



# K O O N G G A

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Rotary monthly theme: January: Rotary Awareness

## This week

### Joy Aimée

#### How to write a best-seller

Do you have a story to tell and a burning desire to write it? Maybe you need editorial assistance or a ghostwriter?

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## Gordon Market



The December Gordon Market was satisfyingly busy - lots of centre isle stalls and very few no shows. Many new stallholders booked for the January market as well. We collected \$4,085.40, which is a good day. (2012:

\$4,095; 2011: \$4,165.)

The January market was also excellent. January is usually very quiet - \$2,660 in 2013; \$2,723 in 2012 and \$2,229 in 2011, but this year we collected **\$3,900 - 47% higher, which must be a clear record.**

Ross Lambert

## Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)

Last Saturday I had the pleasure of driving our RYLA participant, Nick Watt, to start his week-long camp at Vision Valley, Arcadia. Nick wasn't quite sure what to

expect but when President Tony and I caught up with him at the RYLA Dinner on Tuesday night, he was very enthusiastic about his experience so far. He couldn't



believe they had done so much in just three days! Nick is on the editorial committee that produces a one page newspaper "RYLAdvocate" each day. We saw one on Tuesday night and it was printed in colour and very professional.

There were over 200 people at the dinner including 80 Rylarians, Rotarians from sponsoring clubs and friends. Guest speaker was Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons of the NSW Rural Fire Service. Amongst other things, he spoke about his voluntary team of over 72,000, and the RFS Cadet program operating in some schools. Shane also covered the recent fires in NSW and encouraged us to focus on what is saved, not what is lost. He also talked about leadership and how it applied to the RFS. He had some great quotes referring to leadership which I thought were also applicable to Rotary:

- "Working well with people of all ages is vital to being a good leader"
- "Always respect and regard people in your team"
- "One team, many players and one purpose"
- Dealing with pressure: "Try and be better than you are today but don't try and be someone you are not"

Lastly he encouraged everyone to "have a go at making a difference", which is just what we as Rotarians do well.

Nick will be coming to talk to our Club about his RYLA experience and it could be as early as this coming Monday, 20 January.

Joy Newling

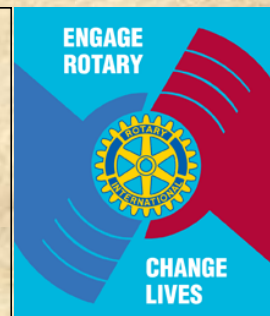
## Bobbin Head Cycle Classic

The 'Bobbo' sponsorship committee is doing great work. Chairman Jack McCartney reports:

**Sponsorship committed YTD - \$40,600 cash and \$3,800 in-kind.** Coca Cola have provided 40 cases of

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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](http://www.kuringgairotary.org.au)

Rotary International Theme 2013-2014

Powerade.

**Felicity McDonnell KYDS** – Felicity has also approached **Sydney Fish Markets** and has contacts at **JB Hifi**. She also will approach **Sydney Market Foundation** for bananas.

**Veolia** is prepared to provide and service the bins, consistent with what they have done in previous years.

**Easyriders (ER)** - have had some email correspondence and need to rev things up to get them more engaged.

**Phil McCarroll Auto Group** have indicated their interest in becoming a major sponsor **in future**. The following action items have been discussed:

- **Support vehicles** - McCarroll's kindly offered to provide any support vehicles that the event may require. Options discussed include use of a McCarroll's branded vehicle as a 'stewards car', vans as required, bike mechanics vehicle/van.
- **Car Display** - McCarroll's would like to have a 4 car display at Karuah Oval in connection with their sponsor tent.
- **Merchandising** - McCarroll's to promote the ride on their social media pages, along with promotion that first 250 registered riders to visit the McCarroll's tent on the day will receive free McCarroll's/BHCC branded **cycling socks**.
- **Cycling caps** - McCarroll's could provide complimentary branded cycling caps to all kids who complete the 12km family ride.
- **Cross promotions** - opportunities exist to cross promote and work cooperatively on social media.
- **Signage** - McCarroll's are keen to have some landmark signage on the route.
- **Channel 7 Sunrise Program** - McCarroll's is involved with the "Tour de Cure Ride" to Cure Cancer. Both Chester and Simon McCarroll are passionate supporters of this event and will begin this ride the week after the 2014 Bobbo. Tour De Cure ambassador Mark Beretta (Channel 7 Sunrise sports presenter) currently 'follows' the Bobbo Facebook page. Enquiries will be made about Weekend Sunrise filming its live on-site weather crosses from Karuah Oval on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**Akuna Bay** – Caroline Jones has arranged for a drink-stop at Akuna Bay. Towels and drink bottles for "showbags" and a flyer to promote Akuna Bay as a lunch stop will be provided by Akuna Bay.

### Last week

Last week President Tony welcomed to our meeting David Lewis, Fiona Jackson, Laurel Jackson, Margaret Braid and (after 7 months overseas) Lou Coenen.

Before dinner, our members and guests displayed their skill on the bowling green, culminating in a 'closest to the jack' competition for the club's annual trophy, won



by Graham Maslen, Jack McCartney, Peter Kipps and Margaret Braid. For those who were unsuccessful, Koongga is proud to bring you its unique style guide, so you can practice for next year.



*The roadster*

*The prop*



*The supplicant*

*The old sea dog*



*A legal delivery*

*No ball !*

*The handbag*

(demonstrating that Koongga is an equal opportunity publisher, even if it has to rely on a photo from last year)



## District 9685 Conference

Rotary will celebrate its 109th birthday on 23 February. The day also marks the anniversary of the first mass polio vaccinations, which started in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA, in 1954 and expanded across the United States.

Celebrate the occasion at our District Conference - plan to attend and take action now - register on the [Conference Website](#).

Invite your family, friends and business associates so they can discover what Rotary's doing in their own community.



## Snake conservation in India

Dear Michael,

Greetings from Bhopal.

Thanks for the weekly newsletter.

I am also enclosing an article for your information on an activity on snake conservation conducted by our club Rotary Club of East Bhopal, this year. Vishwas has been conducting this for the last 5 years.

In India, we celebrate a Hindu festival called Naag Panchmi wherein all devotees worship the snake. A few myths regarding the snake worship (and also not hurting the religious sentiments of the people) have to be cleared and hence an awareness drive is conducted. This year too the awareness program was conducted in different areas with a lot more of volunteers.

I am enclosing the report filed on the activity to our DG Rtn Nitin Dafria (Dist 3040). Some changes have been made for you to understand better. You can circulate the same to other members also.

Hope all is well at your end. Love to Louise.

A very Happy Christmas in advance!

With love and regards,

Pratibha Ghushe

(Vishwas and Pratibha Ghushe visited our club with other members of the Friendship Exchange team from District 3040 in May 2012.)

### Snake Conservation Project

Rotary Club East Bhopal organized the Snake Conservation and Awareness Activity on Nagpanchami, 11-August-2013. This was the fifth consecutive year of making the people aware about the importance of snakes for the preservation of environment and for sensitizing them towards the pain and suffering inflicted upon the snakes in the name of worship. The Assistant Governor Rtn. Col. Mahendra Mishra was also present to encourage the members.

This activity was a part of saving snakes as the next step towards environment conservation – a program initiated by RID 3040. The Members of RC East Bhopal started early in the morning and



reached the pre-identified spots at 7am. This year special efforts were made to activate the government machinery. As a result, the officials and the mobile squad of the Forest Department were also present at Jawahar Chowk Bus Stand. There were more than 25 personnel from the government, including some lady inspectors also, to deal with the women accompanying the male *saperas* (Snake Charmers). With past experience the places where the snake charmers are more likely to be found are known to the members. The entire team spread out in different parts of the city in separate vehicles, to seize the snakes from *saperas* and distribute the awareness material to the people.

However, it was a matter of pleasant surprise to all the members that the snake charmers were hard to find! For the past four years it was normal to seize over 70 snakes within the first one hour. But despite the larger team and more intense search, very few snakes could be found. The members were constantly in touch with one another, asking about the status and expressing surprise over not being able to find snake charmers. Even in the hot spots like Jawahar Chowk, Mata Mandir, New Market, other temples and certain colonies where the *saperas* throng for their business, they were not to be seen.

As a result, only about 65 snakes were seized by the entire team up to 2 pm. On enquiry from the shopkeepers near the temples and other places, the people told the team that due to the concerted efforts of RC East Bhopal for the past five years the number of *saperas* bringing snakes into the city has reduced considerably. Another effect of the campaign was that *saperas* were found to have shun their usual attire, the trademark



bamboo basket, the 'potli' (bundle) of clothes and the inevitable "Been" (Snake Charmer's Piper). Instead, many of them were carrying the snake in small polythene or cloth bag and were making rounds silently. The

usual call of "Pilao Naag Ko Doodh" ("come and feed milk to the snakes for worship") was rarely heard by the people.

The authorities of the Forest Department and Van Vihar (Open Zoo) were also happy about this development and credited the members of the Club for the same. The seized snakes were handed over to them at Van Vihar Snake Centre.

## Rotary International Convention

Are you ready to participate in the Rotary International Convention in Sydney this June? Here's how you can become involved:

- Register to attend this once in a lifetime opportunity - a major international convention in your own city.
- Volunteer to act as a helper at the Convention.
- Register to host interstate and overseas Rotarians as guests in your home.
- Register to entertain interstate and overseas Rotarians on the 'Host Hospitality Night'.
- Invite your family, friends and business associates to come and experience the internationality of Rotary for themselves.

Come on Sydneysiders. We set the world standard for the Olympic Games. Let's show the world once again that we're the best at participating in events and welcoming others to our city. You know that you'll enjoy every minute of it.

### To all Rotarians in our District

Rotary International President Ron Burton, on our behalf, has invited the world to Sydney and what better way to welcome them than to have them stay with us in our own homes.

What a fantastic opportunity for you to meet Rotarians from another country or perhaps other areas of Australia and make lifelong friends and share your Australian family experience with them.

If you have a spare room or two around the period of the Convention 1 – 4 June 2014 and wish to share in this great experience then this is your once in a lifetime opportunity.

You do not have to be registered for the Convention to take part in the Home Stay program, all you have to be is prepared to open your home to our visitors.

**There are just under one hundred Convention-goers who are looking for Home Stay accommodation BUT there is presently nowhere for them to stay.**

DG Graeme has just received the following plea for assistance in housing these and other applicants under the Home Stay program.

*"Hi DGs Garry & Graeme,*

*Hope you both had an enjoyable Christmas and best wishes for the remaining six months of your term as Governor.*

*As you know I am looking after the Home Stay program for Sydney 2014 and I am in desperate need of your help.*

*To date we have 96 people registered from various countries seeking home stay and as of today we have no local Rotarians registered to host them.*

*Just this week I received an email from a Rotarian from Sri Lanka who is seeking accommodation for himself his*



*wife and two children. He asked for me to confirm his place for home stay as he had an appointment for 7 January to apply for his visa to Australia and required written confirmation of accommodation amongst other things. I had to inform him that I could not guarantee a home stay place at this time.*

*I am well aware that both of you have many demands on your time and requests to contact your members, however as a Sydney Rotary Family we have offered home stay as part of the Convention and I do not want to let these people down.*

*I understand that you both have an email register of all members in your Districts and I will be very grateful if you could send out a plea for them to volunteer their homes for home stay. The largest group seeking accommodation is six but the majorities are couples. **Remembering that hosts do not have to be registered to attend the Convention**".*

Kind regards

**Paul Reid**

**District Governor 2009-10**

**Rotary International District 9690 Inc.**

## Vivid Visions cruise

Dear Rotary Friends,

As you may know the Rotary e-Club of Greater Sydney is hosting a pre Sydney Rotary International Convention event "Vivid Visions" cruise on Friday May 30th, 2014. Well in just under 6 weeks we sold our 90 tickets and filled the ship.

So due to overwhelming demand, I can now announce that we have secured a 2nd historic twin sister Tall Ship. All details remain the same, except that the 2nd ship will launch at 8pm, 15 minutes after the first ship launches.

Please don't miss out as this event will undoubtedly sell out again in record time.

To book please visit any of these sites.

<https://sydts.bookingboss.com/booknow.cfm?e=SYDTS1971>

<http://www.sydneytallships.com.au/rotary-e-club.html>

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## Next week: Australia Day public holiday



There's no club meeting next week, due to the Australia Day public holiday. Have a great day with your family and friends, tell them what Rotary



is doing and invite them to our next meeting on 3 February!

## Calendar of events

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

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

### Service committee chairmen

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

**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-Rohlfs, Joy Newling, Ted Price