



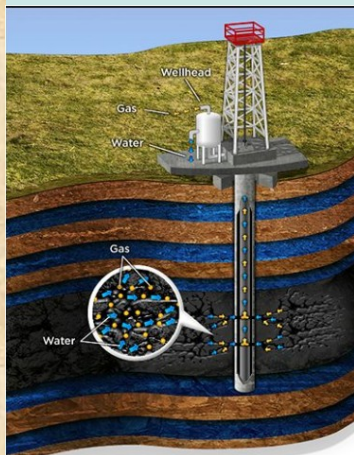
K O O N G G A

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

2013-14 Volume 56 No. 10

2 September 2013

This Week's Speaker



Sara Mehrabi Coal Seam Gas Mining And Its Expected Impacts

Coal seam gas mining (CSG) has become a very topical and somewhat political matter in Australia. At the same time, with often-biased opinions expressed on this issue, it is becoming increasingly hard for the non-expert

members of the community to have an informed and factual view on it.

The talk presented by Sara Mehrabi, a groundwater engineer with over 10 years industry and research experience, will focus on some basic facts on CSG mining in NSW. Matters of operation, extraction, water production, and disposal challenges will be discussed and the community reaction to the potential impacts of CSG mining will be assessed.

Club Announcements

Last week Acting President John Aitken announced:

- Receipt of a certificate of appreciation for the club's support from Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury.
- A vacancy in the position of chairman of the sponsorship committee for the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic. If you have experience in finding and negotiating sponsorship arrangements, put up your hand to fill this important position now!
- Review of all members' occupation classifications. If your current occupation is different from the one shown on your dinner disk, please let John know ASAP.

Sustainable Edible Gardens

North Ryde Rotary Club

SPRING PLANT SALE & SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Saturday 7 September 2013
from 9am - 3pm



Lots of pots of herbs, chillies, vegetables, flowers and more ...

Outside the Commonwealth Bank at
195 Cox's Road, North Ryde

All proceeds to local community groups.

Rotary Club: 18040
District: 9685
Charities: CFN13536



The Ryde/Hunters Hill permaculture group will be at this North Ryde event on 7 September to advise on designing sustainable edible gardens and answer questions related to growing healthy organic vegetables. For more information visit [the event page](#) or contact: Pat Perrin at pperrin2@bigpond.com

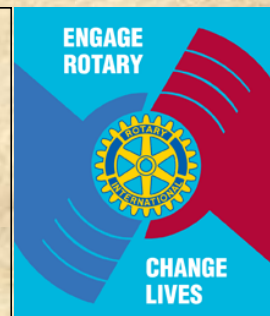
Print Deadline

The copy deadline for Koongga is 5 pm each Friday.

In this issue

- This week: Sara Mehrabi - Coal Seam Gas Mining And Its Expected Impacts
- Club Announcements; Sustainable Edible Gardens
- Last week: Jan-Maree Ball: Aussie Hero Quilts (And Laundry Bags)
- Interplast in Fiji - 30 years of surgical assistance
- OzGreen - a short introduction
- Next week: Annabelle Chauncy - Update on Katuuso School, Uganda
- (Members only): Calendar of Events; Anniversaries; Door Teams; Last Week's Guests; Gordon Market Roster ; Club Officers; Club Committees

The club meets every Monday 6.30pm at West Pymble Bowling Club, 2 Prince of Wales Drive, West Pymble. Visitors welcome. www.kuringgairotary.org.au



Rotary International
Theme 2013-2014

Last Week's Speaker



Jan-Maree Ball Aussie Hero Quilts (and Laundry Bags)

Jan-Maree served in the RAAF as an air traffic controller and later transferred to the RAN as a communi-

cations officer.

She was inspired to start her blog <http://aussieheroquilts.blogspot.com.au/> encouraging people to make quilts and laundry bags to send to Aussie service men and women currently serving overseas when she heard of an injured US service man being given a quilt hand made in the USA. She was aware of the poor treatment experienced by Australia's Vietnam veterans and wanted to express gratitude for the present generation's service.



All service issue laundry bags are the same, but the ones supplied by Aussie Hero Quilts ('AHQ') are personalised and distinctive. Their recipients in postings throughout the Middle East are very appreciative of them and they boost morale.

There is an enormous variety of contributors, both young and old, and innumerable different designs of quilts and laundry bags. So far AHQ has supplied

over 1900 quilts and 3100 laundry bags. Many of these are supplied in response to specific requests, whether from service personnel for each other or from the families of military personnel on active service.

In addition, AHQ has 'Wounded Warrior' quilts on standby to send to injured service personnel and 'Fallen Warrior' quilts for the families of personnel killed in action. Because of their significance, many of the quilts supplied by AHQ are destined to become family heirlooms.

Jan-Maree's blog acts not only as a forum for people who want to contribute quilts and laundry bags. It is also read each night by many of the troops stationed overseas.

One Brigadier wrote "I know whenever mail arrives there is the inevitable shout of excitement from someone who has received a box from AHQ and the subsequent "displaying" of their new prized possession for all and sundry to appreciate. Your organisation has given much pleasure to deployed Australians and your quilts will be an indelible memory of their time spent here when these quilts are placed on their sons and



daughters beds and they are told the story of these beautiful heirlooms."

There are, of course, significant costs involved in running AHQ, including cost of materials and postage. Jan-Maree invites sponsorship by businesses. If you would like to help visit <http://aussieheroquilts.blogspot.com.au/p/how-to-help.html> or send a donation to Aussie Hero Quilts (and Laundry Bags), Westpac Dural Branch, BSB 032376 Account No. 301860.

Interplast In Fiji

Fiji has significant numbers of untreated cleft lip and cleft palate cases and a high incidence of burn scars and contractures. Hand injuries are also common.

Interplast's first surgical program in Fiji was delivered in 1983 and in 2010 Interplast delivered its 100th program activity to Fiji. During the past 30 years, Interplast has delivered approximately three programs each year, visiting the centres of Suva, Lautoka and Labasa and Taveuni, at the request of the local hospitals, the Fiji Government and through the regional Strengthening Surgical and Clinical Services in the Pacific (SSCSiP) program. Over 4500 procedures have been performed and demand for Interplast's services continues to exceed the resources of Interplast teams. Training programs directed at surgical registrars and burns management are a key feature of Interplast's activities in Fiji. Interplast's programs in Fiji have primarily been funded by Rotarians and the AusAID Pacific Islands Project.

A full report on Interplast's latest program in Fiji is available here: [Read how Interplast is helping](#)



OzGreen

OzGREEN educates, engages and empowers young people, adults, corporations and communities to tackle critical environmental sustainability challenges (such as climate change and water) and become leaders of positive social change. Formed in 1992, it now operates nationally in Australia and has programs overseas in India, East Timor, Papua New Guinea and Pakistan. Read more about OzGreen at <http://www.ozgreen.org.au/>

Next Week's Speaker

Annabelle Chauncy Update on Katuuso School

Annabelle is the co-founder of The School For Life Foundation, which established Katuuso School in Uganda with the support of our club. She will bring us up to date on progress at the school, future plans and the benefits of the solar power unit we helped to fund with the Rotary Foundation.

