



# ROTARY CLUB OF NAROOMA INC

## BEACON

### *Tappings from Terry*

A pleasure to welcome our ADG Vere Gray in a different role as our guest speaker last Thursday. It was good to learn of her travel experiences with her father, a former POW by the Japanese in WWII, and his reconciliation with the nation of his former captors. It is especially pertinent to consider this during the year when our RI President is Sakuji Tanaka of Japan, and the theme for the year is Peace through Service.

It is also significant that Vere and her father visited Hiroshima, the location for the last Rotary Global Peace Forum mentioned by Sakuji Tanaka in his message from HO in this month's Rotary Down Under. It is worth quoting part of his message here:

“We hear the word **peace** every day, but most of us spend little time thinking about what peace is.....On a more abstract level, peace can mean a sense of happiness, of inner serenity, of calm.”

There is a lot of other good things to read in RDU too, but then I am sure you have already seen them.

As I write this tomorrow is Mothers' Day, that is one thing we can all be certain of that we have all had one, or have one, and for many of us we are sharing our lives with the mother of our children, it is good to pause and consider the contribution they make to our lives.

Have fun with Rotary,

### *Father & Son Year – An article for RDU!*

The 2012- 2013 year has a rather unique story, in that it sees Terry Irvine, President of the Narooma Club District 9710, whilst over in Wagga Wagga his son, Andrew, is the President of the Wollundry Club. Their changeover days were within a couple of days of each other, as is the ones coming up in June, so they both miss each other's again.

Wollundry Rotary is 80 members strong and present the Sunday Markets each week, the Farmers Market each Month and the very successful Food and Wine Festival each March. These events require some 3250 man hours per year. This year the Riverina BMW Food and Wine Festival generated \$44,000 which was presented to the Wagga High School Special Education Unit, to purchase intelligent white boards, ipads, headsets and software. The school has 37 disabled students who will benefit.

Andrew has been a member since 1995.



Terry Irvine became a member of the Rotary Club of Darwin soon after it was chartered in the 1960s, he was secretary for a year, then became president for the 1963/64 year, he turned 30 just before he relinquished the presidential role. During his time as president the Rotary Club of Darwin North was formed. He subsequently joined that club.

When he left Darwin he joined the Rotary Club of Canberra Burley Griffin. Later he moved to Adelaide and joined the Rotary

Club of Glenelg, he then moved to Wagga and was a visiting Rotarian in the Wollundry club which he subsequently joined. So, there was a father/son membership for a while. After leaving Wagga he lived in Sydney but knew he was not staying long enough to be a member of a club there and indeed thought his Rotary days were over. However, when he and his wife, Annette, a former District Governor of Quota settled in Bermagui having bought a pharmacy in Cobargo he decided he had one more club left in his system, and the members of the Rotary Club of Narooma have graciously conferred the role of president on him this year, only 49 years after his first stint in that role!

## *The Week that Was*

It was a little quitter this week after the markets and Oyster Festival. It was great to see Terry back after a bout of illness; however, once again numbers were down due to members' travel and work commitments.

As the meeting progressed we did dissect the return from the Oyster Festival with a number of different views and suggestions being discussed, no doubt the Board will discuss in more detail on the 18 May meeting.

As Terry indicated in his Tappings the highlight of the evening was ADG Vere Gray's experiences in travelling with her father a former POW to Singapore, Japan and the Hell Fire Pass in Thailand. It was wonderful to hear of both the physical and emotional journeys Vere and her father have been on in recent times. Vere's talk certainly put a shiver down my spine as she recounted her father's story. I guess we can say time does heal most things; however. We should never forget the personal sacrifice of those young men and women who went to war in the 40's to ensure a better life for us.

## *Rotary Fellowships*

Want to know more about Rotary Fellowships? Click [here](#).

## Rotary Convention 2014

The RI Convention for 2014 will be held in Sydney from 1 to 4 June. Check out the website, click [here](#). You may even want to volunteer to assist at the Convention. See info on the Website.

Date	Event
16 May	Jackie Stallard - Eurobodalla Shire Council on Social Media
18 May	Combined Board Meeting – Charmaine White’s residence
23 May	Diamonds are Forever – Georgie Staley Partner’s night
26 May	Narooma Rotary Markets – NATA Oval
30 May	TBC
6 June	Pride in Workmanship Awards
13 June	Changeover! Partner’s Night

Duty	16 May	23 May	30 May	6 June	13 June
<b>Chair/Rotary History</b>	Rolf Gimmel	Bob Aston	Jack Wightman	Mike Young	Changeover
<b>Cashier/Wheel</b>	Brendan Wilson	George Barker	Mike Young	Charmaine White	Changeover
<b>Invocation</b>	Laurelle Pacey	Mike Young	Charmaine White	John Messner	Changeover
<b>3 Minute Talk</b>	Peter Bull	Charmaine White	John Messner	Chris O’Brien	Changeover
<b>Fines</b>					

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

## Putting Your Affairs in Order - Thanks to Fred Doctor

A woman went to her doctor. The doctor, after an examination, sighed and said, 'I've some bad news. You have cancer, and you'd best put your affairs in order.'

The woman was shocked, but managed to compose herself and walk into the waiting room where her daughter had been waiting.

'Well daughter, we women celebrate when things are good, and we celebrate when things don't go so well. In this case, things aren't well. I have cancer. Let's head to the club and have a martini.'

After 3 or 4 martinis, the two were feeling a little less somber. There were some laughs and more martinis. They were eventually approached by some of the woman's old friends, who were curious as to what the two were celebrating.

The woman told her friends they were drinking to her impending end. 'I've been diagnosed with AIDS.'

The friends were aghast and gave the woman their condolences.

After the friends left, the woman's daughter leaned over and whispered, 'Momma, I thought you said you were dying of cancer, and you just told your friends you were dying of AIDS.'

The woman said, 'I don't want any of those women sleeping with your father after I'm gone.'

**That's 'Putting Your Affairs In Order'.**

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