

# ROTARY CLUB OF NAROOMA INC

## BEACON

VOLUME - 55

EDITION - 18

DATE  
8 NOVEMBER 2012

RI PRESIDENT  
SAKUJI TANAKI

9710 DG  
PHIL ARMSTRONG

PRESIDENT  
TERRY IRVINE  
MOB 0415 414 980

SECRETARY  
JACK WIGHTMAN

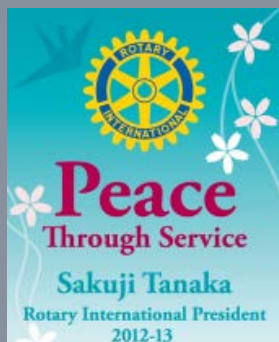
TREASURER  
JACK WIGHTMAN

APOLOGIES AND ADDITIONAL  
GUESTS TO  
JOHN RUNGEN THE TUESDAY  
BEFORE THE MEETING ON  
4476 5932 OR BY  
EMAIL  
RUNGEN@IPRIMUS.COM.AU  
OR YOU WILL BE CHARGED  
FOR YOUR MEAL.

ROTARY CLUB OF NAROOMA

PO Box 151  
NAROOMA 2546

WEB ADDRESS:  
[WWW.NAROOMAROTARY.COM](http://WWW.NAROOMAROTARY.COM)



### *Tappings From Terry!*

Last week's meeting covered a lot of ground, impressions of the District Conference from those that attended, some information from Fred on Shelter Box, and some interesting genealogical information from Peter Bull as part of the fines session - as I observed at the time Peter is normally heard in an Auditorium, a place defined by being from two Latin words: audio - I hear, and taurus - the bull, I repeat that statement here to re-enforce how apt it is.

I read an email from our District Governor Phil, which is worth repeating here for posterity:

Good Afternoon Terry,

*I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Narooma Rotary Club for all of your support over the weekend of the District Conference especially considering your markets on Sunday. The practicalities of a weekend such as this were enormous and while the Conference Committee organised and planned, the "on the ground" support from Members of the Narooma Club – particularly on Saturday – was outstanding and a great contributor to the success of the Conference. We have received many emails of congratulations on what they are referring to as "the best conference ever" and that could not have been achieved without your Members support.*

*Please pass on the thanks of myself and the organising Committee and I look forward in the next couple of weeks to attending a Club meeting to thank your Members personally. I will give you a call once I can work out a free Thursday night. Once again thank you to the Club and Members for your support of the District Conference – it really was most appreciated and contributed to the success and we hope that those that could attend enjoyed the experience. "*

*Continued on Page 2*

Date	Event
15 November	Christine Stranger, Eurobodalla Community Psychologist
21 November Wednesday	Joint meeting with RC Moruya and RC Bateman's Bay at Moruya.
22 November	No Meeting
25 November	Narooma Rotary Markets
29 November	"Team meeting", then Board Meeting
6 December	Barefoot Bowls - Club Narooma
13 December	Annual meeting, Election of office bearers
20 December	Club Christmas Party!!!!

*Duties*

Duty	8 November	15 November	21 November	29 November	6 December
<b>Chair/Rotary History</b>	John Rungen	George Barker	Combined Meeting	Jack Wightman	Barefoot
<b>Cashier/Wheel</b>	Bob Antill	Jack Wightman	With	Laurelle Pacey	Bowls
<b>Invocation</b>	Jack Wightman	Laurelle Pacey	Batemens Bay	Kris Elphick	
<b>3 Minute Talk</b>	Laurelle Pacey	Kris Elphick	Moruya	John Messner	
<b>Fines</b>			At Moruya	Bob Aston	

***If you cannot do your allocated duty please arrange a replacement then advise the editor***

*Terry's Tappings (Continued from Page 1)*

To which I replied, inter alia:

*"Thank you for this Phil, I will pass on your thanks to the members - it was predominately the ladies that assisted, which makes one wonder where Rotary would be if it had not admitted ladies."*

It is good to see the takings from the Market are improving, indications are that this will continue.

You will see our guest speaker this week is Margaret Perger from EuroToastmasters, it would be an excellent time to bring friends and business associates who could benefit from improved oral communications as guests.

Have fun with Rotary

Terry

### *The Week that Was (Thanks to Ian)*

We welcomed visiting Rotarian Fred Fawke and his wife Pamela from the RC Belconnen. Fred is also the District Chair of ShelterBox Australia and in this capacity gave an update on some aspects of the program.

Whilst at a club level, we tend to think of the cost of purchasing / providing a ShelterBox, but that is just the beginning of the logistical challenge facing the organizers at the international level who are faced with mind boggling hurdles to overcome. Transport, importation to the country of need, clearance and distribution to the disaster area, and working through local bureaucracy is the role of highly trained Response Teams who also rely on the help given by local organizations, aid agencies and Rotary Clubs in the region.

ShelterBox HQ has a goal of establishing a base stock of 50,000 units in 12 distribution locations around the world, a big ask when you think of it in money terms...\$50 million.

ShelterBoxes are tailored to meet the nature and location of the disaster, taking into account cultural and climatic needs. And in numerous cases, S/Boxes have been used in all sorts of ways such as classrooms, operating theatres, maternity wards and local disaster admin offices!

Fred gave the members some insights into the difficulties encountered in a number of countries where tribal and local issues can cause delays in placement of Boxes but the dedicated teams on the ground invariably seem to find a way to resolve any such issues.

As for Rotary clubs such as ours, the need to continue our support of ShelterBox will be an ongoing goal.

### *The Funny Side*

If Noah had lived in the United States today the story may have gone something like this:

And the Lord spoke to Noah and said, "In one year, I am going to make it rain and cover the whole earth with water until all flesh is destroyed. But I want you to save the righteous people and two of every kind of living thing on earth. Therefore, I am commanding you to build an Ark." In a flash of lightning, God delivered the specifications for an Ark. In fear and trembling, Noah took the plans and agreed to build the ark. "Remember," said the Lord, "you must complete the Ark and bring everything aboard in one year."

Exactly one year later, fierce storm clouds covered the earth and all the seas of the earth went into a tumult. The Lord saw that Noah was sitting in his front yard weeping. "Noah!" He shouted. "Where is the Ark?"

"Lord, please forgive me," cried Noah. "I did my best, but there were big problems.

First, I had to get a permit for construction, and your plans did not meet the building codes. I had to hire an engineering firm and redraw the plans.

Then I got into a fight with OSHA over whether or not the Ark needed a sprinkler system and approved floatation devices.

Then, my neighbour objected, claiming I was violating zoning ordinances by building the Ark in my front yard, so I had to get a variance from the city planning commission.

Then, I had problems getting enough wood for the Ark, because there was a ban on cutting trees to protect the Spotted Owl. I finally convinced the U.S. Forest Service that I really needed the wood to save the owls. However, the Fish and Wildlife Service won't let me take the 2 owls.

The carpenters formed a union and went on strike. I had to negotiate a settlement with the National Labour Relations Board before anyone would pick up a saw or hammer. Now, I have 16 carpenters on the Ark, but still no owls.

When I started rounding up the other animals, an animal rights group sued me. They objected to me taking only two of each kind aboard. This suit is pending.

Meanwhile, the EPA notified me that I could not complete the Ark without filing an environmental impact statement on your proposed flood. They didn't take very kindly to the idea that they had no jurisdiction over the conduct of the Creator of the Universe.

Then, the Army Corps of Engineers demanded a map of the proposed flood plain. I sent them a globe.

Right now, I am trying to resolve a complaint filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that I am practicing discrimination by not taking atheists aboard.

The IRS has seized my assets, claiming that I'm building the Ark in preparation to flee the country to avoid paying taxes. I just got a notice from the state that I owe them some kind of user tax and failed to register the Ark as a 'recreational water craft'.

And finally, the ACLU got the courts to issue an injunction against further construction of the Ark, saying that since God is flooding the earth, it's a religious event, and, therefore unconstitutional. I really don't think I can finish the Ark for another five or six years."

Noah waited. The sky began to clear, the sun began to shine, and the seas began to calm. A rainbow arched across the sky.

Noah looked up hopefully. "You mean you're not going to destroy the earth, Lord?"

"No," He said sadly. "I don't have to. The government already has."

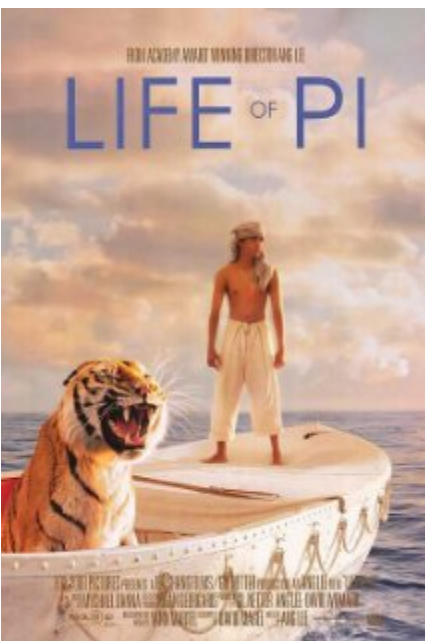
ROTARY CLUB OF BATEMANS BAY

3D MOVIE NIGHT

**“END POLIO NOW”**

Fundraising Evening

## Life of Pi (2012)



The story of an Indian boy named Pi, a zookeeper's son who finds himself in the company of a hyena, zebra, orangutan, and a Bengal tiger after a shipwreck sets them adrift in the Pacific Ocean.

**Director:**

[Ang Lee](#)

**Writers:**

[David Magee](#) (screenplay), [Yann Martel](#) (novel)

**Stars:**

[Suraj Sharma](#), [Irrfan Khan](#) and [Adil Hussain](#)

Thursday 6 December 2012

At Bay City Cinemas

6.00pm for a 6.30pm start

Tickets - \$20.00

Price includes wine, pizza and the movie

Reserve tickets from the Grays: [garryandvere@bigpond.com](mailto:garryandvere@bigpond.com)