



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>

## Michael Tyler Membership

Sarah Newling who is with us tonight, went through the database and phoned the businesses to verify the data.

We have a simple straightforward process and Linda will mail invitations and we need members to make followup calls.

Michael circulated a list for members to indicate how many followup calls they will

## This Week

Diana Hanks will be talking about her project to encourage indigenous reading.

## BHCC Mailout

Thanks to Geoff and Patsy Hungerford, Greg and Joy Newling and Caroline Jones who formed a great team to stuff and stamp 650 envelopes and affix an address label.

Their contribution to the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic is appreciated

## Attendance Sheet for up-coming Functions

Please see Caroline for the Attendance sheet to nominate for these functions:

**Sat 21 Apr** - Trivia Night

**Sat 26 May** - Dinner for 8 (host or attend)

## Induction Graeme Maslen

Graeme was proposed by Tom Jackson.

His classification Taxation services Avenue of Service is to be allocated.

Graham Timms is mentor

Graeme addressed the meeting and said he is pleased to become a member of our club and is looking forward to working with and getting to know members.

## Anne and Graeme Maslen



## Last Week

Diana Hanks Dilly Bag, report next page

## Parents Need to be Involved



## Bobbin Head Cycle Classic

We are fortunate to have 935 registrations for the 3 events.

Sadly we were required to stop registrations otherwise we would have had many more.

Many members in our club have contributed to this success, and I hesitate to name members for fear of missing an important contributor, BUT, I feel I must mention the sterling effort of Peter Kipps, Bob Ivey, Adele Mitchell and Linda Lam Rolfs. The contribution from these members has ensured to current success.

I am unable to quote dollars at this stage but we are on track to make a good profit and donate to Lifeline and Bo Hospital. Our club will not be required to contribute any additional cash to the project.

We have met regularly with Turramurra Club and their contribution has been impressive.

Next Sunday 25th is the big day and we look forward to the contribution from all members and a successful day.

## Guest Speaker Next Week

### Tom Sweeney

Tom has been with Macquarie Park Cemetery and Crematorium for over 4 years now and during that time has come to understand the pressure that a bereavement places on families and how Macquarie Park can help.

As a Funeral Celebrant, Tom understands the funeral industry and welcomes the opportunity to help people negotiate the process after a loved one passes away.

Prior to joining Macquarie Park, Tom was Community Relations Manager for the North Shore Heart Research Foundation, Community Relations for the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children and Public Relations Manager for Hornsby Hospital. These positions cover a span of over 30 years.

Tom will cover some of the interesting history and the people that are part of what was the Northern Suburbs Cemetery- now Macquarie Park. More importantly he will answer all those questions you have been 'dying' to ask.

His talk is called "The Plot Thickens" - no pun intended. Tom is married to Joy and is President of Willoughby Theatre Company, Past President of the Rotary Club of Crows Nest and resides at Killara.

## Guest Speaker Diana Hanks

Diana is President of Gosford City Rotary, now 4 years old and they have 35 members.

Last year Diana a retired principal in the Central Coast and she understood the issues with Aboriginal Learning.

She looked at the enrolment figures and results and obtained a percentage of the number of Aboriginal children; She approached the local principals and asked if they were given a Dilly bag would they use it.

A Dilly bag has 55 books and they focus on children age 3 to 6.

Tales from a Dilly Bag literacy project assists young Indigenous children and their classmates to develop Emergent Literacy skills and understandings.

### Introducing and exploring the Dilly Bag

Mentors are given the opportunity to explore and browse the collection of books. They are then asked questions such as

"When you were little what book did you love the most and why?"

"Can you find a book that was your favourite?"

"Select your favourite book and share with the group why the book means something to you?"

- The mentors, whilst firmly hanging onto their favourite book, are allowed to further explore the kit on their own
- They explore all components of the kit including the provided activities and art materials.

Why picture books?

This can be a brainstorming activity to explore why picture books are so fantastic for kids. TOP 13 reasons:-

1. Picture Books are Non-Threatening
2. Picture Books are Focused
3. Picture Books Set a Purpose for Learning
4. Picture Books Provide a Common Knowledge Background
- Great Teaching Lenses
5. Picture Books Activate Visual Thinking
6. Picture Books Build Reading Comprehension
7. Picture Books Provide Exemplars of Figurative Language
8. Picture Book Serve as Writing Models
9. Picture Books Can Breathe Life Into Dry Facts and Figures
10. Picture Books Can Teach to Literary Targets
11. Picture Books Make Abstract Concepts Concrete
12. Picture Books Develop Themes for Learning
13. Picture Books are Fun!

## Guest Speaker Diana Hanks

Book Selection and introducing the Shoe Box .

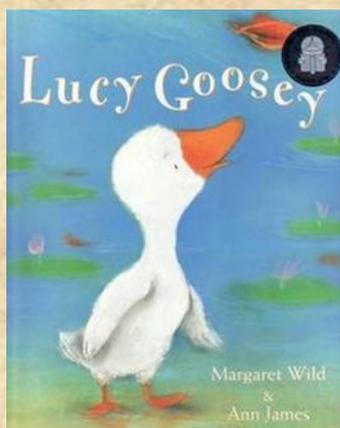
- Mentors organise themselves into groups of three as this allows them to work one on one with kindergarten students in each group.
  - Each group then shares their previously selected "Favourite Book" to decide which book the group would share with the kindergarten students.
- During this process the mentors are given a list of tasks to discuss and complete...
- 1.What is the story about?
  - 2.Whose perspective is the book written from?
  - 3.Who are the main characters?
  - 4.What is the theme of the book?
  - 5.What message is the author trying to deliver?
  - 6.How effective are the illustrations in telling the story? And does the text match the illustrations?
  - 7.How is the text written? Rhyming, bold/italic text, repetitive phrases?

### The Shoe Box

After books are selected and investigated for the quality and effectiveness of the stories, mentors decide what features of the book would appeal to the younger students. This may include...

- Theme
- Characters
- Words

The mentors are then invited to select what props they could use to enhance the books appeal and help younger children recall what the story was about. They make a list of the items they could bring from home or make to bring their book alive and make the experience for the kinders more hands on. The mentors bring a shoe box to school that they can use to store items, include activities and materials to use when sharing the book.



## Remainder of 2011-2012 Calendar

| <b>DATE</b>       | <b>Speaker (BM = Board meeting)</b>                                                 |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 19 March   | Tom Sweeney interesting people buried at Macquarie Park                             |
| Sunday 25 March:  | Bobbin Head Cycle Classic                                                           |
| Monday 26 March   | Ross Lambert: social media                                                          |
| Monday 2 April    | Emyr Evans BM                                                                       |
| Monday 9 April    | Easter Monday                                                                       |
| Monday 16 April   | Saving our Heritage (New members night)                                             |
| Saturday 21 April | Trivia night                                                                        |
| Monday 23 April   | Robin Millar, Financial Information Service, Centrelink – Topic: Retirement Options |
| Monday 30 April   | Patrick Haynes: "Huskies in the Antarctic in the 60's"                              |
| Monday 7 May      | BM                                                                                  |
| Monday 14 May     | Ivan Cribb, Member - Topic: Life Story                                              |
| Monday 21 May     | Hat day                                                                             |
| Saturday 26 May   | dinners-for-eight                                                                   |
| Monday 28 May     | Red Shield collection                                                               |
| Monday 4 June     | BM                                                                                  |
| Monday 11 June    | Queen's birthday – no meeting                                                       |
| Monday 18 June    |                                                                                     |
| Monday 25 June    | Changeover                                                                          |

