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NAROOMA ROTARY BEACON 25 JUNE 2015

OUR CLUB'S VISION : *We are a vibrant, friendly club creating a better world by engaging the community in projects, raising the quality of life locally and internationally.*

Angie's Angle.....

Thursday 18 June 2015: Angie's Angle – Curtain call & Club Assembly and more...

Last night we had a joint Board meeting for 2014-15 before our meeting at 6.30. This allowed me as outgoing President and Bob Antill, incoming President to discuss items on the agenda and take them to our other members attending our dinner meeting.

Some items discussed were our defibrillator project which will continue in the new year, MUNA (*Model United Nations Assembly*) progress and financing of our NHS team, a decision made given the health of our budget to maintain Membership dues as they are and the good news from Lynda Ord (Youth) that we now have 2 students to attend the ConocoPhillips Science Experience programs later in the year.

Bob Antill was invited to talk about his plans for 2015-16. Our markets continue to be our priority for fundraising and many hands make light work. He has streamlined the main functions of our Club, making it simpler. He stressed the need to serve our community and have fun and ensure all members have parts to play.

What a great evening – even had a lovely presentation from Frank and Iris on their recent trip to Italy and Germany. Beautiful photos – stunning scenery, touring by rail. But the highlight was the wedding of Katie, one of Frank's daughters, to Renzo in a charming resort & gardens at Lake Isio, Italy. Family is everything and your pride was obvious. Frank had funny stories to tell, like the Mercedes Katie wanted her Dad to drive to the wedding – had to be white. But the one the hire Co. provided was black instead which had no instructions. Note the wedding car was a Ferrari!! Talk about style! And the food was a veritable feast for the eyes and palate. After the wedding (*the 2nd one after they were married in a civil ceremony by the mayor*) they did some touring to see family and friends in Freudenstadt and Liechtenstein and Iris recounted the frustrations experienced with the car GPS which *'took them for a ride'* **Thanks Iris & Frank for your talk, lots of laughs and great to have you back.**

Dear valued members

This year 2014-15, our Rotary International theme has been '**LIGHT UP ROTARY**'. This theme came from Gary CK Huang, our International President from Taiwan. At the Rotary International Convention held in Sydney last year, Gary spoke about how he was inspired by the teachings of the Chinese Philosopher Confucius who said *'It is better to light a single candle than to sit and curse the darkness'*. He went on to say that the Rotary Way is the Confucius Way. Rotary does this worldwide by more than 1.2 million Rotarians lighting up people's lives and helping so many all over the world.

It has been my privilege to be your President this year. At first I found the prospect awe-some, but was given some simple advice early on to *'just roll along'*. It was imperative for me in this role to **Light up and Lighten up Rotary**. So this kept me focussed for our meetings to be fun, to have great guest speakers, ensure our Beacon newsletter I compiled was interesting & newsy, engage our local Rotary clubs in more social events and an all out effort to reactivate interest in our Youth programs, the highlights of which for me

were MUNA for the very first time and now NYSF.

As I take my curtain call I wish to thank each one of you for your great teamwork and fellowship. ***What a great club we have!!!***

So aptly framed in our vision statement adopted this year,

'We are a vibrant, friendly club creating a better world by engaging the community in projects raising the quality of life locally and internationally.'

ROTARY BOWELCARE PROJECT 2015: John Rungen is coordinating this and advises that kits are selling well at local pharmacies, Narooma, Cobargo and Bermagui and ends 27 June.

Coming up2015

- **Thursday 25 June: Our Club's President/Board CHANGEOVER** – Thanks to Laurelle Pacey who will be just back from Europe and kindly agreed to have our Changeover Bulletin published and needs all the info for it by weekend 20/21 June. Also a big thank you to Jack for paving the way so well and Peter Bull offering to be our super MC on the night.
- **Sunday 28 June:** Rotary market
- **End July - ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE:** Another update on our student Radar who will be joining us soon. Merinda has been talking to Narooma High about his subjects and they will be off to Smyth's to buy a school uniform. We talked about the recent program on Foreign Correspondent which featured the rather alarming pressure school students endure in South Korea. Most Asian countries have a high ethos on education standards achieved and Taiwan is no exception. Radar is in for quite a cultural shock which all systems are out to soften the impact!
- **MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) – weekend 14-16 August, 2015:** David McInnes was advised by Peter Hill (MUNA Chair), that our NHS MUNA team has been allocated the UAE (United Arab Emirates). The UAE is a young country with a rich history and one of the most vibrant and progressive countries in the Middle East.

David, Michael O'Connor and Sue Fahey have discussed a program to research the UAE. Topics will be broken down into manageable parts. Michael also stressed looking at the UAE's UN participation (history, voting style, stances).

Coaching will recommence at NHS on Wed 8 July 1.30 – 3pm and continue weekly. From now on it will be full on culminating with a practice debate on UN resolutions with the MUNA teams from Moruya and Batemans Bay High Schools.

Then it's off to Canberra's historical Old Parliament House- House of Representatives for highly stimulating, simulated UN debates on current political, environmental and cultural issues in the world. ***Canberra ... here we come!!!!***

- **The CONOCOPHILLIPS SCIENCE EXPERIENCE @ Australian National University 23 – 25 September 2015:** Delighted to hear that Lynda Ord (Youth) was able to contact NHS Science Master and confirmed we now have 2 students attending this great program later in the year.
- **NYSF (National Youth Science Forum)@ Australian National University, January 2016:** As mentioned previously, our candidate Lewis Ives, St Peter's College, has been endorsed and recommended to District. Wonderful to have a bright student residing in Narooma applying this year for this highly competitive program (*after so long*). We should hear soon about the next interview selection process in Canberra and are grateful that Peter Bull has agreed to follow through. **GOOD LUCK IN CANBERRA LEWIS!**

INTERNATIONAL TOAST:

Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) provides new life

JOP TIMOR BLUE BABY

Three year old Antonio returned to Timor a different boy thanks to Rotary Oceania Medical Aid.

ROMAC and the support of Rotarians recently performed cardiac surgery on Antonio at the Randwick Childrens Hospital. Rotarians provided the cost of air fares, accommodation and after care for both Mum and child prior to returning to Timor Leste.

TO ALL OF YOU - THANK YOU

Please organize with someone else if you are unavailable to do the meeting duty as rostered below

DUTY	25 June	2 July
Chair	Changeover	Bob Antill
Cashier/Wheel		Frank Eden
Invocation		Jack
3 Minute Talk		Rod Walker
Happy Moments		Ang Ulrichsen
Introduce Guest Speaker		Rolf Gimmel
Thank Guest Speaker		Lynda Ord

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