Rotary Club Of Ku-ring-gai Inc Chartered 6th February 1959



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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

# **KOONGGA**



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10th Sept 2012

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

#### This week

## Please note— meeting on Tuesday this week

We meet at Warrawee bowl Club for our annual debate with the Turramurra Club. 6.30 for 7pm

## **Monday 17 September**

Meeting Venue Change. 17 September There will be a venue change on Monday 17 September.

Following a visit to the Turramurra Bowling Club at 181 Bobbin Head Road Turramurra as an investigation of new premises for our weekly meetings, we have arranged for the weekly meeting on 17 September to be held there. The programme will still be the 3 x 10 on me, but in that different venue.

The Club is very welcoming and the premises are ideal for our Monday night meetings. Food cost will be \$30 per head and partners are certainly invited along that night. The Club hosts a number of other organisations through the week, but Monday night is vacant, with the Club willing to open the kitchen on Mondays for our meetings. The catering is outsourced and is understood to be of high quality and the premises have sufficient space for our storage. We will be seeking feedback from you after that meeting so that decisions can be made re a possible premises change. Please use the normal website booking process for that night.

#### **Last Week**

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#### Michael Tyler

Membership awareness night. We have received 4 expressions of interest which is an outstand result,

Michael Tyler advised we issued 71 invitations, we had 11 acceptances, including others introduced by members. We had 2

#### **From Brian Jessep**

Great Koongga, must have taken much effort.

Graham Timms's presentation should go into RDU (as should your sterling work). Cheers BJ.

### **From Doug Miller**

Hi from the Millers at Manly and Manly Sunrise.

Please pass on to Graham Timms my congratulations on an outstanding Prospective Members Night address, which you reproduced in your latest Koonga. Like you, we're realizing we have to do something 'different and better' to arrest our declining numbers and bring more able bodied people in.

I hope your campaign goes well, and that we can emulate what you're doing

#### **BHCC**

We discussed a proposal to incorporate St Ives Rotary Club

We face a resource issue and also a cash shortage for the BHCC because of the Police requirements for a significantly more comprehensive Traffic Plan

A vote was taken and members decided unanimously to accept St Ives Club as a member of BHCC

President Roger and Tony will meet with Turramurra and St Ives Clubs Monday 10 September to agree on arrangements.

The Charities and Project managers have been decided for the 2013 Ride

## Menu Bella Blue 24 September

## Rotary function menu

40pp includes corkage

garlic bread & tomato bruschetta

chicken kiev served with truffle butter set on saffron risotto with sautéed grean beans (gluten free)

or

grass fed eye fillet with mushroom fricassee, herb & olive crushed potatoes and a creamy mushroom sauce (gluten free)

or

grilled barramundi set on a bed of chermoula infused cous cous with roast pumpkin & baby spinach (gluten free)

or

saffron risotto served with assorted seasonal vegetables (vegetarian & gluten free option)

baked New York cheesecake with strawberry coulis & vanilla ice cream

sticky date pudding with butterscotch sauce & vanilla ice cream chocolate mousse tea or coffee

#### **Lifeline Golf**

## Calling all Golfers...

Please see attached flyer for our Annual Golf Day & Gala Dinner.

Bookings are sluggish at the moment, and we would LOVE you to round up some friends and join us for GOLF or DINNER or BOTH on

Monday 22nd October 2012

Please let me know if you are interested in playing golf or getting a table together for the dinner.

Kind regards, Emma Bagley FUNDRAISER & EVENT MANAGER 4 Park Ave, Gordon, NSW 2072

#### Youth Insearch

Joy thanked members who had volunteered for the garage sale and working bee on 8 September at Kurrajong. Some of you who have helped with catering for Youth Insearch camps will remember Ron Carr, a Rotarian from Tamworth who is a great supporter of Youth Insearch. Ron was nominated for Father of the Year and this article (by Kitty Hill) appeared in The Northern Daily Leader in Tamworth on 1 September, with a photo of Ron and Myriam Brown with the following caption: "Myriam Brown got her first hug from her youth support worker Ron Carr at age 14, and says he's become a real father figure to her."

A MAN who says he's been blessed to play dad to thousands of children, plus his own, says he's looking for just one gift tomorrow for Father's Day – a big bear hug from his favourite "daughter".

Ron Carr has been delivering care, love and support to many through his years of helping Tamworth and district's needy children as a volunteer support person for Youth Insearch program and says he remembers the day 18-year-old Myriam Brown came into his life. "She must have thought, 'who's this old man?'," Mr Carr said.

"I just wrapped her up and gave her a big hug."
It was the first hug that Myriam had received in her young, troubled life. She was at breaking point when she met Ron through the program, close to suicide and with severe anger management and trust problems. "Life was hell for me at age 14, but then I met Ron," Myriam said.

"He's been there for me since he came into my life. He's the father I never had."

Mr Carr, who is also a father to three grown men and has seven grandchildren, said he was never blessed with a daughter, but Myriam had taken the place of one. Myriam has remained in close contact with Ron since they first met and is now considered a permanent part of the Carr family, even spending last year's Christmas day with her adopted family.

Recently celebrating her 18th birthday, and with a new chapter beginning in her life, Myriam has passed on the good fortune, becoming a Youth Insearch program leader in 2010.

She now has a move to Sydney next week, and plans to help other teenagers like herself. She also wants to study psychology.

"She's made these marvellous changes and put the past right behind her. It was so rewarding to help her and now the sky is the limit for her," Ron said.

Ron will spend Father's Day tomorrow surrounded by 70 children on a camp with the youth program, and says his own boys don't mind sharing him around. "I've got a lot of love to give."

## **Community Training and Development**

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Ku-ring-gai Council is presenting a series of workshops to help the long term sustainability of local organisations and promote cross sector collaboration

Next Workshop Friday 21 September 9.30am - 12.30pm Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers Level 3, 818 Pacific Highway, Gordon

#### **Strategic Planning for Community Groups**

This is a powerful and practical workshop that will help you to achieve your organisation's mission.

It will guide you through a process to align your goals, programs, resources, relationships and productively engage your members. We are confident that at the end of the process you will have created a clear and compelling picture of the future of your organisation. Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment

Morning tea provided www.kmc.nsw.gov.au Bookings: Robin Hall 9

Bookings: Robin Hall 9424 0896

More information: Danny Houseas 9424 0829

#### **Up-coming workshops**

4 October 2011 Demographic trends 26 October S ocial media

9 November Program evaluation

## RAWCS WATER PROJECT IN LAO PDR-COMMITTEE

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At Mosman Rotary a Water Project in Lao PDR Committee to oversight the Project was formed. Members are:

- Charlie Barnett Chairman and Project manager
- Rob Sturrock
- Yvonne Hazell
- Simon Menzies
- •John Melville (International Director ex Officio)

## **Guest Speaker Sandy McGregor**

Sandy's three daughters were gunned down and killed in their Sydney home by an intruder.

#### Best selling author

- Graduate Royal Military College Duntroon.
- Chartered Civil Engineer Sydney University
- Decorated with Military Cross and American Bronze Star for bravery
- •Survived a life of pity, hate filled revenge after the tragic murder of his three daughters
- Dynamic Speaker/Presenter, appearing on national TV and radio.

Sandy has a long involvement with mined clearing in Laos. Sandy said the USA dropped more bombs in the secret war in Laos than in the whole of Europe in the second World War.

MIVAC Mines Victims And Clearance Trust

Presentation on Humanitarian Project at Ban Xai, Xiengkhouang Province, Lao PDR Leading to a RAWCS approval sponsored by Mosman Rotary for a WATER Project in Laos.

Back ground. MiVAC Trust is a 10 Year old NGO and have been clearing Mines - UXO and Mines - in Laos for 5 years.

See some detailed projects at www.mivactrust.org

The Location of Ban Xai [BX] Village is 30 km from Phonsavan (East on Highway 7). Phonsavan is 1 hour flight from Vientiane going North to Xiengkhouang Province. Hinmou Peung [HP] (part of BX) is 9 km south of BX.

Top of Hill at BX - First Minefield known as Khangpunghor 1 [K1]. You know there are mines on the hill because the locals have not cut the trees down.



K2 MF Clearing Team. Trained by PCL from BX. (Paid by MiVAC) photo over

#### Mine clearing Team



Safety lane cleared for access at K2. Pictured - PCL Manager's son Tim Hayes - father is Mick Hayes



The first view of HP - cows and cow dung everywhere. The farmers do not know about fertilizer

An 11 year old Hmong girl bent double with 20 kgm water on her back (resting just above her waist).



## APPROVED OPERATIONAL PERMIT FOR BAN XAI INCLUDES

Phase 1 To construct a facilities building to house a Medical Clinic, a kitchen, a training room and accommodation.

Phase 2 To improve: sanitation, water supply and health programs. To produce methane gas by using animal dung which then is re-used in market gardens. To develop income generation and assist with schools. Phase 3 To assist Ban Xai village in on-going development and to transfer the assets to the village. To repeat the process of Phase 1 and 2 with another village.

The following areas involve water and will be addressed in this current MiVAC project:

- 1. The supply of water to the Western end of the village
- 2. Bio-filters in every house to purify the water which is currently done with boiling water with the consequences of denuding the country side of timber.
- 3. The supply of water to each toilet that MiVAC provided approximately 103 houses
- 4. Water supply to the facilities building in BX and HP
- 5. Wells in HP
- Concrete water storage tanks in HP
- The carting of water from delivery outlets to individual homes

RAWCS WATER PROJECT IN LAO PDR- BANKING DETAILS

BANKING - The RAWCS account is open! Initial Deposit from Mosman Rotary \$2000.00.

- \* Here are the bank details for any donations for the RAWCS Project No: 59/2011-2012
- \* Name of Account: RAWCS Overseas Aid Fund
- \* Bank: National Australia Bank (NAB)
- \* Bank Branch: Brookvale, NSW
- BSB: 082146
- \* Account No: 046528943

<u>2012/13</u>	Calendar	
	10 (11th)	Tues 11th. Debate with Turramurra at their meeting.  NO MEETING MON-DAY 10TH SEPTEMBER
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07-1-2-20-0	24	Restaurant evening Restaurant ev
October	1	Labour Day public holiday
No meeting Monday	8 (10TH)	Wed 10th October. District Governor Zone Meeting. Hornsby RSL. 6.30 for 7pm.
2-14-7/1-1-2-15-1-26	15	BM. Speaker Diane Robertson. Clarke Road School
	22	Speaker. Murray Stone. Kids Research Centre . Westmead Childrens Hospital
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November	5	BM Speaker Bob Ivey
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E 100	19	Rotary Awareness Night
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December	3	BM. AGM
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	17	Christmas Party Christmas Party
	24	Christmas Break
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January	7	Christmas Break
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	21	Club Forum Night
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February	4	BM
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VALUE OF SERVICE	18	
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March	4	BM
	11	Rotary Awareness Night
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April	1	Easter
	8	BM
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May	6	BM
	13	
	20	Rotary Awareness Night
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June	3	BM ( Trivia Night 1 June)
	10	Queens Birthday public holiday
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