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### *Tappings from Terry in Bermagui!*

Great crowd for last Thursday's meeting, only a few members away, but the guests - awesome!

Our two RYPEN students from Narooma High Year 9 - Katelin Donovan and Laoise (pron. 'Leisha') Penton. They spoke for 2-3 minutes each on their experiences at RYPEN two weekends ago. Seems they thought it a worthwhile project, but sitting at the furthest point to them when they spoke, some content of the RYPEN on how to present their report to the club would be useful.

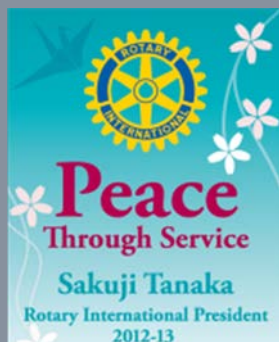
And we also had Katelin's parents - Kerrie and Michael Donovan, and Laoise's parents - Anna and Paddy Penton, as well as the NHS Principal Tony Fahey and his wife Sue, and the NHS Year 9 advisor Kylie Maher.

Of course we also had some partners, and most significant: the guest speaker Ashley Overholt, telling us how they fight fires in Colorado. Seems they get burdened with rules there too (it has been said that rules are made for people who have no common sense, but often rules stop people who have common sense from using it). Ashley's mother was also present, and our Ian T was able to trace the pre-birth progress for Ashley, which she probably did not think we needed to know.

As I write this before setting off for the markets, it looks like a lovely day for it, I hope the people of Narooma agree and are there in their thousands. We will welcome suggestions from members on what can be done with the markets to make them more attractive to stall holders as well as attendees, it doesn't matter how outrageous the suggestions are, as long as they are legal.

Have fun with Rotary

Terry



## *Tonight*

Peter Bull – 'This is My Life'

Date	Event
<b>4 October</b>	Kevin Stevens. Auswide Projects
<b>11 October</b>	Board Meeting
<b>14 October</b>	Ringlands clean up and BBQ
<b>18 October</b>	GSE Team from Mississippi arrives. GSE Team Presentation at dinner meeting. <b>Partners night</b>
<b>19 – 20 October</b>	GSE Team visit
<b>25 October</b>	Regular Meeting Cancelled
<b>26 – 28 October</b>	District 9710 Conference
<b>28 October</b>	Narooma Rotary Markets

## *Duties*

Duty	27 September	4 October	11 October	18 October	25 October
<b>Chair/Rotary History</b>	Rolf Gimmel	Chris O'Brien	Angie Ulrichsen	George Barker	No Meeting
<b>Cashier/Wheel</b>	Bob Aston	Rolf Gimmel	George Barker	Kris Elphick	No Meeting
<b>Invocation</b>	Peter Bull	John Messner	Jack Wightman	John Rungen	
<b>3 Minute Talk</b>	John Messner	Orit Karny-Winters	John Rungen	Bob Antill	
<b>Fines</b>	John Messner		Bob Antill		

## *The Week that Was*

Unfortunately the editor was enjoying the delights of Wollongong (It seems to be my second home) and was not able to be at the meeting. From all reports it was a great night with lots to hear from our RYPEN students and our guest speaker Ashley Overholt. Thanks to Laurelle who provided the pics and stories (See page 3)

A wonderful spring day greeted everyone for the September Narooma Rotary Markets on Sunday. John Rungen took over the role of chief cook and Peter Bull was back in the swing making donuts after many years away – I think Peter may still have a few things to learn and I am not sure if he would pass the Fred Doctor donut making test!! Kris Elphick was also back after a few months away. Kris did a great job serving the willing costumers.

Angie was the chief raffle ticket seller, gently asking all who entered to buy a ticket in the Whale Watching Raffle. Well done Angie. To date the raffle has raised more than \$1500.00.

Market takings were:      Gate \$782.50      Well \$118.50      Van \$601.75  
   Total \$1,502.80



The two Year 9 girls had the best time at RYPEN in early September, and both spoke very well about the experience which was 'awesome'. They are Laoise Penton, left, and Katelin Donovan.

They were accompanied by both parents, teachers Kylie Maher (Year 9 advisor) and Sue Fahey, as well as Tony Fahey. So nine guests through RYPEN. What a turnout! Possibly unprecedented.

Full credit to Angie who did the running on this one. Shame she was not able to be there last Thursday night.

Photo: Laurelle with Laoise & Katelin



President Terry presented AG Vere Gray with a cheque for \$500 being our contribution towards funds being allocated to a school in Timor Leste which is participating in the "Play at School, Stay at School" program being implemented by Kirsty Sword Gusmao. The funds will be taken to Timor Leste by Ms Jenny Coles and handed over personally to Kirsty Gusmao on 1 October.

Photo: Terry with AG Vere Gray



Our guest speaker Ashley Overholt is the daughter of Micki and Ian's old friend Cammie Houpt from Libya days.

They were both over from the USA. Ashley is a paramedic with the Manitou Springs Fire Department in Colorado, and is one of the full time staff. Most others are volunteers.

She spoke about her work but particularly about the Waldo Canyon forest fire in late June and her involvement. The fire burned over about 74 sq km, caused the evacuation of over 32,000 residents from the towns of Colorado Springs, Manitou Springs and several other communities. She said 367 homes were lost. It was the most destructive fire in Colorado's history.

Photos

Above: Cammie Houpt shares a Joke with Miki & Ian

Above left: Peter Bull pictured with Ashley



## *Using vocational service to build peace*

Rotary News -- 20 September 2012

October is Vocational Service Month. RI President Sakuji Tanaka has asked Rotarians to build *Peace Through Service* in 2012-13. By using vocational service to strengthen communities and build relationships, Rotarians are taking an important step in creating a more peaceful world. Every vocation can play a role in one of Rotary's ultimate goals. Here is Tanaka's message on vocational service and peace.

### ***Dear fellow Rotarians,***

In Japan, we place great importance on the value of work. Whatever we are called to do, we should do it to the very best of our abilities, with dignity and with pride. Whether the job is running a country or shining shoes, there is honor in every vocation.

I grew up embracing this belief, but I had never stopped to contemplate it. One day, in my third year in Rotary, we had a speaker at our club who talked about the purpose of one's livelihood. He asked, why do we work hard? What is the importance of our work?

I had never thought about this before. I never saw it as a question. We work to earn money. We work to be successful. We work because it is required of us. To me, this was all.

On that day, I learned about the idea of vocational service. It was the idea that through our work, we can serve others. We think about others' needs, and grow to care more for the needs of our communities. We build positive connections between people, and a more peaceful world.

This is the idea that has changed my life. It did not change how much I worked, or how hard I worked. But it changed why I worked, and how I experienced my life. It has made me see a higher purpose in everything I do.

The idea of Service above Self is an idea that is unique to Rotary. But it is an idea that can be embraced by anyone. And I believe very much that in Rotary, and beyond Rotary, we can build *Peace through Service*.

### ***District Conference***

Registration for the conference is now open. You may register on-line through the District website [www.rotaryd9710.org.au](http://www.rotaryd9710.org.au).

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, ***however you must register***. Click [here](#) to register and to find out more about the conference.



## *The Funny Side*

### **The Ugly Duckling**

Three old maids die and arrive in heaven at the same time. When they get there, St. Peter says, "We only have one rule here in heaven: don't step on the ducks!"

So they enter heaven, and sure enough, there are ducks all over the place. It is almost impossible not to step on a duck, and although they try their best to avoid them, the first woman accidentally steps on one.

Along comes St. Peter with the ugliest man she ever saw. St. Peter chains them together and says, "Your punishment for stepping on a duck is to spend eternity chained to this ugly man!"

The next day, the second woman accidentally steps on a duck and along comes St. Peter, who doesn't miss a thing. With him is another extremely ugly man. He chains them together with the same admonishment as for the first woman.

The third woman has observed all this and, not wanting to be chained for all eternity to an ugly man, is very, VERY careful where she steps.

She manages to go months without stepping on any ducks, then one day St. Peter comes up to her with the most handsome man she has ever laid eyes on... very tall, dark hair, and muscular.

St. Peter chains them together without saying a word and walks away.

The happy woman says, "I wonder what I did to deserve being chained to you for all of eternity?"

The guy says, "I don't know about you, but I stepped on a duck!"

### **Psychology 101**

In a class on abnormal psychology, the instructor was about to introduce the subject of manic depression.

She posed this question to her students: "How would you diagnose a patient who walks back and forth screaming at the top of his lungs one minute, then sits down weeping uncontrollably the next?"

A young man in the rear raised his hand and suggested earnestly, "A football coach?"



Far Left  
Peter Bull  
learning how to  
make donuts

Left  
Rolf at the  
markets