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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](http://www.kuringgairotary.org.au)

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www.kuringgairotary.org.au The club meets every Monday 6.30pm at West Pymble Bowling Club

Death—Kitty Ellis

It is with sadness that I advise PP John Ellis, wife, Kitty, died on Wednesday. As we heard on Monday, she was in palliative care. John said that she died peacefully and not in pain.

Kitty's funeral will be at 1030 am on Thursday, 27 October at St James Church, King Street, Turramurra.

A notice will appear in the SMH on Tuesday, 25 October.

John is bearing up. He is being assisted by his son Peter, who lives in Sydney, and daughter Catherine, who has come from Orange.

John also asked me to advise past members who may have known Kitty.

P Kipps new email

Peter Kipps email address is now changed to pkipps@bigpond.net.au

Please change his record in your address book

Clarke Road School

David Forsythe advised that for Clarke Road school most of the items we donated will be stored when the school is demolished.

They also believe most of the items will be reinstalled by the department of education. We may have a small project in several years

This Week

Alcoholics Anonymous

Malcolm Braid

March District Conference 16, 17 18 at Wollongong

Certificate was presented to Bluefit company for assistance with the BBQ at West Pymble

Last week

Austrian night



Lottie Landl originally came from Salzburg

Lottie has written a book about her life including 3 months at age 18 when she lived on a mountain in Austria looking after a horse and milking 11 cows. She had to take the milk on a 30 minute ride and deliver it to a lift.

She plays the Zither beautifully and it is a joy to listen

Report on Zither over

1911 from David Forsythe



THE YEAR IS 1911

This will boggle your mind, I know it did mine!

The year is 1911 --- One hundred years ago.

What a difference a century makes!

Here are some statistics for the Year 1911:

The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.

Fuel for this car was sold in drug stores only.

Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower !

The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour.

The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year .

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year,

A dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, And a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births took place at home ...

Ninety percent of all Doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION!

Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost four cents a pound.

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used

Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from Entering into their country for any reason

1911 from David Forsythe

The Five leading causes of death were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars...

The population of Las Vegas , Nevada , was only 30!!!

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.

There was neither a Mother's Day nor a Father's Day.

Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write

And only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstores. Back then pharmacists said, "Heroin clears the complexion, Gives buoyancy to the mind, Regulates the stomach and bowels, And is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health!" (Shocking?)

Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help

There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A. !

I am now going to forward this to someone else without typing it myself.

From there, it will be sent to others all over the WORLD -

All in a matter of seconds!

Try to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years.

Celebrate World Polio Day

To all Club Presidents & Foundation Directors
On Saturday 14 October you will have received an email from The Rotary Foundation Chair, PRIP Bill Boyd announcing World Polio Day October 24 and some exciting new initiatives. To clarify the position.

The Rotary Foundation has recently implemented a new online donation module that enables Australian Rotarians (and the public) to donate online via www.rotary.org to The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust in Australian dollars and enjoy Australian Tax Deductibility. All contributions will be credited to their Foundation cumulative giving.

Further, for the promotion period every \$1 will earn 2 Paul Harris Fellow Recognition points instead of the usual 1 point. So this is a valuable way to quickly reach your next 1000 points thus achieving a PHF sapphire, or equivalent and the ability to recognise another person with a PHF recognition.

Each donation of AUD\$100 will qualify you to renew or join as a Centurion. To do so please send a Centurion renewal form to Lindsay May with a note in the payment section that payment was made via the online system on a specific date. Likewise each donation of AUD\$1,000 (currently equals US\$1,000 at the Rotary October rate) will renew your Paul Harris Society membership. \$500 will earn you 1000 points but not renew your PHS membership.

Note the promotion is based upon USA Chicago time (CDT) so for your donation to be eligible it must be made in Australian Eastern Daylight Time, after Monday 24 Oct 2200 and before Sat 29 Oct 0400.

These are a few of the beneficial changes that have been made for TRF giving and maximising PHF Recognition points and retention of points. PHF points is a complicated system but trust me the changes made recently make the system more beneficial to donors than previously.

The Polio \$200 million challenge now stands at \$192 million so we are this close to securing the \$200 million committed by The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to match Rotary's \$200 million. Your donation from Monday Oct 24 10pm until Friday Oct 28 might just push us over the line.

I urge you to make an online donation.

Yours in Rotary
Lindsay May

Lottie Landl - Zither



The zither is a musical string instrument, most commonly found in Slovenia, Austria, Hungary citera, [1] northwestern Croatia, the southern regions of Germany, alpine Europe and East Asian cultures, including China. The term "citer" is also used more broadly, to describe the entire family of stringed instruments in which the strings do not extend beyond the sounding box, including the hammered dulcimer, psaltery, Appalachian dulcimer, guqin, guzheng (Chinese zither), koto, gusli, kantele, gayageum, đàn tranh, kanun, autoharp, santoor, yangqin, piano, harpsi chord, santur, swarmandal, and others. Modern electric zithers exist, as well as a wide variation of experimental zithers like the Kitaras of Harry Partch, the Shruti Stick and the Moodswinger. It is played by strumming or plucking the strings like a guitar

History and development

While the term zither is mentioned in Daniel during the Jewish exile of 606 BC, the earliest known instrument of the zither family is a Chinese guqin [a fretless instrument], found in the tomb of Marquis Yi of Zeng dating from 433 BC, featuring tuning pegs, a bridge and goose-like feet.[2] In modern entertainment, the zither is perhaps most famous for its role in the soundtrack, especially in the opening scene of the classic noir film *The Third Man*. The music for the film was played by Anton Karas. It is also the preferred music of Mr. Bevis, a *Twilight Zone* character in 1960. The instrument has a prominent solo in one of Johann Strauss II's most famous waltzes, "Tales from the Vienna Woods" (sometimes played on a mandolin, when a zither is not available).

Lottie Landl - Zither

It is also used by multi-instrumentalist Laraaji on the third release of Brian Eno's ambient music series, Ambient 3: Day of Radiance. In more popular music, Australian-born singer Shirley Abicair popularised the zither when she used it widely as accompaniment in her popular TV shows, live performances and recordings in Britain in the 1950s and 1960s. More recently, Jerusalem-based multi-instrumentalist Bradley Fish has used zithers in a multitude of styles on the soundtracks of various Sony Digital Pictures films. In Slovenia, at the end of the 19th century they were used in small towns or villages and for concerts.

Like many other stringed instruments, acoustic and electric forms exist; in the acoustic version, the strings are stretched across the length of the soundbox, and neither version has a neck. They can be divided into two classes: fretted and fretless. A person who plays the zither is called a zitherist

(from Wikipedia)

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.

Guest Speakers and events

24 October	Alcoholics' Anonymous	
31 October	Carers' Night	
7 November	Wifi—also Board Meeting	
14 November	Pam Pritchard	
21 November	Movie Night	
28 November	Eating for Life	
5 December	AGM; Elevator statement	Board meeting
12 December	Christmas party	
19 & 26 Dec & 2 Jan	Christmas break	
9-Jan	Banjo Paterson	Board meeting
16-Jan	Bowls night	BOB
23-Jan		
30-Jan	Movie night	
6-Feb		Board meeting
13-Feb	Pride of workmanship	
20-Feb		24/2 Growers' market
27-Feb		
5-Mar		Board meeting
12-Mar	Dilly Bag	16-18/3: Conference
19-Mar	Who do you know?	25/3: Bike Classic