years ago by Paul Harris with meetings rotating from office to office to give the name of Rotary to the world.

President Tanaka has said:

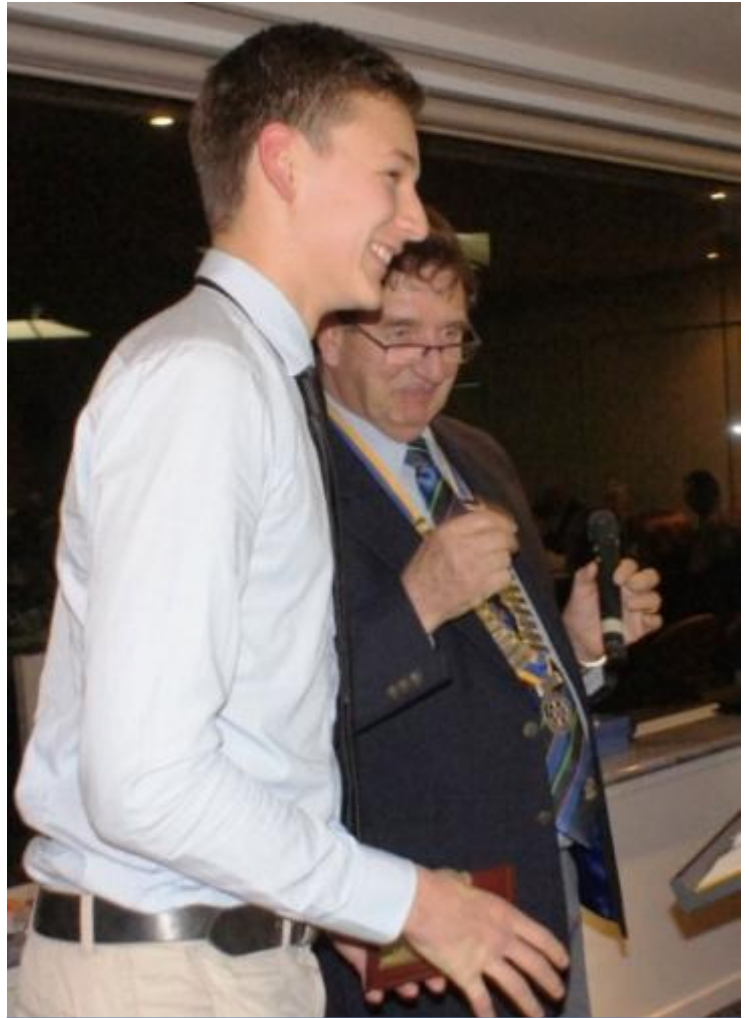
"Peace, in all of the ways that we can understand it, is a real goal and a realistic goal for Rotary," he said. "Peace is not something that can only be achieved through agreements, by governments, or through heroic struggles. It is something that we can find and that we can achieve, every day and in many simple ways."

From the Secretary

A joint meeting of the outgoing and incoming Boards was held on 14 June. This is a brief report of their considerations.

**Fundraising:** Despite replacing the new barbeque under warranty we have experienced a similar problem with the second new one. It is proposed to deal with it by securing the front panel with a stainless steel bolt instead of seeking another replacement.

**Charity Account disbursements:** From funds estimated to be available at the end of the Rotary year (leaving some to be carried forward to next year), the Board voted to make the following disbursement's:



Tim receives a gift from PP John

The Rotary Foundation for Polo Plus	\$250.00
Australian Rotary Health	\$500.00
Snowy Hydro South Care	\$250.00
Marine Rescue (NSW) Narooma Unit	\$500.00

**Membership Subscriptions:** It was decided that membership dues for 2012-13 remain unchanged from this year, i.e. \$240.00 payable semi-annually.

**Kris Elphick:** Kris has notified the Secretary of extended absence from meetings concluding on 5 September. This was accepted by the Board, and we look forward to her return to fellowship and service.

**International Service:** Charmaine reported that she had fulfilled her commitments to attend the RI Convention in Bangkok and take part in a World Community Service dental mission elsewhere in Thailand.

**Youth Exchange:** With Tim due to depart on 2 July, the Board discussed the matter of a suitable farewell gift. So as not to overload his already excessive baggage, something small was indicated. Subsequently a small plaque was selected and engraved as follows:

TIM DUNKELBERG  
 ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT  
 31 JULY 2011 – 2 JULY 2012  
 HOST CLUB: NAROOMA, AUSTRALIA  
 Rotary District 9710

**Publicity:** PE Terry has had contact with the Shire Council regarding the erection of Rotary signage in town to promote the Club.



Above left: Kim and Phil Armstrong with Terry and Annette Irvine

Above right: Angie is recognised as Rotarian of the year by PP John

*Jeremy Ferguson*

With Jeremy's resignation from the Club on 30 June 2012 we have lost a member whose service spanned 14 years, almost all as a board member – a Director (International Service and Vocational Service), Foundation Chairman and Vice president. He served as President in the year 2000 – 2001 and left Buckridge Lookout as a gift to the community and a project deserving upkeep by the Club.

Jeremy was a 100% member, not only in attendance at club meetings here and overseas, but also in his contribution to the running of the monthly market and as chef-de-BBQ. He and Heather will also be remembered for their support of Youth Exchange and Group Study Exchange programs by hosting students and GSE teams. On many occasions they also opened their home to the Club for social functions over the summer. We wish them well



Some pictures from last week's Changeover – Thanks to Bob Antill



On their recent trip to Europe Laurelle and Steve caught up with former global youth exchange student Katja Gfeller and her mum Priska.

Katja was a student with Narooma Rotary in 2008 – 2009. Laurelle and Steve were Katja's first host parents.

From all reports it was a great reunion for Laurelle, Steve & Katja.

### *The Funny Side*

Once upon a time the government had a vast scrap yard in the middle of a desert. Congress said, "Someone may steal from it at night." So they created a night watchman position and hired a person for the job.

Then Congress said, "How does the watchman do his job without instruction?" So they created a planning department and hired two people: one person to write the instructions, and one person to do time studies.

Then Congress said, "How will we know the night watchman is doing the tasks correctly?" So they created a Quality Control department and hired two people: one to do the studies and one to write the reports.

Then Congress said, "How are these people going to get paid?" So they created the following positions: a time keeper, and a payroll officer, then hired two people.

Then Congress said, "Who will be accountable for all of these people?" So they created an administrative section and hired three people: an Administrative Officer, Assistant Administrative Officer, and a Legal Secretary.

Then Congress said, "We have had this operating for one year and we are \$38,000 over budget. We must cutback overall cost."

So they laid off the night watchman.

*Rotary 2012- 2013*  
*Peace Through Service*

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