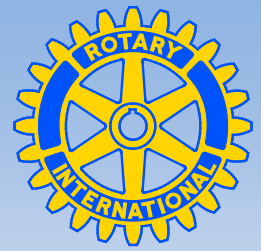




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This Week in Rotary

Rotary International has succeeded in meeting the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's US\$200 million match in funding for polio eradication, raising more than \$202.6 million as of 17 January.

"We'll celebrate this milestone, but it doesn't mean that we'll stop raising money or spreading the word about polio eradication," Rotary Foundation Trustee John F. Germ told Rotary leaders at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA. "We can't stop until our entire world is certified as polio-free."

The fundraising milestone was reached in response to \$355 million in challenge grants awarded to The Rotary Foundation by the Gates Foundation. All funds have been earmarked to support polio immunization activities in affected countries where the vaccine-preventable disease continues to paralyze children.

"In recognition of Rotary's great work, and to inspire Rotarians in the future, the [Gates] foundation is committing an additional \$50 million to extend our partnership," said Jeff Raikes, chief executive officer of the Gates Foundation. "Rotary started the global fight against polio, and continues to set the tone for private fundraising, grassroots engagement, and maintaining polio at the top of the agenda with key policymakers." Raikes also addressed Rotary leaders at the International Assembly.

The new \$50 million grant from the Gates Foundation is not a challenge grant.

Since 1988, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99 percent, from about 350,000 cases annually to fewer than 650 cases reported so far for 2011. The wild poliovirus is now endemic in only four countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. However, India on 13 January marked a full calendar year without a case, paving the way for its removal from the endemic list.

But other countries also remain at risk for polio cases imported from



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the endemic countries. In Africa in 2011, Chad and the Democratic Republic of the Congo had significant outbreaks. Also in 2011, a small cluster of polio cases in China, which had been polio-free for a decade, was traced to Pakistan.

Rotary club members not only reached into their own pockets to support the Gates challenge, but also engaged their communities in a variety of creative fundraising projects, such as a fashion show in California that raised \$52,000, benefit film screenings in New Zealand and Australia that netted \$54,000, and a pledge-supported hike through Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, that brought in \$38,000. Many events were planned around 24 October, widely observed as World Polio Day.

To date, Rotarians worldwide have contributed more than \$1 billion toward the eradication of polio, a cause Rotary took on in 1985. In 1988, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention joined Rotary as spearheading partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. More recently, the Gates Foundation has become a major supporter. In 2007, the Gates Foundation gave Rotary a \$100 million challenge grant for polio eradication, increasing it to \$355 million in 2009. Rotary agreed to raise \$200 million in matching funds by 30 June 2012.

Reaching children with the oral polio vaccine in the disease's remaining strongholds is labor- and resource-intensive due to a host of challenges, including poor infrastructure, geographical isolation, armed conflict, and cultural misunderstanding about the eradication campaign.

President's Pen Neville Parsons

This week we meet at our Club Rooms and as usual partners are invited as well as any guests and potential members that you may know and wish to invite along to experience Rotary today.

Our Guest Speaker this week is a young lady that this club has had the privilege of

assisting in the shaping of her potential and her experience. Anna Rienstra was 2 years ago selected from our Club's nomination to be a National Youth Science Forum Awardee and also was then selected to attend the International Forum in Asia.

Anna was the 2011 Wauchope High School HSC Dux and recently Anna received information from the Board of Studies and University Admission Centre that, due to an adjustment on her Biology marks from 95 to 98, her final ATAR has been corrected from 99.75 to 99.90. This was the highest ATAR in the Hastings Valley and a result that delivers a great sense of pride to us and the Wauchope High School community. In the offers of universities placements, Anna Rienstra immediately accepted her offer for Arts/Law at the University of NSW.

We welcome Anna back to our Club to share with us the Anna Rienstra story and her future plans.

Last week we had a very casual and relaxed "Pub Night" at Modishe Café and we welcomed the following partners Chrissy Thompson, Lynn Morton & Pam Dures together with Honorary Rotarian Frank Harrison.

We had a very enjoyable dinner and most importantly a very relaxed and fun evening.

Prior to the dinner your Board met for its monthly Board Meeting at the Club Rooms.

The following matters were reviewed and or determined at that meeting:

- Adoption of prior Minutes and the review of Business arising
- Secretary's Report noting all of the correspondence since last meeting.

Ratifying and endorsing the following actions taken by the board between formal Board meetings:

- Australia Day Feature in Gazette 19 Jan 12
- RYLA Candidate Talya Wehlburg from Kindee as

recommended by John Carrol
via Marie Winter

- Robyn Flanagan – 6 months Leave of Absence due to work commitments from 31 Jan 2012
- Treasurer's Report noting the end of January Account Balances for both our Club Admin and our Project Accounts as well as authorizing the payments made during the month
- Agreed and authorised for payment the Semi-Annual Return to Rotary International
- Appointed myself as Club President to represent the Club and to be our Official delegate at the forthcoming District AGM to be held on Friday 9 March 2012 at Inverell at the District Conference.
- Our 60th Anniversary Planning for the 60th Anniversary 8 Sep 2012. President-elect Patti will be finalizing her 60th Anniversary Planning Committee very shortly and will advise the Committee members and start the detailed planning for this celebration.

Over the coming weeks you will hear more about this and also 2 Diamond Jubilee celebrations being the "Float Your Boat Fundraiser" on the Hastings River and the Diamond Jubilee Art Show.

- Agreement that our Club has met the criteria for President Kalyan Banerjee's Change Maker Award and I will be submitting the formal Nomination paperwork to our District Governor for his submission to Rotary International. I will share with you at the meeting the actual detail of this Award and the criteria that we have achieved in being eligible for the Award.
- Determined a recipient of the Australian Rotary Health Silver Friend

Award that we will be eligible to present with our agreed donation of \$1000 to Australian Rotary Health. I will announce the selected person at our Club Meeting, noting that the person selected this year is not a Rotarian but someone that has assisted Rotary with the Annual Bowel Scan process for many years.

- Agreed to assist Ros Jamieson at the Rotary Hall at 3:00pm Sunday 1 April 2012 to participate in the 'World's Greatest Shave'. We will provide afternoon tea for those that attend to witness Ros participate in the Worlds Greatest Shave as well as make a donation from the Club for this great cause.
- Agreed to not only officially thank the Sing Australia Choir and the Wauchope Scouts for their great assistance with Australia Day but to make a donation to both organizations and to invite representatives to a club meeting to receive those donations

I also refer you to the individual Reports as provided at the Board Meeting by the respective Directors that we have included in this Bulletin for the information of all members.

The following is the information from my Report to the Board 7 February.

Fun and fellowship have been the focus of our activities since our last Board Meeting.

We had a great Christmas Cruise, a very successful Christmas Raffle, a very enjoyable last meeting for December in the club rooms and then the social gatherings throughout January and what we have all agreed was our best Australia Day Ceremony at least in recent times.

Patti & I attended Kyannah's farewell at Bonny Hills early January and shared with her family and friends that gathered our great pleasure in her being selected for the 12 months exchange in Sweden.

Our first meeting back at the Club Rooms last week was a great opportunity to not only catch up on some Club business but also participate in a review of the Australia Day Ceremony.

Without doubt one of the greatest parts of last week was to welcome Laurie back from his Leave of absence and to be able to announce that he will be our President-elect next year.

I thank each and every one of my Board members for your commitment to the club and to furthering the ideals of Rotary in all that you do.

You are each doing a great job and together with our other Office Bearers laying a solid foundation for the future of Rotary in Wauchope. Thank you.

Over the next 4 and half months it will be critical that we now grow our membership and look to diversify our membership base through age, gender and culture. We need to ensure that we can attract some of our indigenous community as well as the very vibrant Thai community and any other cultures that now reside within the community.

We also need to make progress with the Rotunda in Bain Park, the additional Bus shelters as flagged by Bob Gilligan and the Service Club signs as we enter our great town.

Other key initiatives for the coming months will be Clean Up Australia Day 4 March, Show gate Roster, Relay for Life Catering at Port Macquarie 24-25 March, Anzac Day ceremony and the ongoing commitment to the Markets Rosters. Then there is PETS and District Assembly for Patti and her incoming team.

I encourage each of us to "run through the finish line" and then to continue to support the future strength and vitality of our Rotary Club as we transition into the next Rotary year.

We still have plenty to do but most importantly we must never stop enjoying

Rotary and that is the challenge for each of us to ensure that Rotary in Wauchope not only delivers a better community but that we have fun and get satisfaction from our actions in making our community a better place.

Neville

The Bean Counter Raelene Monkley

Members, half yearly fees are now due. Direct Deposit Banking details are:

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BSB: 802214

Acc No: 14218

Please use your name as the reference so I can allocate your payment.

Any cash purchases on behalf of the Club will only be reimbursed by filling out the [claim form](#) on the Club's web site. The **original cash receipt** must to be attached to the claim form. This process keeps us within the taxation guidelines.

Raelene

Director's Reports

Membership Director Report 7.2.12

I am this week preparing to send out another 20-30 letters to prospective new members.

I have allocated Tuesday 28th February as a Membership information night where I hope we can get as many community members as possible along to listen to stories about what rotary does in the local community, nationally and internationally. I will work with Reg to develop a suitable story and invitation to all through the newspaper on Thursday 23rd February.

We need to encourage all members to put their thinking caps on and challenge them to bring a prospective member with them. We need to be targeting a variety of age groups and especially in the 35 – 50 age bracket. I would like to see if we can bring in 2 or 3 together to keep the energy level going. I believe once we get on a role we will have huge impact and that is only the next invite away.

I have also spoken to Reg in regards to developing a generic business card that we can keep in our wallets so when speaking with someone we feel would make a good Rotarian we can give them a card saying just that.

I have prepared a draft calendar for my Presidential Year (2012-2013) to bring back some of the old and pursue new ideas in raising funds. If you have anything you would like to add please let me know – it will be a busy year.

July 3 – Club Changeover

August 12 – Riverside breakfast (committee required)

September 8 – 60th Anniversary (Committee required)

September 30th – Float Your Boat (Long weekend) – (Committee required)

October 6th – October-fest Parramatta with Narrabri Club

October 16th – Pride of Workmanship Awards

October 20th – Tastings of the Hastings

November 3rd – Book Sale – (Committee required)

December 9th – Family Day – Wauchope Bonny Hills Beach

February 12 – Sports Awards

March 23 – Relay for Life

April 20th – Art competition – Magazine Month

May 18th – Healthy Business House challenge (BP, blood sugars, weight etc)

Patti Berrigan

Public Relations Report 7/02/12

With a lot of co-operation from Paul Froome, I've managed to bring our Silver Jubilee to our web page, & update it ready for the club's 60th anniversary in 2012-13, when it becomes our Diamond Jubilee.

I've also managed to find the photos of 42 past Presidents out of a total required of 55, remembering that some members have served as President on multiple occasions. Ray Cooper of the Historical Society has promised to look for the missing photos in old Wauchope Gazettes.

Again with Paul's help, I wrote a small item about our Australia Day activities, & with some photos from Phil, posted these onto our web site as well.

I've written articles on the Swing Dance, Rotary's contribution to society & the progress of our polio eradication campaign & had them printed in The Gazette, the Governor's e-letter, & Rotary Down Under, & where required, put to air. Even where an article was primarily about DIK or "Wrapped With Love," I've included strong mention of our club as we have supplied the transport, & liaised with the various groups involved. The aim of all this is to inform the public of our ongoing contribution & service, & to share with the District (& beyond) what the Rotary Club of Wauchope is doing. In other words, waving the flag.

I've picked up 3 of our honour boards, one which had to be updated (Presidents) & two which we agreed to create; Those who served at District level, & Paul Harris recipients. I've included recognition by way of Sapphire pins & Silver Friend of Rotary Health with the PHF's as well.

My next major project is the digitising of all our club records & photos. This amounts to about 10 large folders, not counting those records I don't have, mainly of more recent times. I'll chase them up as I get near to the years concerned.

Lastly, now that the web site is almost up to date, I intend to replace photos, add articles & after a short period, replace them as well. I don't think there's much worse than a neglected & "old hat" style web page.

Reg Pierce

Public Relations Director.

Administration Director Report

Since our last meeting quite a few things have happened.

The requirement for the Bus Shelters seems to have been resolved as Leslie Williams is obtaining funds for approximately 20 Shelters to be erected in the Hastings area. Two of these to be in Wauchope, at Bundaleer and Hastings Court. Once full details are to hand I suggest that we look at some other areas in Town that need shelters and maybe transfer our attention to two others.

Farmers Markets are still happening and I have received a Parking plan from Sonya Fingleton for the markets in Westport Park. From the plan I recommend that we have two shifts. 7:30am to 9:30am and 9:30am to 11:30am. The earlier start will assist the market people and the later finish ensures we get the full benefit of those attending.

Whilst talking of Markets and other activities it is very important that the attendance book is taken each time we run an activity, and that Rotarians complete it.

John Meldrum and I have taken the BBQ trailer to Alf Denning and he is building a roof and sides for it, which will incorporate a lift out shelter for the cooks, a lift out shelter and preparation table for those buttering bread and preparing the goods. It will also incorporate a list of side that will be used as a table to serve from. There are other minor modifications that will make life easier for Rotarians using this fantastic trailer that Reg Pierce built.

We also have a businessman in Port Macquarie who is supplying the gas struts we need, and all we have to do is put a sign on the trailer advertising his business.

The Lasiandra Swing Dance is ready to roll, thanks to the efforts of mainly Bev Meldrum, but also Marie Winter, Mary-Anne and my wife of very close to 40years (12.2.2012) Anne. Advertising has been great. Numbers are coming together and people are getting into the swing, hiring clothes etc.

We nearly had a Major problem, which only came to light on Sunday. Ian Hanington was at my place and I asked him and his partner to the dance. Ian said they had a Bird Show that day in the Showground Hall. A show that has been on the same Saturday for 23 Years. OOPS, the Show Society had double books. Numerous phone calls later and the Bird Show is now in the Rotary Hall. Heart Attacks all round.

From my portfolio, the Administration of the Club is going very well, as our Treasurer Raelene is doing a great job and Secretary Paul, likewise!!!!

Bob Gilligan

Administration Director

Club Service Projects Directors Report

It has seemed that for the last 12 months I have been absent or in the process of coming back and getting up to speed. Again I feel like I am finding my feet and getting up to speed with where I should be and where this directorship should be.

I would firstly like to thank all those directors and members who have carried the load and kept things rolling along. In particular I would like to thank Bob who has supported Bev with the Swing Dance.

Bev and the other ladies have done a fantastic job in getting this organised and everything seems to be pretty well in place for a great night.

Bob has also kept an eye on the Farmers Markets to ensure its continued operation.

I look forward to a less disrupted year in 2012 and hope that I can pull my weight (considerable) on the Board for the remainder of the year.

Laurie

The Coming Weeks

This Week: 14 February 2012 Valentine's Day Themed Night

Guest Speaker: Anna Rienstra
Place: Club Rooms
Time: 6:00 pm

18 February 2012 Lasiandra Swing Dance

Place: Wauchope Show Society Hall
Time: 6:30 pm

21 February 2012 GSE team from Florida, District 6990

Place: West Port Bowling Club
Time: 6:00 pm
Cost: \$25.00
Please notify [Peter Kenny](#) by Friday 17th

28 February 2012 Membership Night

Place: Club Rooms
Time: 6:00 pm

6 March 2012 Social Night

Place: Hastings Hotel
Time: 6:30 pm

Cluster 3 Meeting Times & Places

Port Macquarie Sunrise: Friday 7:00 am

Sails Resort, Port Macquarie

Port Macquarie: Wed 6:00 pm

Port Panthers

Port Macquarie West: Tues 6:30pm

Westport Bowling Club.

Laurieton: Monday 6.30pm

Laurieton United Services Club

Rotary Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the truth

Is it fair to all concerned

Will it build goodwill and better friendship

Will it be beneficial to all concerned

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Will Jamieson	11-Feb
Robyn Flanagan	14-Feb

Anniveraries

Bob & Anne Gilligan	12 Feb
Kathy & Russell Jones	19 Feb

Kyanah's Travels

I left Australia on the 19th of January 2012, headed to Sweden to start my year as being an exchange student.

Like usual, my family was running a tad bit late, so the morning started by running down our stairs with my oversized bag, throwing it into the car, barely having time for the happy 'departure' snap!!

We arrived at Port Macquarie airport and checked in. I was so excited!!!

There were 4 of us leaving Port together, plus all the family and friends – it was so quick, one minute we were chatting to everyone and then they were calling us to board ! I hugged as many people as I could, (mum was crying) then I went through security, where my adventure as an Exchange Student was about to begin !!!!

We landed in Sydney and were met by Jan and Bob Crombie (some of my wonderful 9650 Rotarians) when everyone had flown in from their regional airports and had arrived, we headed over to the International Terminal and waited for our flight to Singapore. I had over 5 hours in Sydney, yet we still had to rush to check in and we practically ran through security!!! Arriving in Singapore we picked up the rest of our connecting tickets and waited for the flight to Frankfurt. The Singapore to Frankfurt flight was the longest and worst for me, as it was over night and I have trouble sleeping on planes!!! After 12 hours on that plane we all had to say goodbye and go our separate ways, Rachel (who was heading to Denmark) and I had to literally sprint through the airport to catch our next plane to Copenhagen (we had 20 minutes) ... we

made it in the nick of time !!! When we both arrived in Copenhagen it was time to say goodbye to Rachel and I was on my own!

There was a bit of a mix-up with my bag, and it somehow managed to be on the wrong bag carousel ... so I had to hike all the way down to the other end of the arrival area to ask where it was, and then be told it was on carousel 8 not 4 !!! ☹️ But all was well, I got my bag, went to check in and was told my bag was too heavy and I'd have to pay 800 Danish kroner (which I didn't have) for excess baggage, but with my amazing 'Rotary Smile' I persuaded them not to charge me any excess!!! 😊

Arriving at Norrköping airport – Sweden at 3pm all I could see was a thin coating of snow everywhere!!!! It was like a picture out of a fairy tale!!! My host parents Liza & Rikard were both there with a sign saying welcome to Norrköping Kyanah!!! It was so cute!!!! My contact person over here also met me at the airport and followed us home. We had dinner at home and I managed to hold out and chat but then I slept soundly for 15 hours!!!!!!

On my first full day here in Norrköping my host parent showed me around town and introduced me to one of the most important Swedish customs "Fika" which is like coffee & cake!!! I think I am in LOVE with fika already!!!

As my host sister is overseas at the moment on exchange herself, my host family thought it would be nice if I had a host sister anyway, so one of her friends is now living here as my adopted host sister!!! Her name is Hedvig - she's 19 and is awesome!!!

On Sunday the 21st we all went ice-skating on a frozen canal. It was so much fun but also scary at the same time !!! In some parts the ice has air bubbles in it so parts break and make a really scary noise, especially when you're already terrified of falling through!!!

It is surprisingly hard work ice-skating (even though I've been ice-skating in Australia) it

is NOT the same as in a rink !! It is more like cross-country ice-skating alpine skiing and it uses lots of different leg muscles.

I made posters for my room with the help of my host mum Liza (who is a primary school teacher) to try and help me learn more Swedish!!

I had my first day of school on Wednesday the 24th Jan. School in Sweden is VERY different to school in Australia!!! Firstly there is no school uniform, teachers are more like friends the teachers and are called by their first names, you're allowed to use phones and iPods in class and you can even just walk out of the classroom without asking as well !!!

Hedvig took me to Finsbong pool with her mates - IT WAS AWESOME!!! There were a few slides we went on but the best bit was the section of the pool that went outside ... so we were swimming in -7degrees c !!!!

On Saturday the 28th of Jan Rikard (my host dad) took me hunting with his hunting team - I LOVED it!!! They hunt with loose dogs that smell the animal out – I thought the dogs would be scary 'pit bulls' but they were cute little 'beagles.' The team shot a moose, gutted it and then dragged it up to the road to where they could get the trailer to pick it up and take to the slaughterhouse. So on the menu will be no doubt 'stewed moose!!

For the past week I've been attending my introduction camp, it's been heaps of fun!!! There were 10 kids at the camp (9 Aussies and a Kiwi), during the days we learnt about Swedish culture and language and had free time in the arvo. It was so nice hearing Aussie accents again and having people understand my slang!!! We made snow angels, went tobogganing, walked all the way into town on a frozen lake (30 min walk). After dinner each night we hit the sauna (in swimwear) and then stayed up late talking and talking. On the last night we were invited to one of our teacher's houses, she had told us she lived on a farm. So away we went, to have Fika at her house

and we rocked up at this massive house. She lived in an old mansion that dates back to the 1500's !!!!! They renovated it and live there it was absolutely gorgeous. We had waffles, patted her 'Great Dane' and explored her house ... it has even been in house magazines !!!!

So I've managed to pack a fair bit into my 1st - 2 weeks here in Sweden!!!

Until my next YEPER - Hej då !!!

Kyanah

Funnies

A Cowboy rides into town and stops at a saloon for a drink. When he finishes his drink, he finds his horse has been stolen. He goes back into the bar, handily flips his gun into the air, catches it above his head without looking and fires a shot into the ceiling.

"Which one of you sidewinders stole my hoss?" he yells. No one answers.

"Alright, I'm gonna have anotha beer, and if my hoss ain't back outside by the time I finish, I'm gonna do what I done in Texas! And I don't like to have to do what I done in Texas!"

He has another beer, walks outside, and his horse is back. He saddles up and gets ready to ride out of town.

Before he leaves, the bartender wanders out of the bar and asks, "Say partner, before you go... What happened in Texas?"

The cowboy turns back and says, "I had to walk home."

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house.

Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served.

When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away.

"Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer." said his mother.

"I don't need to," the boy replied.

"Of course, you do "his mother insisted. We always say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house." Johnny explained.

"But this is Grandma's house... and she knows how to cook!"

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Club Invocation

As we join together as members of the Rotary Club of Wauchope, we give thanks for good friends, for good food and the ongoing opportunity to make a difference in our community through our Rotary values & service

Duty Roster

Date	Invocation	Welcome Guests	Intro/Thank Guest Speaker	Stewards	Guest Speaker	Topic
14/2/2012	Bev Meldrum	Peter Laurantus	Reg Pierce	Terry Moore & Tony Morton	Anna Rienstra	
18/2/2012	Lasiandra Swing Dance					
21/2/2012	GSE Dinner with Port West					
28/2/2012	Leonie McHugh	Chris McCarron	Meg Pierce	Andy Neal & Graeme Beeforth	Membership Night	
6/3/2012	Social Night, Hastings Hotel					

Please notify Marie Winter by [email](#) or telephone 0409 156 333 if you are unable to attend or if you are bringing any guests.

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