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New Rotarian inducted

Last week, in the unusual surroundings of Graham and Judy Timms' garden, President Tony inducted Bob Elsworth as a member of the club.

Bob is a retired engineer, a keen cyclist and has a connection with Lifeline. His Rotary classification is 'Engineering/Building' and he is joining the Community Service Committee. He will also be a valuable addition to The Bobbin Head Cycle Classic organising team.

We also welcome Bob's wife, Kathryn to the Rotary family and look forward to getting to know both of them.

News of members



Lou Coenen sent us many photos extolling the autumn colours of the region in which he's located in Germany - not one of which had anything to do with his teaching or Rotary activities. Koongga is looking

for an investigative reporter to find out what he's really doing over there.

Someone called Scott Drake went to the West Pymble Bicentennial Club for last week's meeting, but managed to find his way on to the Timms' house for the International Night. He's been urged to get into the habit of reading Koongga!

Loïc Lacombe brought his whole family to the International Night. It was good to meet Sofia and Julian at last.



AGM: Call for nominations

There are 3 weeks to the club's annual general meeting on Monday, 2 December. Nominations of candidates for

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



President Tony, Bob Elsworth and Kathryn Elsworth

the following positions are needed:

- President 2014-15
- Vice-President 2014-15
- President Elect 2015-16
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- 2 other directors

If you haven't served on the board before (or even if you have), here's your opportunity to get involved. Remember: the club doesn't run automatically - it needs your active participation.



This week: Club Forum

This week's meeting is a club forum, so come along prepared to ask searching questions of the Board and committee chairmen, air your bright new proposals, have a whinge about something or give a bouquet. Surely someone wants to restore Rotary grace or amend the club bylaws?



ENGAGE ROTARY



CHANGE LIVES

Rotary International Theme 2013-2014

Bobbin Head Cycle Classic - more sponsors needed

The BHCC sponsorship committee is doing great work finding sponsors for the event, but needs more leads from Rotarians. The target is \$80,000 in sponsorship.

Come on, fellows - all you need to do is give Jack McCartney the name of a contact at a business that might be interested in providing sponsorship in cash or in kind in return for promotion on the BHCC website and at the event.



The table on the right summarises cash sponsorships committed so far: In addition, Uber Photography, Killara is providing an \$800 family portrait package.

Well done, Caroline Jones, who has secured 3 sponsorships totalling \$6,250! And Jack, who has secured \$2,500.

The Bobbo \$\$\$ Sponsorships Received as at 30.10.13

Sponsor	Primary Sponsor	Gold	Silver	Total
FIIG	25,000			\$25,000
North Turramurra RealEstate		2,500		\$2,500
Lady Davidson		2,500		\$2,500
Pilates Studio			1,250	\$1,250
St Ives Shopping Village		2,500		\$2,500
Precept Investment Actuaries		2,500		\$2,500
McCarrolls Auto Group			1,250	\$1,250
Lifestyle Financial Serv.		2,500		\$2,500
Total \$ Committed	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$2,500	\$40,000

Support our Sponsors - try their services & tell them you're from Rotary!

The sponsorship committee is also seeking sponsorship from (amongst others) supermarkets, electrical goods stores and tourist attractions and fundraising by corporate cycling teams.

Last week: International night

Last week's International Night raised \$1,400 for Katuuso Primary and Vocational School in Uganda - an excellent result. Thanks to all who contributed a wonderful array of dishes from different parts of the world and to Graham and Judy for hosting the event and providing the wine. Co-founder of the School For Life Foundation, Annabelle Chauncy, attended to meet our members and guests.

The event included a Melbourne Cup sweep, a putting challenge and a cycling challenge (probably none of which occur in Katuuso).



Found it (well, except for the handle bars)!

District 9685 Conference

Our District Conference is a club event. Let's have a full turnout. Have you registered yet? **Early bird pricing ends on 30 November 2013.**

The conference is not just for Rotarians. Invite your family and friends and let them discover what Rotary is all about!



Be a part of the First 9685 Conference

Celebrate with us!

**Be informed, inspired and entertained by
an array of outstanding speakers**

The Concourse, Chatswood,

Sydney | 23 February 2014

conference2014.rotarydistrict9685.org.au

Tune in on-line for a taste of the Conference

Women in Rotary workshop (1)

Calling all caring Rotarian women (and men)!

Women in Rotary: Is there a meaningful place for your interests, time and skills?

How might you and your colleagues better engage with Rotary to make a difference? With a shrinking pool of volunteers and increasing social need, there is more pressure than ever on Rotary International to create meaningful pathways where busy women can make a difference, both in Australia and internationally. Rotary District 9685 in collaboration with the St James Ethics Centre (www.ethics.org.au) invites you to a workshop on facilitating pathways for Rotarian women's community engagement. Includes an introduction to the Centre's fabulous new heritage "green" space and overview of resources that may be of interest to Rotary e.g. Primary Ethics (www.primaryethics.org.au) and Ethi-Call (www.ethics.org.au/content/ethics-counselling-service).

When: Tuesday, 19 November 2013 from 8 to 10:30 am

Where: St James Ethics Centre, Legion House, Level 1, 161 Castlereagh St, CBD Sydney (2 minute walk from Queen Victoria Building/Town Hall)

For: Any woman who has been involved with Rotary (and the men who are interested in keeping us engaged!)

Bring: \$10 for continental breakfast and business cards to share with others

For info/to register: Rotary Hunters Hill member Lucy Hobgood-Brown on lucy@claypartners.com or 0417 272 101.

Bonus: Lucky draw prize from Skinsational (www.skinsational.org)

This workshop (and the one described below) will tap into the synergies and interests of Rotarian women keen to explore how each of us can make a significant contribution to building a diverse and responsive Australia, and whether Rotary's current model is the pathway. Our goal is come away with a better understanding of how today's woman is able and willing to share her time and skills in her community and possibly with Rotary. A follow up workshop will be held at District 9685's District Conference on February 23, 2014, where we will aim to compile useful feedback to Rotary leadership. The workshop will be facilitated by Robyn Hutchinson. Robyn has worked in community development at the grassroots level for many years in India, Kenya, Indonesia and Australia. Robyn's focus has always been inclusive cross-cultural education. She has recently retired as a primary public school principal, in the Inner West of Sydney, and now continues her passion with relational learning in development sector.

Women in Rotary workshop (2)

Calling all caring women (and men)!

Facilitating pathways for women's community engagement – how can we find the right fit?

Are you looking for a meaningful way to engage with your community and make a real difference? Are you interested in collaborating with other women on this question? With a shrinking pool of volunteers and increasing social need, there is more pressure than ever to create meaningful pathways where busy women can make a difference, both in Australia and internationally.

Rotary District 9685 in collaboration with Macquarie University Equity and Diversity invites you to a workshop.

When: Tuesday, 19 November 2013 from 12 to 1:30 pm

Where: Macquarie University, Boronia Room (Ground Floor), Human Resources C4B on Macquarie Ave.

http://www.mq.edu.au/on_campus/maps/campus_map/ (Free parking available a short walk across the street at Macquarie Centre.)

For: Any woman interested in or already working with community groups, international service organisations like Rotary, government and corporations who serve, contribute to, or represent a broad cross section of people from Indigenous and culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds - all of us!

Bring: \$10 to cover beverages and fruit, and business cards to share with others.

Info/register: Lucy Hobgood-Brown on lucy@claypartners.com or 0417 272 101.

Bonus: Lucky draw prize from Skinsational (www.skinsational.org)

This workshop will have broadly the same aims as the first workshop and will also be facilitated by Robyn Hutchinson – see details above.