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Rotary monthly theme: January: Rotary

Happy new [^] Rotary

year to all our readers!

Tonight: Bowls night

Yes, Koongga knows that January is not the start of the official Rotary year, but to ease you out of holiday mode, come along and try your hand at bowling (no previous experience required), compete for the club's magnificent teams trophy (teams made up on the spot) and then join in a relaxed and casual BBQ dinner. Bring your family, friends and potential Rotarians and swap a few stories of your Christmas/New Year exploits. Don't forget to bring white soft-soled shoes.



Benefic awards

Several members of the Youth Committee presented awards at Presentation Days/Night at the end of last year. All were enjoyed, as shown below.

Turrumurra High School – Emyr Evans

Emyr presented our Benefic Award to a Year 9 student. Afterwards he emailed the Principal, Mrs Stephanie McConnell: "Very many thanks for inviting me to the Presentation Night on Tuesday. I was really impressed with the achievements of so many and the efficiency with which all manner of aspects were discharged. Please convey my congratulations to students and staff for a wonderfully successful evening."

Ku-ring-gai Creative Arts High School – Bob Ivey

Bob represented our club on 12 December 2013 to present our "RC of KRG Benefic Award" to Year 9 student Connor Boughton. The presentation session was very well organized with musical entertainment and presentations to approximately 200 students being completed in under two hours. It was followed by afternoon tea, which gave the opportunity to chat with other award donors (Lions Club, Council, Defence etc). The Principal

Ms Terri-Anne Kamasz was very appreciative of our support and offered her thanks a number of times.

Killara High School – Malcolm Braid

Malcolm represented our Club again this year on 18 December to present the Benefic Award, being a perpetual trophy, an individual trophy and book voucher for the awardee. The Award was presented to Simon K. a year 9 student who was an excellent role model with his peers. He displayed the qualities of being a 'favourable influence' which is the meaning of 'benefic'

The ceremony was well organised and finished on time. Our friends from the Lindfield and Roseville Chase Rotary Clubs also attended and made presentations.

The Acting Principal acknowledged the involvement of Rotary in the school ceremonies and other programs like MUNA and RYPEN over a number of years and encouraged the clubs to look for additional opportunities to partner with the school.

Clarke Road School

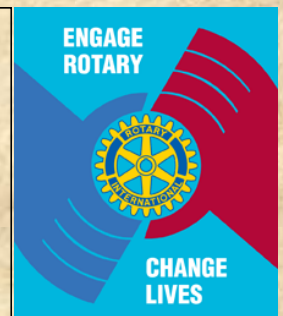
President Tony McClelland, Joy and Greg Newling attended on 17 December and it was a wonderful celebration of the students' achievements throughout the year. Every student received a certificate, much to their enjoyment. Some examples were: improvement in literacy, learning to make choices, improved travel skills, good manners and friendship to classmates, improved communication skills using interactive whiteboard, and improved personal care skills. There were also group performances by some of the students which we all enjoyed.

I was pleased to present the Rotary Role Model Award to one of the senior students, Neha Sharma. Neha also starred later in the program when she was announced as School Captain for 2014!

Our club was recognised for our support during the year. Parents and staff really do appreciate everything our members do for the school community. I was surprised and honoured when I was called forward and thanked for my contribution and presented with a

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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

Rotary International Theme 2013-2014

beautiful bouquet of roses.

My thanks go to my Youth Committee and all the members of our club, and partners, who have supported different projects at Clarke Road School during the year.

Thank you too to Emyr, Bob and Malcolm for representing our club so willingly.

Joy Newling

District 9685 Conference



Only 6 weeks to go to the inaugural District 9685 Conference. Have you registered for it yet? It's not too late - book online now at <http://rotarydistrict9685.org.au/Stories/conference-registrations-are-open>

Rotary International Convention



Discounted early registration extended

Rotarians now only have **until next Wednesday, 15 January** to complete discounted early registration for the 2014 Rotary International Convention in Sydney, saving \$100 off the onsite registration fee.

Registration options

There are three options:

Register on-line by going to riconvention.org (follow the instructions [here](#))

Email communications@rotarydistrict9685.org.au with the best time to call you

Complete a paper registration form ([available here](#)) See why you should attend [here](#).

Second chances don't happen often, so do take advantage of this extended opportunity.

Christmas party



Thanks to Loïc Lacombe, Joy Newling, Louise Tyler and numerous other members and their partners who made the club's Christmas party such a success, especially those who helped to tidy up afterwards..



Calendar of events

January	20	Joy Aimée - How to write a best-seller
February	3	Assoc Prof Sheryl van Nunen - Ticks and allergies
	10	Pride of Workmanship Awards
	17	David Bennett - Shaping suburbia: towards the suburbs of the future
	23	(Sunday) Inaugural District 9685 Conference - venue: the Concourse, Chatswood
June	1 - 4	Rotary International Convention - venue: Olympic Park, Homebush
	3	Rotary International Convention Home Hospitality Night

Club officers and committee chairmen 2013-14

Board of directors

President	Tony McClelland
Vice President	John Aitken
President Elect	Tony McClelland
Secretary	Geoff Hungerford
Treasurer	Graham Maslen
Director - Membership	Roger Desmarchelier
Director - Public Relations	Michael Midlam
Director - Club Administration	(Vacant)
Director - Service Projects	John Aitken
Director - Rotary Foundation	Graham Timms

Service committee chairmen

Club Service	(Vacant)
Vocational Service	Michael Midlam
Community Service	Ross Lambert
International Service	Greg Newling
Youth Service	Joy Newling
Bobbin Head Cycle Classic	Peter Kipps
Sergeant-at-Arms	Greg Newling

Club committees 2013-14

Bobbin Head Cycle Classic: John Aitken, Ross Egan, Peter Kipps, Tony McClelland, Michael Midlam, Adele Mitchell, Graham Timms

Club History: Malcolm Braid, Tom Jackson

Club Service/Club Administration: Geoff Hungerford, Graham Maslen, Michael Tyler (Koongga Editor)

Community Service: Lou Coenen, Gary Dawson, Roger Desmarchelier, Ross Egan (Daffodil Day), Bob Elsworth, Rob Hall, Chris Hoch (Red Shield Appeal), Geoff Hungerford (Markets) Caroline Jones, Nick Kenyon, Ross Lambert, Loïc Lacombe, Jack McCartney, Michael Midlam (Bowel Scan), Frank White (Markets)

International Service: David Forsythe, Graham Maslen, Adele Mitchell, Greg Newling, Peter Tang

Membership: Roger Desmarchelier, Dilys Geddes, Linda Lam-Rohlf

Public Relations: Michael Midlam

Program: Rob Hall, Ross Egan

Rotary Foundation: Graham Timms

Vocational Service: Michael Midlam

Youth Service: Malcolm Braid, Emyr Evans, Greg Goodman, Bob Ivey, Tom Jackson, Linda Lam-Rohlf, Joy Newling, Ted Price