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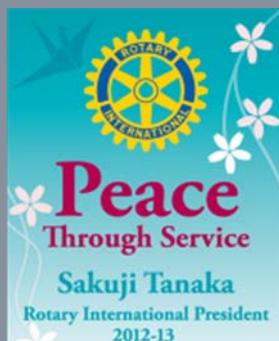
Good to have Kim Bush as guest speaker this week, particularly with her previous association with Rotary. It seems that Eurobodalla Shire is fortunate to have someone with her dedication responsible for Youth work in the area, it will be good when the the PCYC is operational in Narooma, good for the young people and through their involvement could make this area more attractive for young people and discourage them from leaving as soon as they finish school. From my previous life as an Alderman on the Darwin City Council it is nice to see local government moving from the traditional 3 Rs - Roads, Rats, and Rubbish.

There is no doubt Chris O'Brien is a good fundraiser, first from the Christmas in July, and now from the achievement in Dry July, some of us could be hard pressed to raise sponsorship for one AFD, let alone a whole month!

While it is important that we keep up to date with what is happening in Narooma and our Rotary Club, for those who have not already subscribed the weekly email from RI keeps you up to date with what is happening around the world, go to: <http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/Pages/ridefault.aspx>, and use the member access feature at the Top Right Hand Side of the Screen and create access if necessary, then work your way through the options. This week's news email, naturally enough is the Olympic Edition, lots of good reading in it.

Have Fun with Rotary

Terry



Tonight Orit Karney-Winters. "This is my Life"

Coming Events

Date	Event
16 August	Board meeting
23 August	Martin Howard from India. Founder of the school which we supported with a Matching Grant, giving us an update on progress. Partners' Night
26 August	Narooma Rotary Market
30 August	Charmaine White. Report on Rotary International Convention in Bangkok

Duties

Duty	9 August	16 August	23 August	30 August	6 September
Chair/Rotary History	Bob Antill	George Barker	Charmaine White	Ian Thomlinson	Bob Aston
Cashier/Wheel	Charmaine White	Laurelle Pacey	Orit Karney - Winters	Bob Aston	Angie Ulrichsen
Invocation	George Barker	Orit Karney - Winters	Bob Aston	Angie Ulrichsen	Chris O'Brien
3 Minute Talk	Orit Karney – Winters (Combined with guest speaker duties)	Jack Wightman	George Barker	Chris O'Brien	Laurelle Pacey
Fines		Bob Aston		Laurelle Pacey	

The Week that Was

It was a busy meeting last Thursday with visiting Rotarians Colin and Enid Holmes joining us along with our Club guest Kim Bush. It was great to have Kim back with us; most members will recall that Kim was a GSE team member to Great Britain some years ago. Kim spoke about what is happening with Council Youth Projects in the Eurobodalla Shire – A major new initiative is the PCYC outreach program that will commence operations shortly in the Eurobodalla and Bega Valley Shires. The program has been made possible through a NSW Government grant. Planned PCYC activities planned include Blue Star, Futsal, Boxing, Speed League and Blue Light Discos. Some challenges include finding volunteers to help out, purchase and storage of equipment as well as its movement around the two shires.

Kim also gave a quick update on other youth activities in the Shire including mental health projects, social media and programs such as PIE aimed at students who have disengaged from school.

Chris O'Brien announced that she had raised more the \$1200.00 for Canberra Hospital as a participant in the Dry July fundraising event. Congratulations Chris and thanks to all who donated to keep Chis on the wagon!

Ian Thomlinson updated us on the history of the Rotary Foundation as a part of his Rotary History talk and Rolf told us about all things Swiss in this 3 minute talk. 1 August is the Swiss National Day – this year Switzerland turned 721!

Ian also gave a great fine session based on the recent Tour De France and the participation of the Narooma Rotary Wheelers in this significant event. Unfortunately that often seems to be the case

with Narooma Rotary; no one seemed to even make it to the starting line! Laurelle was disqualified because she kept stopping competitors for a photo opportunity, Jack got caught at a zebra crossing and George was disqualified for confusing cycling and football. Chris and Angie failed to finish because they were either distracted by village markets along the way or they preferred to stop and entertain competitors and spectators alike with rousing French songs.

The wine was won by Kim Bush and visiting Rotarian Colin had the pleasure of sharing the port.

From the Secretary

IRT Nursing Home Dalmeny

We (and other service clubs and social groups) have received a request by Leanne O'Neill, Lifestyle Services Manager at IRT Dalmeny, to spread the word that they need a volunteer bus driver for resident outings (must hold a MR license), and male volunteers to provide one-on-one social contact with male residents on weekends.

Leanne can be contacted by phone on 0400 506 084.

District Conference 26-28 October 2012

We have been advised that registration for the conference is now open. You may register on-line through the District website www.rotaryd9710.org.au or on a hard copy form which Secretary Jack can give you if that is your preferred way of doing it.

Either way, you can pay with your registration for any of the following optional functions:

Welcome to the Water party	Fri 26 th 6.30 pm for 7.00	\$35
Packed lunch for the beach	Sat 27 th 1.00 pm	Free
Back to the Beach party	Sat 27 th 7.00 pm for 7.30	\$45
Breakfast with the Animals	Sun 28 th 7.00 am	\$20
Sand Dune Sausage Sizzle	Sun 28 th 1.00 pm	Free

The Sunday breakfast is at Mogo Zoo and the Sausage Sizzle is at St Mary's School Moruya. The Friday and Saturday events are at Batemans Bay – Welcome to the Water at Bay Waters Resort, and Back to the Beach at the Soldiers Club.

The conference venues are Batemans Bay Soldiers Club on the Saturday and St Mary's Arts Centre, Moruya on the Sunday. When registering you can indicate whether you will be attending Saturday morning and/or Saturday afternoon and/or Sunday morning. There is no charge for attendance at the conference.

Check-in to collect your badge and function tickets on Friday at Bay Waters Resort after 4.00 pm or at Batemans Bay Soldiers Club from 7.45 am. If you can help at the Registration Desk let Conference Secretary Clare Hack know – phone (H)4474 4191 or email hack.clare@gmail.com

Look up the District website for the guest speaker program and additional information about the conference – it is not to be missed

Australian Rotaract Conference 20-21 October 2012

District 9710 will be hosting this conference in Canberra. Rotarians will be welcome to attend as observers to gain some knowledge about this wonderful program of Rotary and the worthwhile things Rotaract clubs are doing.

In a letter to all Rotary clubs in the District, Conference Chair Meghan Barrell requested assistance and support, specifying a number of things that Canberra-based clubs are well placed to provide. DG Phil Armstrong has suggested that some clubs might like to contribute financially to the conference in order to lessen the cost of attendance to interstate delegates who will have accommodation and travel expenses. This will be considered by the Board.

ShelterBox coordinates efforts with Rotary in Russia

30 July 2012

ShelterBox has been working closely with a local Rotary club in Russia's Krasnodar region to help families made homeless by flash floods that hit overnight in the first week of July.

Krasnodar Rotary club has helped the ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) with needs assessments, transport, translation, local knowledge of the area and aid distribution.

'We have had great support from local Rotarians every step of the way from picking us up at the airport; to assisting with customs clearance; to providing volunteers, some from the Universal Peace Corps Federation, who helped set up the tents,' said Eva Doerr (DE), one of the SRT members.

Rotarian Evgeny Novoselov has shown enormous support for ShelterBox's work by being a key player in customs clearance and logistics; and Fedor Gladkiy is the Past President of Krasnodar Rotary club who provided accommodation for the Response Team.

'It was a pleasure to stay at Fedor's house for the duration of the deployment,' said SRT member Andrew Clouting (AU). 'We had the chance to understand Russian life a little better and the hospitality we have received has been huge. Thank you very much!'

Really beneficial

The SRT collaboration with Rotary maximised ShelterBox's impact and enabled the quick and effective delivery of emergency shelter and lifesaving supplies to families in need.

'The coordination between Rotary and ShelterBox has been working out really well and the work we are doing is really beneficial for the people in the Krasnodar region,' said Rotarian Vladimir Martyshin. 'Considering that this is the first time ShelterBox is working in Russia we are making very good efforts.'

Many of the local Rotarians also gained field experience in humanitarian work and witnessed the benefits of aid for vulnerable families, one being Andrey Podpovetny:

'It was not only the first time for the Rotary Club of Krasnodar to cooperate with ShelterBox but also the first time for me to help with a 'hands on' approach after a disaster. The experience I gained from being in the affected regions together with the SRT was very important for me. I come from a business background: the benefit of the aid for the families in greatest need is not comparable with its cost. The whole experience of cooperating with ShelterBox showed me that together we can influence!'

'Overwhelmed and grateful'

54-year-old Tatjana is one of the 150 ShelterBox recipients. She lost her husband and son within the last five years:

'Since then I had been living by myself, isolated from the community. The flash floods made me realise how important relationships and support from others really are for a person, even though the disaster has done a lot of harm to our community. I am overwhelmed and grateful for the help I have received from ShelterBox.'

This collaboration between ShelterBox and Rotary highlights why ShelterBox became Rotary International's first project partner last March. By building on each organisation's strengths, they both can bring relief, shelter and dignity to disaster survivors worldwide as rapidly and efficiently as possible.

'I am very happy that I got the opportunity to go out to Krymsk together with the SRT,' said Rotarian Andrey Emarlukov. 'It was an honour for me to work with ShelterBox and be able to help people in need. I am proud of the Rotary Club Krasnodar for having established such a close relationship with ShelterBox.'

A total of 150 ShelterBoxes have been distributed to the most vulnerable families, giving them the right to dignity as they rebuild their damaged homes.

The Funny Side

The Cab Driver

A taxi passenger tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him a question.

The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the footpath, and stopped centimetres from a shop window.

For a second everything went quiet in the cab, then the driver said, "Look mate, don't ever do that again. You scared the daylights out of me!"

The passenger apologized and said, "I didn't realize that a little tap would scare you so much."

The driver replied, "Sorry, it's not really your fault. Today is my first day as a cab driver - I've been driving a funeral van for the last 25 years".

Rough Landing

An airplane pilot had had a particularly difficult flight and a rough landing. The airline had a policy which required the first officer to stand at the door while the passengers exited, smile and give them a "Thanks for riding Royal Airlines." But, in light of his bad landing, the pilot had a hard time looking the passengers in the eye, thinking that someone would have a smart comment.

Finally, everyone had gotten off except for this little old lady walking with a cane. She said, "Sonny, mind if I ask you a question?"

"Why no, Ma'am," replied the pilot, "what is it?"

The little old lady said, "Did we land or were we shot down?"

Significant Dates in August

Inductions		Birthdays		Anniversaries	
16 th	Angie Ulrichsen	6 th	Kerry Messner	11 th	Terry & Annette
		10 th	Anne Barker	18 th	Ian & Micki
		22 nd	Merinda Antill		
		31 st	John Messner		

Coming Event

Fun and Games Arvo

Sunday 2 September 2012 - 2.00 pm onwards

at

Lynn Hardingham's home 35 Eucalyptus Drive Dalmeny

BYO drinks and your inner child