



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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Meeting Apology

Please use the club website **before 3 pm** on meeting day to apologise or add a guest, or you will be required to reimburse the club for your meal cost.

<http://www.kuringgairotary.org.au>

Membership Michael Tyler

Michael focused on classifications for members to become aware of opportunities for the member awareness evening on October 10.

PLC Pymble—ShelterBox

Caroline met with staff and students at PLC Pymble and they could be interested in collecting funds for ShelterBox

Peter Kipps—BHCC

We need to start visiting Bike shops in the coming weeks. We are designing and printing Brochures for distribution

Sponsors are urgently required, a good opportunity for a business to get in on the ground floor

Seriously Ill — Frank Fisher

Pat Fisher has advised me that Frank is seriously ill.

Frank has been a member of our club for many decades and Past President. He has been extremely generous to Rotary.

Those who have read his book *Guilty To Driza-Bone* will appreciate his difficult childhood and his rapid success in life in every way.



This Week:

Social media; Uganda

Ross Egan Ann Rands



Ross Egan presented Anne Rands with \$100 for the Biblioteka Ermera project library in East Timor as a literacy project. When the Portuguese departed the literacy rate was 2% and 50% when the Indonesians departed. Their council donated the land and now they have opened their first branch. All the districts have different dialects and the government has decided the national language is Portuguese.

Joy Newling New Generations

Did you know it is New Generations Month? If you didn't, now you do, and I just wanted to let you know what we've been up to.

As Caroline has said, we had a very good meeting with a couple of Interact Club members and staff this afternoon. They were particularly keen to know more about Shelterbox and it is likely that will become the focus for one of their fundraisers which is great.

Yesterday several of us we spent the afternoon cooking sausages at Clarke Road School's Celebration Day and my thanks go to Caroline, Bob, David, Tom and Greg for keeping up with the demand and coping with the options of vegetarian sausages and gluten free bread. Eleanor Filewood called in too and she was a great help to me with cutting up and distributing the two enormous cakes – we had to be very careful as one was gluten free and the two couldn't be mixed up.

The staff and parents were very appreciative of our efforts and they enjoyed the day more because they didn't have to worry about the cooking and serving. We were also grateful for the loan of the excellent BBQ from the Rotary Club of Hornsby – it was easy to assemble and use and fitted in our boot!

Adding to the fun and Rotary connection on the day were 5 enthusiastic Rotaractors from the new Lower North Shore Rotaract Club. They dressed in crazy, colourful clothes and helped to entertain the children, did amazing face painting, supervised the jumping castles and again their help was really appreciated by the parents and staff. It is quite possible they will help at the school with activities that need extra hands in the future. I am also keen to develop our relationship with them.

All in all, a very successful service and PR day for Rotary.

Joy Newling

Gordon Markets

Folks

We had a very calm and cheery market on Sunday, nicely filled and most stall persons were pleased with their day.

We took

Notes \$3290 = rentals (\$3285 last year)

Coins \$433.30 = visitors (\$581.71)

All up \$140 less than last year, the difference was in the gate donations.

The southern driveway, where there is often a Rotarian, took most of the entry donations.

Stein is talking about our Club running a sale stall near an entrance - a novelty and something to do?

Steins spread sheet was right on, Roger and Tigre started things off at 6am - about half the stall holders were already there and Sue Rice held the fort later and to the close, lots of help from Kuringai, my apologies to those I missed.

regards

Dennis de Kantzow (Turramurra Club)

Clarke Road School

Our club assisted with a BBQ at the Clarke Road School last Sunday, 11 September



Some Clarke Road students



DG David Rands



President Caroline, my Fellow Rotarians and friends of Ku ring gai Rotary.

Anne and I are privileged to be given this opportunity to , serve the district as Governor and partner, and we will do our utmost to further the aims and objectives of Rotary while maintaining D9680 as one of Australia's premier districts!

I'd like to talk briefly about three things today:

- Our Theme for the year
- News from RI
- What we are doing in District 9680

After that I am more than happy to field questions from the floor about any Rotary matter.

But first I must congratulate you as members of your Rotary club your plans and enthusiasm for the coming year.

Biblioteka Ermera

1. Anne, as some of you know, has chosen to support a new district Library in the district of Ermera in East Timor. You will hear more of this as the year progresses and I hope you give her what support you are able.
2. RI Theme- We have a very insightful and wonderful President for 2011-12 in Kalyan Banerjee. Many of you met him last November when he addressed our Foundation lunch function.

In Announcing his theme for the year, Kalyan addressed the assembled governor-elects in January:

"The resolve and strength to achieve our goals - to do anything - comes from within yourselves. In order to achieve anything in this world, a person has to use all the resources he can draw on. And the only place to start is with ourselves and within ourselves.

DG David Rands

Discover yourself, develop the strengths within you, and then unhesitatingly, unflinchingly, go forth and encircle the world, to embrace humanity. And that, my brothers and sisters in Rotary, is going to be our theme for our year:

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Rotary International

Strategic Plan -

Mission: A worldwide network of inspired individuals who translate their passions into relevant social causes to change lives in communities

- Support and Strengthen Clubs
- Focus and Increase Humanitarian Service
- Enhance Public Image and Awareness

Values

- Service,
- Fellowship,
- Diversity,
- Integrity,
- Leadership

I'll talk soon about strengthening clubs, but the area of humanitarian service is absolutely fundamental to what we do in Rotary. Hence the emphasis in the Plan.

Polio Plus is our star example of what can be done by a world wide focus on a major issue. How wonderful that we are now very close to having eradicated this terrible disease from the planet. There is still high cost in keeping the vaccinations up until three years with no new cases have passed, and to that end I am delighted to say that our \$200m Polio Challenge issued by Bill Gates had reached \$175m at the end of May so is very close to being reached in total - almost a year ahead of schedule.

Please, all of you, I urge you to continue to give strong support to our Foundation as that is our bank and our vehicle to support a large part of our humanitarian projects. We encourage every club to be involved in funding our Foundation - it is the mechanism by which we will rid the world of Polio and hopefully in this coming Rotary year! Centurions, Paul Harris Society members, bequests, club awards.

Please support our 2011 Foundation Lunch - 29th November at Waterview - tri-district with Sakuji Tanaka, RIPE as speaker

Over

DG David Rands

Modernising from the top

- **Redistricting**
- Streamlining process set minimum sizes for districts
- D9680, 9690 (12 clubs) to become 9685 on 1-7-13
- Graeme Davies to be the first DG of the combined district
- **Future Vision Plan - Foundation**
- To be effective 1-7-13 for all clubs
- Reduces admin on grants at RI,
- Increases the autonomy of districts for DSG Club Foundation chairs to make themselves Familiar with the details
- **Pilot Club Programs**
- Three clubs successful in becoming official pilots -
- St Ives Innovation and Flexibility Pilot
- Gosford City Corporate Member Pilot
- Turramurra Associate Member Pilot
- •Satellite clubs

Multi-District PR

Last year 17/22, this year 21/22 districts. We have to get the idea of Brand promotion and the best-and most efficient way to do this is National.

• Multi-District PETS

First in NZ and Australia (Melbourne and Sydney) last March - will continue

• Attendance to Engagement

- We don't join Rotary to attend meetings - we join to make a contribution and make the world a better place. Surely engagement is a more relevant criterion to judge ourselves by than attendance? RI is looking at instituting changes along such lines in the near future.

The Rules of Rotary International are debated and changed every three years at the Council on Legislation. The next council is to be held in 2013. However, our District must submit our proposals before the end of this year so you are invited to send them to PDG Monica Saville before 1st November. If your club has ideas please talk to Monica early to get guidance in framing the motions. This is a chance to make a difference, and if we are apathetic we cannot complain about changes we don't like, or those we see as missed opportunities. I'd like to see PDG Monica able to forward a good number of proposals for positive change in the way Rotary International is run.

DG David Rands

District Objectives

- Strengthen Clubs - make them attractive to new members
- Increase Humanitarian Projects
- Eradicate Polio - Support the Foundation
- Have FUN - strong social engagement

How do we achieve these things in District 9680?

- Club Service re-emerged as legitimate Admin I Club Service - Director appointed - Graeme Davies who will help you with your club's Z factor. Club Service Seminar 11th September at the San
- **Membership growth** - essential for our survival - comes from strong projects and great club meetings and buzz. Our Membership director Ross Pearse is standing by to help of you want his help. There are many ways to attract and recruit new members and it can be done. ASK ASK ASK. Membership seminar August 28th please send a representative.
- **Rotary Leadership Institute** - A training course for newer Rotarians and those with leadership potential. Registered and faculty training commences 30th July - (Chair PDG Barry Philps). Please send your newer and younger potential club and district leaders along to this when it is announced.
- **Embrace Social Media** - appointed chair (Simon Bryan from Waitara) and action being taken - he is available as a resource for clubs to consult.
- **Our first E- Club.** - PDG Tony Castley looking for charter members.
- **Clubs are urged to embrace the 6 focus** areas for Humanitarian Service, and I ask for all clubs to review their project activity and plan to move in the direction of these over the next few years. They are:
 - Peace and Conflict Resolution
 - Disease Prevention and Treatment
 - Water and Sanitation
 - Maternal and Child Health
 - Basic Education and Literacy
 - Economic and Community Development
- The District team is at your service to HELP.

That's what we are there for. To strengthen clubs.

4. Promotion of Conference - 16-18 March 2012 at Wollongong.

- Go for Gold at the Gong
- Invitation to attend - we want a maximum attendance as a District conference is the time to experience the broader view of Rotary - in its fellowship and service and its internationality.
- And have a heap of fun.
- Excellent for new members

In closing I would like to commend you again on your program for the year and wish you all a great year in Rotary. I'm sure you will continue to work towards making the world a better place as we Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Pymble Players

Pymble Players Theatre Booking: Thursday 27 October, 7.30pm for 8pm: \$20

We have booked the whole theatre for Thursday 27 October. Pymble Players is easy to get to and has free parking. Plays are held in the beautiful 1884 church hall of Pymble Chapel at the corner of Bromley Avenue and Mona Vale Road, Pymble.

We're going to see "The Memory of Water", written by Shelagh Stephenson and directed by Patsy Templeton. In 2000 this play won the prestigious Laurence Olivier Award for Best Comedy.

"Even water has memory – you can dilute and dilute but the pertinent thing remains ... it still exerts influence": Three sisters meet on the eve of their mother's funeral. As the differences in their own memories of their childhood are revealed, conflicts and tensions emerge, and the sparks fly. But ultimately it is the fabric woven in that early family life that finally allows them to forgive each other and become united. This cleverly written play will resonate, particularly if you have siblings!

This is a major fundraiser so we want all of you to come but you'd best hurry because it is an intimate theatre and there are only 84 tickets!

Booking: Please let Caroline know how many tickets you need or fill out the events sheet on Monday.

Rotary Foundation Thoughts

6) This week's Rotary Foundation Thought is about bringing smiles to those in need.

Mother Theresa said "*Peace Begins with a Smile*" Rotarians around the world put that into action everyday. An example of this is a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant that helped the Rotary Clubs of North Sydney and St Ives and Rotary Clubs in District 3150 to provide 182 milch cows to villagers in India.

North Sydney contributed US\$19,600 and Chilakaluripet in D3150 gave \$7,067. With the match from The Rotary Foundation of \$13,333 and a total budget of \$40,000 they bought 100 cattle. The second Matching Grant saw the Rotary Club of St Ives \$5,800 combine with RC Berri SA \$6,120 and Parchur India \$5,947 and the District Designated Fund of D9680 US\$3,000 gained the match from The Rotary Foundation of \$11,933 for \$32,800 to buy 82 milking cows.

As the song goes 'from little things big things grow' and this type of matching grant exemplifies the current world president's Rotary Theme "*Reach Within and Embrace Humanity*"

D9680 has over \$22,000 in District Designated Funds to contribute to Club Matching Grants in 2011-12.