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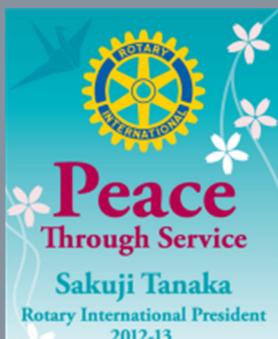
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Tappings from Terry

Terry is not able to provide a Tappings this week. He is still recovering from his recent travels and going over by the medicos in Canberra. He did provide the joke at the end of the Beacon.

The Week that Was

Last Thursday night we were entertained with a bit of Narooma Rotary history. Chairman Ian passed around his photo album from his year as President (1998 – 1999) – it was great to see the faces and action from 1998/99, the only issues was how much many of have aged!

Peter Bull spoke about our exchange student from the same year – A young French lad with an eye for the ladies and a bit of fun, sun and surf!

Laurelle Pacey entertained us with the video she produced for our 50th – It was great to see George, the late Neville Gough and others discuss the first 50 years of Narooma Rotary.

Bob Aston entertained with a fine session based on the Oscars – Once again members were in the thick of it at the recent Narooma Rotary Academy Awards.

Visitors included Mike Young from Broome (and soon to be from Narooma) and Peter's good wife Karen. We also had a representative from the IGA on the flat. IGA have donated \$400.00 to Narooma Rotary to help with Christmas decorations.

I can't recall who won the raffle prizes, however, there were plenty of them with wine, port, eggs, bread and a torch provided by Chris.

Rotary's Birthday

If you want to see how Rotary celebrated its recent birthday click [here](#).

Rotarians design a sustainable project in India

By Arnold R. Grahl

Rotary News -- 26 February 2013

A Rotarian-led team of hydrologists, engineers, geologists, and other experts traveled to the Thane district of northwest India in October to help local Rotarians and their international partners design a global grant project to bring clean water and sanitation to more than 1,800 villagers.

The team, funded by The Rotary Foundation and a grant from the Annenberg Foundation, is one of the first of its kind. It's the product of the [Project Enhancement Process](#) (PEP) pilot, which is designed to enlist the help of Rotarians with expertise in the water and sanitation area of focus so that clubs and districts can put together larger-scale, sustainable projects.

The PEP pilot runs through July and involves nine districts testing [The Rotary Foundation's new grant model](#). The Foundation also collaborated with the [Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group](#) (WASRAG) to produce [technical guides](#) that walk Rotarians through planning an effective water and sanitation project.

"This process is an excellent approach," says Arvind Phukan, a civil engineer and member of the Rotary Club of Tacoma, Washington, USA, who served as team leader. "Sometimes districts don't have the technical expertise or the experience to do a larger project. This approach helps them think bigger and promotes better projects that will have a more significant impact."

After deciding to pursue a water, sanitation, and hygiene project in the Akre Gram Panchayat region of India, the Rotary Club of Thane North and its international partner, the Tacoma club, requested an evaluation team through the PEP Pilot to help them assess and plan their project. The project would benefit about 350 households in nine villages in the Supi River watershed, where villagers are trying to eke out a living growing rice.

Needs assessment

The team met with villagers to assess their needs and determined that many of the local wells ran dry during nonrainy seasons because the area's shallow, impervious rock prevents water from seeping into the ground and replenishing the wells. In addition, some of the wells were poorly designed or damaged, and systems intended to funnel groundwater were inadequate.

As a result, many of the women are forced to haul water from the Supi River or one of its tributaries. The villagers use the same water for cleaning and bathing, and also share it with their livestock, all of which introduces contaminants into the drinking water. And since there is no running water, the toilets that do exist go unused. The villagers' lack of good hygiene contributes to the spread of disease.

The team's findings were the basis for recommendations that the Thane North and Tacoma clubs will turn into a global grant application with a budget of about US\$333,000. The recommendations constitute a holistic approach to the area's needs that includes installing bore wells with submersible pumps near several of the existing wells to pump water to storage tanks, with the water flowing by gravity to the villages, where it would be treated and purified. A variety of rainwater-harvesting structures such as check dams and surface ponds would be built to replenish the groundwater.

Sustainability

A cluster of latrines would also be built in each village, along with washing basins and cattle troughs. Trenching and diesel pumps would be used for irrigation so the villagers can grow vegetables along with the rice. Adults and schoolchildren would receive instruction in hygiene and its impact on disease and health.

Phukin notes that the process began by talking to villagers, a key step in making a project sustainable. "It all starts with the community. You must involve the community at every step of the process. You can't just hand them things."

Sustainable, large-scale projects also require a broad base of support. Phukan and team members have been helping to recruit other clubs and districts to join the Thane North and Tacoma clubs in supporting this project.

"When this is done, and it can be done in phases, it will bring lasting change to the community," Phukin notes. "The villagers' lifestyle will change for the better."

Some Humour – Thanks to Terry

The school inspector is assigned to the Year 4 class in one of the local Brisbane State schools. He is introduced to the class by the teacher.

She says to the class, "Let's show the inspector just how clever you are by allowing him to ask you a question".

The inspector reasons that normally class starts with religious instruction, so he will ask a biblical question.

He asks: "Class, who broke down the walls of Jericho?"

For a full minute there is absolute silence. The children all just stare at him blankly. Eventually, little Bruce raises his hand. The inspector excitedly points to him.

Bruce stands up and replies: "Sir, I do not know who broke down the walls of Jericho, but I can assure you it wasn't me".

Of course the inspector is shocked by the answer and the lack of knowledge of the famous Bible story and he looks at the teacher for an explanation. Realizing that he is perturbed, the teacher says: "Well, I've known Bruce since the beginning of the year, and I believe that if he says that he didn't do it, then he didn't do it".

The inspector is even more shocked at this and storms down to the principal's office and tells him what happened, to which the principal replies: "I don't know the boy, but I socialize every now and then with his teacher, and I believe her. If she feels that the boy is innocent, then he must be innocent".

The inspector can't believe what he is hearing. He grabs the phone on the principal's desk and in a rage, dials Julia Gillard's telephone number and rattles off the entire occurrence to her and asks her what she thinks of the education standard in the State.

The PM sighs heavily and replies: "I don't know the boy, the teacher or the principal, but just get three quotes and have the bloody wall fixed!!"

Date	Event
7 March	Shanna Provost. Australian Red Cross - Project with remote Aboriginal communities in the NT, helping them to build resilience to natural disasters. PARTNER'S NIGHT
14 March	Club assembly, followed by Board meeting.
21 March	Joint meeting with RC Bega at Bermagui.
24 March	Narooma Rotary Markets – NATA Oval
28 March	TBC
4 April	Cr Rob Pollock – Oncology unit update

Duty	7 March	14 March	21 March	28 March	4 April
Chair/Rotary History	Laurelle Pacey	John Messner	John Rungen	Angie Ulrchinsen	Chris O'Brien
Cashier/Wheel	John Messner	John Rungen	Angie Ulrchinsen	John Messner	Mike Young
Invocation	John Rungen	Charmaine White	Mike Young	Chris O'Brien	Angie Ulrchinsen
3 Minute Talk	Mike Young	Chris O'Brien	Charmaine White	George Barker	Laurelle Pacey
Fines				Ian Thomlinson	

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A screen shot from the 50th Anniversary Video

George Barker

Neville Gough

Norm Hoyer