



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>

Robyn Campbell PLC

PLC has a group of girls who are assisting with fund raising.

They had a hat tea party. They have been involved with the 40 hour famine and have raised \$1,000.

They plan to raise funds for ShelterBox. The girls are enthusiastic and help.

Carols by Candle light

Roger Desmarchelier advised we have been asked to provide 4 people to stand at the gate. Saturday night 20 Dec at Bicen-

Peter Kipps BHCC

We now have a Facebook page and it was created by Adele and Ross has offered his assistance

The link is

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Bobbin-Head-Cycle-Classic/193191674094326>

We need sponsors for the BNCC

Michael Tyler Membership

We have purchased a list of 800 businesses in the Pymble Gordon area. We plan to write them and then phone to invite them to a membership awareness evening.

300 of the addresses do not have the name of the manager.

We need a person to phone 300 businesses in Gordon and Pymble to ask the managers name and we will pay someone to phone.

If you know of anyone who may be interested please advise Michael.

This Week

Members Forum

Last Week

Pam Pritchard spoke to us about Polio Plus. Report over



Budget and Financial Update

Your treasurer will send a copy of the budget and actuals and variances up to date as at yesterday. This will be sent by email today.

You will notice that fundraising is down.

If you have any alterations to the budget please advise the treasurer ASAP.

Christmas Decorations Needed

Help! Christmas decorations needed for Youth Insearch Camp

As you know, we're helping at the Youth Insearch camp next weekend at Morisset (yes, back to Morisset, not Mangrove Mountain as I had been told last week) and we urgently need Christmas decorations to decorate the tree, tables and dining room etc. If you have any that are surplus to your requirements and could be donated, please bring them on Monday night, 21 Nov, or let me know so we could arrange collection. My apologies for the short notice. Joy Newling

Youth Insearch

Over the weekend of 25-27 November, Youth Insearch is holding their last camp for the year and we are assisting with catering. This time it is being held at the Outdoor Education centre at Mangrove Mountain and we need 3-4 volunteers in shifts from 4pm Friday 25 until after lunch on Sunday. There is an in-house chef and we will be helping with preparation, serving and cleaning up as well as decorating the dining room for their Christmas dinner on Saturday night. Accommodation is provided. If you are able to help, please see me on Monday night or email me (joy@hamble.com.au) to let me know what time suit you best. Youth Insearch is an inspiring organisation and they really appreciate our support.

Joy Newling

Frank White Martin Place

Frank attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at Martin Place on November 11



Pam Pritchard guest speaker Polio Plus

Pam presented, what I considered, the best and most informative address on Polio Plus I have attended.

Pam was the first Lady President of Turramurra Rotary and the first Lady DG for our district

Rotary started in 1979 immunizing in the Phillipines

The program was initiated by Clem Renouf an Australian World President

Itzhak Perlman, world-renowned violinist and polio survivor, is one of many notable individuals who affirm that we are *this close* to a polio-free world. I'm here today to give you an update on just how close we are.

First, a quick history lesson. Rotary's involvement in polio eradication began in 1979 when it helped immunize six million children in the Philippines as its first project under the **Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants** program. Encouraged by the success of that project, Rotarians began discussing immunizing all the world's children against polio, a disease that many Rotarians had some direct experience with— either as a survivor or as the family member or friend of a polio-survivor.

Rotary's PolioPlus program began in 1985. Its original goal was to immunize all children under the age of 5 against polio. To accomplish this, Rotary set a goal of raising 120 million dollars. By 1988, Rotarians had raised 247 million dollars, establishing our precedent for going above and beyond every polio campaign goal we've set.

The partnership with the goal of eradicating polio completely was formed in 1988 and is called The Global Polio Eradication Initiative or GPEI.

In the GPEI, Rotary works in concert with the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, working with the governments of the world, both in the polio affected and donor countries, and with the recent support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, among other partners who have joined this successful global effort.

The goal of the GPEI is the global certification of the eradication of polio. Global certification of eradication will be reached when all countries demonstrate the absence of wild poliovirus transmission for at least three consecutive years in the presence of excellent surveillance.

To date, great progress has been made. When the Global Polio Eradication Initiative was launched in 1988, the poliovirus was circulating in 125 countries, paralyzing or killing 1,000 people a day.

Today, polio cases have been reduced by 99 percent with only 1,300 cases reported worldwide in 2010. Only four countries have never stopped the transmission of the wild poliovirus-- – Pakistan, Afghanistan, India and Nigeria.

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Rotary has contributed more than US\$1 billion to the fight. Rotarians work tirelessly to leverage this investment, acting as advocates among communities and with government leaders to keep them focused on eradication. Over one million men and women of Rotary have donated their time and personal resources to help immunize more than two billion children during mass immunization campaigns throughout the world.

This map shows the four countries that have never stopped polio transmission and the countries that have been re-infected with polio. The red dots show cases of Type 1 poliovirus, which is the more serious strain. It more frequently causes paralysis. These dots have disappeared as cases have decreased greatly since 2009. The blue dots represent Type 3 poliovirus, the only other strain still circulating. That's an even bigger success story because those cases declined by 92% between 2009 and 2010.

Every possible resource is focused on interrupting transmission in the four countries that have never stopped polio because as long as that transmission continues, other countries remain at risk. And the real accomplishment is that India has reported no cases in the past six months.

In fact, India has reported only one case in all of 2011. From 2009 to 2010 there was a 93% reduction in polio cases. In spite of the rate of population growth, the difficulties in reaching all children and the sanitation challenges, experts say that India is on track to stop all cases of polio by the end of 2012.

From 2009 to 2010 there was a 95% reduction in polio cases in Nigeria. The challenges specific to Nigeria include immunization coverage and surveillance. We look to the government for renewed commitment and the prioritization of polio eradication on all levels.

Afghanistan is challenged by populations that regularly move from one part of the country to the other, seeking work or safety from violence. Although the polio case count remains low, special efforts focus on accessing conflict-torn areas and mountainous regions.

Pakistan, too suffers from ongoing conflict, inaccessible areas and mobile populations. We seek a new level of commitment from the government to make polio eradication an absolute priority, especially in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas in the north of the country. The revised strategy in Pakistan focuses on engaging parents and local community leaders, implementing sensitive surveillance networks, and conducting vaccination campaigns that reach every child. Immunizing children against polio remains one of the most inexpensive and cost effective health interventions – costing pennies per dose of vaccine. But the areas where polio persists are difficult, both in terms of the number of children that must be reached and also in the work required to reach those children.

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Rotary's contribution of over US\$1 billion stands as the largest contribution by an international volunteer organization to a global health effort. Rotarians work to increase the power of their investment by urging their governments and other donors to also give. Support from governments - including the governments of polio affected countries - has historically accounted for approximately 2/3 of the funds provided for polio eradication. We are working to ensure that governments continue play their part in providing the financial resources to finish the job.

The private sector is playing an increasing role in funding. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is securing more dollars from private sector organizations like the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation as you can see in this chart.

The private sector partnership between Rotary and the Gates Foundation has been remarkable. The Gates Foundation provided Rotary US\$355 million in challenge grants for polio eradication, of which Rotary must match \$200 million by 30 June 2012. It is the largest grant ever given to a volunteer service organization and a tremendous validation of the approach and success of Rotarians' eradication efforts. The Gates Foundation shares Rotary's vision of a polio-free world and fully supports the Global Polio Eradication Initiative as we bring the effort to its conclusion.

To meet that Challenge, there has been no limit to the number of ways Rotarians have raised funds. Sponsoring a mountain climb, holding a raffle, or hosting a Purple Pinkie Day are just a few ideas you can try with your clubs. We especially welcome Rotaract and Interact activities and encourage the participation of newer clubs and members who have not yet had the opportunity to participate in PolioPlus. For more inspiration, subscribe to the *End Polio Now* electronic newsletter through the Rotary website. The newsletter team welcomes all fund-raising stories, so please send them, along with photos, to rotarys200millionchallenge@rotary.org.

Not only do clubs and districts raise funds with these public events, but they also raise awareness of the need to eradicate polio. Educating the public about polio eradication is a critical part of Rotary's outreach efforts.

To help us do that, Rotary International has welcomed a select group of celebrities and other major public figures to participate in a new public awareness campaign called "This Close." Here are actress Archie Panjabi and professional golfer Jack Nicklaus, emphasizing that Rotary is 99 percent of the way to the goal of eradicating polio.

For this campaign, Rotarians around the world have identified regionally appropriate ambassadors in polio affected countries. The endorsements of people like Dan Maraya Jos, a Nigerian folk singer and Amitabh Bachchan, a world-famous Indian actor have made a real impact on immunization efforts in Nigeria and India. With this ad campaign,

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there has been an increase in the number of families that participate in national immunization days.

Pop singer Zeynab Abib of Benin, Her Majesty Queen Noor and over 20 other high profile public figures have joined Rotary's fight against polio, but we need you, too.

To encourage everyone to show their support for the "This Close" campaign, Rotary has created www.thisclose.net. It allows you to upload your face and name as a visible pledge to Rotary's work to end polio. It launched in May 2011 and within its first week, gained more than 800 participants. Please go to www.thisclose.net to create your own statement and then share it through your social networks. In fact, we hope to have as many people as possible flood the world with "This Close" ads during World Polio Week which happens every year from October 24th- 28th. During this week each year, Rotarians work especially hard to spread the message of a polio-free world as far as possible.

The other big push for visibility is on Rotary International's anniversary on February 23. On this day Rotary illuminates iconic structures worldwide with our pledge to "End Polio Now." Structures that have carried the Rotary message include the Sydney Opera House, the Wrigley Building, the Roman Coliseum, Eilean Donan Castle in Scotland, the British Houses of Parliament, Table Mountain in South Africa and many more.

But all year round, Rotary works to keep polio eradication at the top of the agendas of leaders all over the world. One of the most important roles Rotarians play in this effort is to work at the highest level to ensure that polio-affected countries are committed to polio eradication and that polio-free donor governments continue to invest in a polio-free world.

Some wonder if our commitment is over when we've met Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, but Rotary's commitment will continue until the world has been certified polio-free. Rotarians have demonstrated the strength of their support by giving impressively to the Challenge and that momentum must continue until polio is eradicated completely. Until it is, we will continue to support the work of Rotarians in polio-affected and high-risk countries, stay focused on the need for polio surveillance, promote routine immunization and encourage other public and private sector donors to support the fight.

And we will keep up our financial support until the entire world is certified as polio-free.

What happens after the certification of the eradication of polio? That's a question Rotarians will have to answer when we have achieved our goal, but we do know that a polio-free world will leave many legacies behind.

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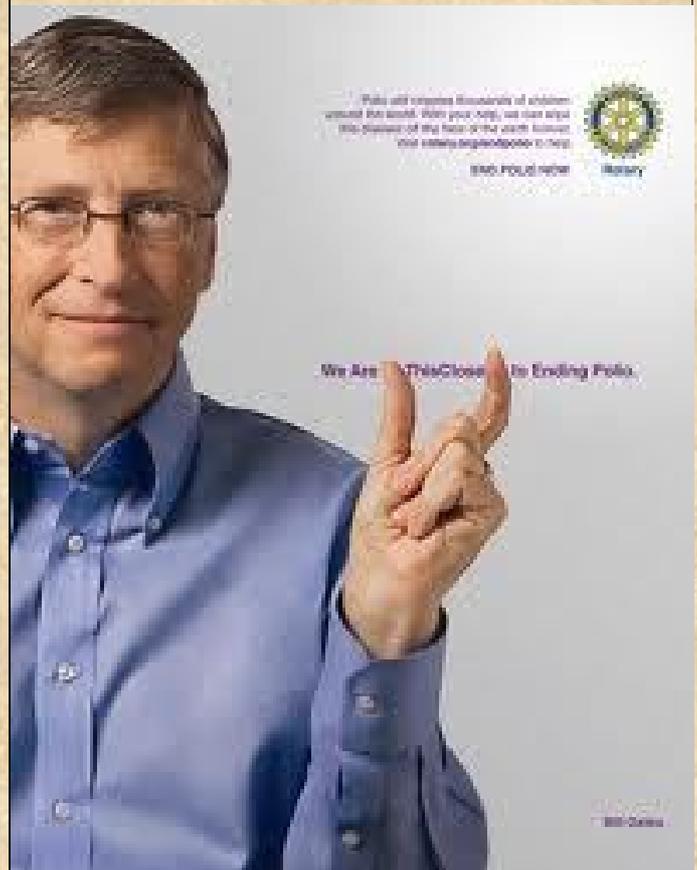
The PolioPlus program has taught Rotarians huge lessons in reaching marginalized populations and engaging community leaders. It has also brought improvements in routine immunization and distribution of malaria bed nets and vitamin A supplements during polio campaigns (these supplements are calculated to have saved some 1.5 million lives). The infrastructure created to fight polio, including 145 polio labs, allows the global community to fight other diseases including cholera, measles, and Avian Flu. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is recognized as a model of public/private partnership, which has been replicated for initiatives to control AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and measles.

We are at a pivotal point in the history of polio eradication and Rotary has a vital role to play in the times ahead. This is our best chance to stop polio transmission forever. The promise we made years ago is that no child will ever again know the crippling effects of this devastating disease. We are very close to fulfilling that promise. We will not give up until we do.

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The theme of the evening was

“we are this close”



Remainder of 2011-2012 Calendar

Mondays	Speaker	AG	Board meeting (5.30pm)	Weekends
Monday 14 November	Pam Pritchard			
Monday 21 November	Over to you; Ross Lambert	10-on-me		
Monday 28 November	Eating for Life			25-27/11 Insearch
Monday 5 December	AGM; Elevator statement	BOB	Board meeting	
Monday 12 December	Christmas party			
Monday 19 December	Christmas break			
Monday 26 December	Christmas break			
Monday 2 January	Christmas break			
Monday 9 January	Banjo Paterson		Board meeting	
Monday 16 January	Bowls night	BOB		
Monday 23 January	Travel Quiz: Adele			
Monday 30 January	Movie night			
Monday 6 February	Ted Waters: community involvement in fund raising			Board meeting
Monday 13 February	Pride of workmanship			
Monday 20 February	ROMAC: Philip Smith			
Monday 27 February	Maxine Brodie			
Monday 5 March	Saving our Heritage		Board meeting	
Monday 12 March	Tales from a Dilly Bag	Diana Hanks		16-18/3: Conference
Monday 19 March				25/3: Bike Classic
Monday 26 March				
Monday 2 April			Board meeting	
Monday 9 April	Easter Monday			
Monday 16 April	New members' night			Trivia night
Monday 23 April		BOB		
Monday 30 April				
Monday 7 May			Board meeting	Dinners for eight
Monday 14 May				
Monday 21 May	Hat day			
Monday 28 May				Red Shield collection
Monday 4 June			Board meeting	
Monday 11 June	Queen's birthday			
Monday 18 June	MUNA			
Monday 25 June	Changeover			

Guest Speakers and events

21 November	Members Forum	
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