



# Rotary

## Club of Narooma



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## NAROOMA ROTARY BEACON 23RD JULY 2015

Posted by Frank Eden on Jul 19, 2015

### Short words by Bob Ant

Keeping warm is the order of the day this July but every time I feel cold I think of the people over the mountains who are having some wonderful snow but horrendous driving conditions. Also the displaced in Nepal as the monsoon sets in, we are indeed blessed with great life gifts.

Last Thursday night set the agenda for the new Rotary year, still things to sort out but on our way. Any guest speaker ideas you have, please contact myself, Peter Hartley or Michael O'Connor (when he returns).

### Police Rotary Awards – information and maybe worth looking into.

This year's event will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November at the new floating Dockside Pavilion, Darling Harbour, Sydney. We expect about 600 guests to attend and hope your club will have some representatives there to support a local officer should there be a finalist from your area.

Police Officers who win a local Rotary award in 2015 are automatically eligible for the State Award. All nominations (including local Rotary winners) then go to a judging panel made up of long serving Rotarians from a cross section of the Districts from which the finalists for the evening will be chosen. Each category will have three finalists and you will be notified of who the finalists are four weeks before the event.

#### The Customer Service Nomination link is:

<http://www.sydneyrotary.com/events/nsw-rotary-customer-service-excellence-award>

The Booking Link is: [www.sydneyrotary.com](http://www.sydneyrotary.com) and click on The Events tab.

### Rotary Community Award

This award is to recognise the efforts of NSW Police Force employees, both sworn and unsworn, whose work has been specially identified as providing benefits to the community directly through a program or other initiative.

#### NSW Rotary:

##### Customer Service Excellence Award

Recognises high standards of customer service through personal dealings with customers and by contributing to the overall customer service policy through their involvement in communications, problem solving and innovation

##### NSW Rotary Police Officer of the Year

The NSW Rotary Police Officer of the Year is decided from the winners of the two main award categories: Field Operations Local Area Command Police Officer of the Year and Specialist Operations / Corporate Services Non Local Area Command Police Officer of the Year. This is the premier award of the night.

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### News from ShelterBox

From July 1, Chairmanship of ShelterBox Australia has passed to PDG Rowley Tompsett. I will remain on the Board.

I feel privileged to have served in the role of Chairman for the past couple of years during which time we have managed to lift donations to a record level and extend our contact networks; from my perspective, there are obvious reasons. First and ironically, the proximity of major natural disasters in our region always generates responses, second the growth in and generous support of our Rotary networks, and then the

growth in our non-Rotary networks.

None of that happens in a vacuum. The support of our General Manager, Mike Greenslade; Virginia Pieper handling donations, and staff at Rotary Down Under has been exemplary and deserving mention. Then there are the efforts of our Ambassadors which are similarly appreciated.

ShelterBox responds immediately to major disasters worldwide. We monitor man-made and natural disasters on a daily basis and assess the need on the ground before deploying aid. Our Board and supporters wouldn't have it any other way.

I look forward to working with you as we grow our activity.

PDG Bob Furner

Director, ShelterBox Australia

Chile – Volcano and Flooding 1,500 shelter kits have been transported to the country and are ready to be distributed by Habitat for Humanity.

1,040 shelter kits have already been distributed in the Atacama region of the country to people affected by floods, with 160 more to be distributed soon.

195 kits have been distributed to people who have been affected by volcanic activity in the south of the country, with a further 100 to be distributed soon.

Update on Nepal Monsoon season has begun, bringing with it the threat of flash flooding and landslides. It is likely to last for around three months, further compounding the rebuild efforts

To date we have now been able to provide essential shelter for 15,000 people whose lives have been turned upside down during the disaster.

The team is working with the Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED) to distribute further aid.

14,500 tarpaulins have been transported into the country and are being distributed along with materials from ACTED, such as corrugated iron, so that people can create temporary shelters and make repairs on damaged buildings too.

## Youth

Our two nominees for the ConocoPhillips Science Experience have been offered places. They are: Campbell Allison 23-25 September at the ANU & Eden Brennan 13-15 Jan at Macquarie University.

Applications are also being sought for the Honeywell Engineering Summer School to be held in Sydney in early December.

## An Afternoon of Organ & Brass at All Saint's Church Bodalla.

Sunday 26 July at 2pm - tickets \$22 at the door & afternoon tea at the end of the concert.

Come along and hear two amazing musicians playing the beautiful Willis Organ - Mr Peter Jewkes from Sydney and our own Emeritus Professor Bill Hawkey.

Local group Sorta Brass will also play selection of pieces and join with Bill for the final piece.

Funds raised go toward repairs and maintenance in the bell tower. For more information see page 9 in this week's Narooma News!

## Dont Forget The Next Market

- SUNDAY 26 JULY 2015

## Words of Wisdom

*"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are"* - Theodore Roosevelt

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