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The President Writes:

Program Update

This Week

Guest speaker details will be notified by email (after this newsletter is published). Roger Bayley should be with us this week

Next Week (22nd)

Board Meeting. There will be a big agenda.

March 29

The guest speaker will be Mark Jolly, formerly i/c Narooma Ambulance Service, who will speak on and demonstrate the latest in defibrillators.

April 5

TBA

April 12

The guest speaker will be Graeme Peachey who is the CEO of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA). The meeting will open to other local organisations.

April 19

Board Meeting.

April 26

Cinders Trophy. Joint meeting with Moruya at the Bodalla Bowling Club

President John

**TONIGHT
A Surprise!**

COMING EVENTS

15 March	TBC – A surprise
22 March	Board Meeting
25 March	Markets
29 March	Mark Jolly – The latest on defibrillators
5 April	TBC
12 April	Graeme Peachey - CEO of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority
19 April	Board Meeting

TASK	15 March	22 March	29 March
Cashier	Terry Irvine	John Rungen	Bob Aston
3-minute talk	Chris O'Brien	Ian Thomlinson	John Rungen
Wheel	Bob Antill	Chris O'Brien	Ian Thomlinson

MedicAlert

The Australia Medic Alert Foundation provides for its members an emblem carrying vital medical information to assist health care professionals attending an emergency in making an accurate diagnosis and avoiding delay in obtaining treatment. The emblem or tag can be worn as a necklet, bracelet or wristband.

MedicAlert is endorsed by the Rotary Districts in Australia and funded as a non profit organisation by donations and the fees paid by its members. As a club we respond to their annual appeal for donations with a contribution representing \$5.00 per member, and receive in return dinner badge stickers indicating that the club is a 100% supporter of MedicAlert. See Secretary Jack to obtain a sticker for your badge.

Jack also has some information for anyone interested in the MedicAlert service and desirous of being “tagged” with their personal medical information in case of an emergency.

Rotary Down Under Magazine

At last, subscribers to *Rotary Down Under* can now choose to receive the digital edition of the magazine in preference to the hard copy. It is still a condition of our Rotary membership that we subscribe to an approved Rotary magazine, however, so do not expect to be relieved of the cost of subscribing to *Rotary Down Under* (included in the membership semi-annual dues) if you take the electronic version.

RDU advises that the price of an electronic subscription will be the same as a hard copy subscription. They go on: “Apart from the mind-blowing expense of providing and continually updating the software

required ..., it should be remembered that we are still committed to providing a hard copy to everyone who requires it. This means that while the number of people opting into the electronic version can be expected to gradually increase, thereby diminishing the actual print-run of the hard copy edition, we will still have a significant print-run that will remain in all likelihood for many years to come. We are therefore producing two types of magazine and bearing the cost of two production systems. There will, no doubt, be savings on the production of the hard copy edition in time, but these savings will be more than offset by the cost of keeping technologically up to date.”

This information has come to the Secretary in an e-newsletter giving a preview of the March edition of *Rotary Down Under*. As it carries a link by which you may opt into a Digital Subscription, Jack will forward it on to any member who would rather receive it by email. The magazine will then be delivered in the form of a link from an e-newsletter.

Invitations

The Narooma Probus Club will be holding their Changeover Lunch at the Golf Club on Monday 26th March commencing at 12.00 noon. President John has accepted a personal invitation to attend. This Probus club was originally established by the Rotary Club of Narooma as a club for men in 1982 and operates as a mixed gender club since disbandment of the Ladies Probus Club which we established in 1992.

Quota International of Narooma has issued an open invitation to a premiere screening of *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* at the Narooma Kinema on Friday 23rd March at 7.00 for 7.30 pm – \$17.00 including supper. It's a fundraiser for their District Motor Neurone Research project. To book tickets call Janette on 4476 2352.

We have an invitation from TAFE to attend the Moruya Campus Graduation at Batemans Bay Soldiers' Club on Wednesday 21st March at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. President John is unable to accept it. Any member who is interested and available to attend should advise Secretary Jack before 14th March.

Dolly Parton helps Rotarians spread literacy

By Susie Ma

The Rotarian -- March 2012

It can be hard to find books in Canada's vast Yukon. Claire Derome, 2009-10 president of the Rotary Club of Whitehorse-Rendezvous, knows of only one bookstore outside the capital, and in remote areas, access to libraries is also limited. Derome wanted to launch a literacy project that would reach all Yukon communities, and she found one in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

Every month, Imagination Library mails an age-appropriate book to each child in the program, until age five. Research showed that up to 85 percent of families receiving books through the program read to their children every day.

Derome, who has a graduate degree in education, did not need more convincing. "The number of books you have at home is a good indicator of future success in school," she says. Her Rotary club worked with the Yukon government and the Yukon Literacy Coalition to bring Imagination Library

there, and 900 children are currently enrolled. The Dollywood Foundation and the participating community split the program costs; in Yukon, the Whitehorse-Rendezvous club covers the \$3.60 per child per month.

Dawn Rochelle, president of the Rotary Club of Jacksonville, N.C., USA, was drawn to Imagination Library because she knew that every cent her club raised would help put a book directly into the hands of a child.

Rochelle, who is executive director of the nonprofit Onslow County Partnership for Children, brought her organization together with Rotary clubs and the local United Way to launch Imagination Library in Jacksonville, which, as home to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, has many young military families. At Imagination Library's first local Rotary club presentation, one Rotarian pledged \$10,000 on the spot. So far, 170 children are enrolled in the program. "They're so excited, because they don't have books at home," Rochelle says.

Imagination Library does not have income requirements. "Dolly did not want any child to feel singled out or left out," says David Dotson, president of the Dollywood Foundation. Parton was adamant that the books be new, because of her own experiences growing up with hand-me-downs. And in mailing the books to each young person, she wanted to re-create the joy she felt as a child when the Sears catalog arrived at her home, addressed to her family.

Imagination Library serves children in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom. In 2001, 2,500 children were participating in the program; today they number almost 700,000. Imagination Library and Rotary International teamed up in 2009, and Rotary clubs are involved in the program in roughly 300 communities.

"I don't think we could do it without Rotary's involvement," Dotson says. "If you look at Rotary's presence in the world, it may be that the greatest aspect of our relationship is yet to come."

The Week That Was

Laurelle spoke about Narooma's plans to enhance the School of Arts site as Narooma Arts Centre, a regional centre for the visual arts.

She said the site with the Kinema (the old School of Arts multipurpose hall, MACS Cottage and the SoArt Gallery belongs to the people of Narooma, not council, not the State Government. It's held in trust for the community by the School of Arts incorporated association.

As residents of Narooma, we are all responsible for the site's management and its future, assets worth about \$2m.



Laurelle spoke about the need to enhance the space with a purpose built art studio and workshops, minor improvements to the hall to facilitate live performances, and enhancing the SoArt Gallery.

It's roughly a one million dollar project, and construction will depend on grants and they have identified potential funding sources.

She said the need for this project has been recognised both in a consultants report to Eurobodalla Shire Council and the vision for Regional Development Australia South Coast, as well as in the draft discussion paper for the National Cultural Policy.

Narooma has had a School of Arts since 1895, owned by the community.

This is an exciting project that will greatly stimulate the district.

What were we up to 5 years ago?

Marilyn's Message - 15 March 2007

Many thanks to Jeremy and Heather Ferguson for their wonderful hospitality last Thursday. The weather, which had been threatening to drown us all, was kind in the end, allowing for alfresco dining in the Ferguson's beautiful garden setting. Fairy lights and candles added to the party atmosphere. Jeremy's culinary skills with the barbeque were second to none and his superbly cooked snags and steaks were admirably supported by an array of delicious salads and desserts provided by our members and their partners. It was a sumptuous feast. The turnout was very good and included a number of guests. I am sure that everyone enjoyed themselves.

This week we are back at the Whale and hoping that our newest members, Lin and Phil, might entertain us with a talk sharing a little bit about themselves, in lieu of a visiting after dinner speaker. (I am hoping to be there but I do have a late afternoon appointment in Bega, so if I get there it may be quite late).

President Maz

Some Humour!

Reasons Why a Chocolate is Better Than a Woman

- Chocolate never keeps you waiting.
- Chocolate doesn't get jealous when you look at another chocolate bar.
- You never have to buy a box of chocolates for a box of chocolates.
- Chocolate doesn't talk incessantly while you're watching the football.
- It doesn't expect you to remember the anniversary of the first time you met.
- Chocolate never tries to chat up your best friend.
- Chocolate isn't looking for a long term commitment.

Some Children's humour

Moira was struggling to get the tomato ketchup out of the bottle. As she was trying the phone rang and her 4 year old daughter, Mia, answered it saying, 'Sorry, mummy can't come to the phone at the moment because she's hitting the bottle.'

Roger, the local police/school liaison officer was in Green Barn Primary School, Sherborne, Dorset, UK, on an official visit when Mary, age 6, approached him.

'Are you a policeman?' Mary asked.

'Yes,' answered Roger smiling.

'My mum said if I was ever in trouble then I ought to ask a policeman for help. Is that true?'

'Of course,' uttered Roger.

'Then will you please tie my shoelace?' said Mary.

Chris was driving his 4 year old, Betsy, to the beach one summer when a woman in a cabriolet in front stood up and waved. She was absolutely naked and as Chris was recovering from the shock he heard Betsy shout, 'Look, daddy, that woman isn't wearing a seat belt.'

Maggie was an infant school teacher, and on her first day with the reception class [1st graders] at Northern Primary, Portchester, a little girl gave her a note which said: 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of her parents.'

Steve, age 6 years, became lost in the sports complex known as HMS Temeraire, the Royal Navy Physical Training centre in Portsmouth, UK. Seeing a ladies locker room in front of him he darted in to ask for help. When he was spotted the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. Steve watched in amazement and then asked, 'What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?'

Jack, the Westbourne village police officer, parked his van outside the police station in Havant and was about to collect his police dog, a German shepherd, from the back. The dog was barking rather loudly and a little boy who was watching asked the policeman, 'Is that a dog you've got there?'

'Yes,' smiled Jack.

The little boy looked extremely puzzled and eventually asked, 'What did he do?'

Paul, while working for 'meals-on-wheels' used to take his 4-year-old daughter, Lois, with him on his afternoon rounds. Lois was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the walking sticks, triangular walkers and the wheelchairs.

One day Paul found Lois staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As he prepared himself for the inevitable barrage of questions, Lois merely turned and whispered, 'The tooth fairy is never going to believe this.'

Nathan, after his first day at school, returned home and told his mother, 'I'm wasting my time at school. I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk.'

Father John, while walking along the pavement in front of his church, heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son, Rory, and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and some cotton wool, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. Rory, the minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said, 'Glory be unto the Faaather, and unto the Sonnn, and into the hole he goooes.'