



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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Meeting Apology

Please use the club web-site **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>

Peter Kipps BHCC

We need Volunteers for the following

- Contact Bike shops outside our Zone – to gather email addresses,
- Contact Corporate Bicycle Clubs
- Hand out flyers at bicycle rides
- Members who have trailers who can leave on the roadside during weekends with BHCC signs

Allan Taylor

Allan - is a visitor to our club from the UK and will be here for 4 weeks visiting his son at Killara

President Caroline is exchanging Banners with Allan



Found after Xmas Party

"Have you or your partner misplaced a cream canvas carry bag with red handles and adorned with a rooster? It was left at the Tyler's home after the Christmas Party. You can claim it from the door team over the next 2 weeks."

This Week

Bowls night 6.30 pm—please wear sneakers

Last Week

John Barclay Poetry



Urgent for ROMAC

I guess the accommodation doesn't need to be in the home of a Rotarian, so If anyone knows someone who knows someone.... The new year has started with a busy time for ROMAC and it is seeking your help for a 16 year old girl arriving on 19 January for surgery on 23 January at **The Children's Hospital, Westmead.**

This girl came to Sydney four years ago when she was 12 years of age, suffering with multiple burns to her upper body and head. This time she is coming in for skin grafts, to ease the tightness of the skin.

JennyTan is from Guxin Village, Guizhou Province (see map and image attached).

What we are **URGENTLY** seeking is:

1. accommodation for Jenny and her Mother, for the first say four (4) nights, and
2. interpreters who speak her language mandarin, ie her dialect of Mandarin.

If you know of anyone who might be able to help, please let me know.

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Bush Poetry John Barclay

John became interested in poetry 15 years ago through a friend who knew he had written a book in the 1970's

He was advised to write poetry about "stuff" he knows.

John and his wife have been making ginger beer every week for the past 40 years. Bottling is an issue when it ferments, and the bottles can explode.

John also wrote a book A waltz between Wars

Also Jolin Barcfay The Rambling Poet

AVAILABLE FOR:

School performances and workshops

Vacation Care performances

After dinner or guest speaker at-Lions, Rotary, Apex View, Quota

Probus clubs etc

Church groups etc

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GINGER BEER

Obtain a Ginger Beer "Plant" from a friend. If you cannot find one of these, we found this in a magazine. We have not used it so cannot vouch for it:

To make the Plant: Place 8 sultanas in a container Add the juice of 2 lemons

Add 4 teaspoons of white sugar

Add 1 teaspoon of grated lemon rind Add 2 teaspoons of

ground ginger Add 2 cups of cold tap water

Cover with a piece of muslin cloth

After 2-3 days it should start to ferment

Each day now add 2 small teaspoons of ground ginger Also

each day now add 4 teaspoons of white sugar The plant will be ready after 7 days

MRS BARCLAY'S OLDE STYILE HOME BREW GIN6ER BEER

- 1 Boil 2 pints (1.25 litres) of water in a large saucepan
 - 2 Dissolve 1 lb (.45kg) white sugar in water by stirring
 - 3 Add 6 pints (3.75 litres) of cold water
 - 4- Add thee juice of 2 medium lemons
 - 5 Gently add the liquid from the plant (with no sediment)
 - 6 Bottle your brew (clean plastic soft-drink screw-cap bottles)
 - 7 Halve the sediment (discard half or give it to a friend)
 - 8 Add cold tap water to the plant sediment - discard sultanas
 - 9 Cover and feed plant daily with 1 teaspoon ground ginger and 1 teaspoon white sugar (it will be ready again in about 1 week)
 - 10 When plastic bottles with the brew become tight to touch they are ready for refrigeration. If not refrigerated, release the pressure (by unscrewing & re-tightening) every 2-3 days. It will soon tighten again by fermentation
 - 11 The cheapest way to buy ground ginger is in bulk from health food shops
 - 12 Good luck, and enjoy your drink.
- Gayle Barclay

From Greg Newling

Even this grinch can do good

HECKLER (SMH Thursday 22 Dec 2011)

YES, I'm more than a little overweight. Yes, my head is bald (if you don't count my nose and ears), and yes, I'm closer to my centenary than my birthday.

I'm white, can't dance to save myself, I'm mortgaged to the hilt, and I'm more inclined to express crass opinions than share the love with positive reinforcement, particularly after my evening's second chateau cardboard.

Dammit, I've worked hard for those opinions. They are the fruit of scars borne from an age when shoddy work was simply thrown back in your face. Hey, a science teacher – who was a priest at the time – once marked an essay with nothing more than the words "Bullshit! Bullshit! Bullshit! Bullshit! Bullshit!" scrawled from the top of the page to the bottom. It is of no consolation that he eventually relinquished his dog collar. He went on to find a wife, have enough kids to fill a Tarago, put them through private schools, and make a stock market fortune, using his geological "inside" knowledge.

Meanwhile, here I am heckling 450 words to justify my existence in a world where the kids don't understand me, my ex-wife has shaved her head and donned the saffron robes of a Buddhist monastery, my old schoolmates are popping off the twig and, as it is Christmas, I'm supposed to feel good about everything.

So I'm casting around looking at my life, searching for something – anything – to hang a hope upon.

And there it is, staring me in the face. For the past 15 years, I've been creating history. I've been educating the poor, feeding the hungry, curing cataract blindness, battling malaria, educating conflict resolvers, and doing all this by the simple act of cooking the odd sausage.

I joined a Rotary club in 1997.

I was still in my 30s, and I swear I was so embarrassed about joining what I had always thought was an organisation for old fat men in suits that for the first 10 years I didn't tell a soul.

And in all that time, as the Rotary International roll call continued to diminish, we were urged to improve our PR. We all thought that meant getting stories about our fund-raisers in local newspapers. Of course, it's much more than that.

So I began telling friends how Rotary is helping to cure polio – only the second time in history a disease has been eradicated.

How our weekend community barbecues raise enough money to make the world a better place.

We have plenty of women in Rotary these days, and still too many old, fat men in suits. But surely Christmas is the time for old, fat men in (red) suits.

Mark Wallace

Remainder of 2011-2012 Calendar

Mondays	Speaker	AG	Board meeting (5.30pm)	Weekends
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

19 & 26 Dec & 2 Jan	Christmas break	
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