



# K O O N G G A

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## This week

David Bennett

### Shaping Suburbia: towards the suburbs of the future



David Bennett is an architect, advocate and educator. He consults to government, developers, property owners and design & delivery teams. He provides expert advice relating to managing city growth with genuine sustainability outcomes. David runs his own Sydney-based architectural and sustainability consulting practice, SIX-D Environments, and the organisation Shaping Suburbia. He is co-chair of the Australian Institute of Architects NSW Sustainability Committee.

As the pressure of population increase on cities is only going to continue, fitting more people into the same space has usually resulted in multi-storey unit blocks being presented as the main solution. For high concentration centres that's sensible and necessary, but what role should the other parts of cities play in this growth?

Shaping Suburbia has focused on what healthy, sustainable living might look like and how existing suburbia can evolve to be that place. Its research connects the types of places/houses we choose to live in with the walk-ability of environments and the benefits that improved walk-ability can bring.

Shaping Suburbia proposes a new development model of urban infill which addresses these sustainability issues and provides lifestyle, health, economic and real sustainability outcomes.

## Last week's guests and announcements

Last week President Tony welcomed our Pride of Workmanship awardees and their families (see below), this week's guest speaker (on reconnaissance), David Lewis, Joyce Cribb, Judy Timms and Kerry Midlam.

David Lewis distinguished himself by volunteering to substitute for Malcolm Braid marshalling the marshals

for the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic.

Bob Elsworth volunteered to hand out leaflets at the Hills Rotary Club's cycling event and to coordinate our club members and their families as marshals for the Bobbo.

## Bobbin Head Cycle Classic

Peter Kipps reported that:

- To date there have been twice as many hits on the Bobbo website as at the same time last year.
- The registrations per hit are half what they were at the same time last year.
- So far, average registrations per day are less than last year.



He also showed the different success rates of the various forms of marketing being employed.

## Pride of Workmanship



Each year our club shows its appreciation of those in our community who strive for excellence of service in their chosen vocation by presenting Pride Of Workmanship Awards.

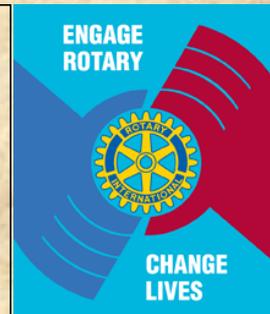
The awards do not have strict criteria regarding who they are presented to. Two years ago they were presented to upcoming apprentices and employees in the area. Last year police from the Hornsby Local Area Command were the recipients.

This year the awards went to local businesses which have proven through their longevity and success to be real assets to our community. By coincidence and entirely unplanned, they also happen to be family-run businesses spanning more than one generation.

The first recipient was **Fine Impressions Printing**. The business started in Pymble in 1994, initially as part of a franchise group called Pix Printing. When Pix Printing folded in 1999 the owner, Philip Greenwood, renamed

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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)

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it Fine Impressions and the business continued.

As with all small businesses changes in the financial climate and keeping up with rapidly changing technology have presented challenges that Fine Impressions have been able to meet.

After 18 years at the helm, in 2013 Phillip passed Fine Impressions to his son in law, Andrew Clarke.

Andrew has injected his youthful enthusiasm and technological expertise into the business and it has continued to provide top quality printing and copying.

(Phillip and Andrew were unable to attend the club's meeting, but have been presented with the award separately.)



After immigrating to Australia from his native Iran, where he ran a similar business for many years, Harabed Haparati started **Sparks Auto Electrical** in Mosman in 1986, .

In 1989, he was joined in the business by his son Andre, upon his completion of a TAFE course,

In 1995 the business moved to the then Mobile Service Station on Mona Vale Road in St Ives. I first came across Sparks several years ago when, on many occasions, Andre and his father repaired my ageing work vehicle.

In 2011 when the station was remodelled and re-branded, and the workshop lease was not renewed, Harabed and Andre decided that they would turn the business into a mobile service that would come to the clients.

From recent work done on my son's car, I can vouch for the fact that they still offer the same quality of workmanship they did when they operated out of a workshop.

The loyal customer base and word of mouth has seen the business continue to be successful.

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I would bet that the majority of people attending our awards night have at one time or another sampled a sweet from the **Du Plessy Pralin** shop. Until very recently, I thought that Du Plessy was the family name of the company.

Not so. The handsome gentleman in the picture here is Comte Du Plessy Pralin. Among his numerous accomplishments, he was the person who was first able to turn cocoa powder into the chocolate that we know today.



The company was actually started by Marcelle and Martha Adan who had immigrated to Australia from a war-torn France. The Comte was an inspiration to Marcelle who was a trained chocolatier.

Marcelle and Martha started the business in the lower floor of the Petersons building in Pymble in 1961.

Following the death of his father in 1979, Paul Adan ran the company with his mother until her death 4 years ago.

Du Plessy moved for several years to Turramurra and then to its present site in West Pymble.

Paul has expanded the range of products he sells and is continually adjusting the flavours of the chocolates to accommodate ever changing tastes.

To me, Du Plessy Pralin is an upper north shore institution that is synonymous with an amazing assortment of confectionery items.



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Frank's Barber Shop, or more correctly **Frank's Ladies and Gents Style Cutting**, was already an institution when I first moved to Pymble 32 years ago.

The business was started by Frank Vittorino in Pymble in 1969, before moving to Gordon a few years later, first on Pacific Highway and then in its present location in St Johns Avenue.

Anthony Vittorino always wanted to be a part of the salon, and for 22 years worked alongside his father.

Over the past few years, the running of the shop was done by Anthony, as Frank went into semi-retirement.

The kids all knew that Franks used to give them a pack of gum after each haircut. While this has now been changed to a lollipop, it remains a very popular incentive.

In 1975 the first piece of sports memorabilia was given to Frank and placed on the shop wall. This inspired Frank to become an avid collector. The walls are now covered with a fascinating collection of posters, pictures, flags and autographs, many given by the sports stars themselves, many of whom also frequent the salon as customers.

I noticed that some of the newer additions now are autographed to Anthony, so it is good to see that he is continuing the tradition.

Frank's shop seems always to be filled with conversation and laughter, and the fact that it does over 20,000 haircuts every year at-tests to its continued popularity.

This would have been another father son presentation, but unfortunately Frank passed away suddenly last year. However, I am happy to say that Anthony is continuing the business in much the same way that Frank did.

Michael Midlam

Pride of Workmanship Chairman



## Gordon Market

Another good result from the Gordon Market, a little down on last year. We earned \$3601.35 on Sunday, 9 February, so we are still doing well. (\$3,747 in 2013; \$3,261 in 2012).

Ross Lambert

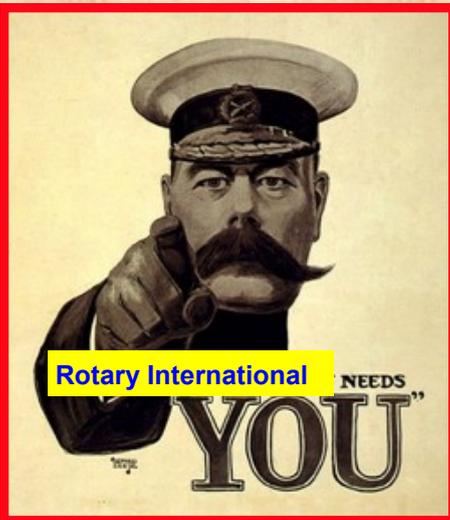
Community Service Chairman

## Club donations

At its February meeting, the club's board approved the following donations (amongst other things):

- ShelterBox: \$2,000
- Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children: \$1,000
- Rotary Against Malaria: \$1,000
- Jessica Tan: \$200 (YMCA Youth Parliament)
- Quentin Smith: \$500 (MUNA Hague)
- A StudioArtes candidate: \$1,100

## Rotary International Convention



**RED  
ALERT**

Volunteer to help at the Convention  
Meet people  
And make friends!

The organisers of the Rotary International Convention desperately need more volunteers to help with:

- Meeting delegates arriving for the Convention, helping them find their way round at the Convention and a host of other simple duties.
- Providing Home Stay accommodation for a few nights. (Currently there are 43 delegates still seeking accommodation.)
- Hosting delegates to dinner on one night. (There's a waiting list of potential guests.)

You don't need to be attending the Convention (but why wouldn't you?) and you don't even need to be a Rotarian!

For general organisational volunteering, you can work whatever periods of time you can manage.

Don't miss this opportunity to be part of one of the biggest events in Sydney since the Olympics. You are sure to have fun!

Can't assist yourself? Maybe you know someone else who can. Encourage them to volunteer today!

## Doing a Rotary make up

Because of the District 9685 Conference on Sunday, 23 February, our club will not meet on Monday, 24 February. If you are unable to attend the Conference, here are the details of some nearby Rotary Clubs' meetings at which you can make up:

- Hornsby: Monday 6.30 pm Asquith Golf Club
- Waitara: Monday 6.30 pm Hornsby RSL Club
- Macquarie Park: Tuesday 7.30 **am** Vogue Café, Macquarie Shopping Centre
- Roseville Chase: Tuesday 6 pm Roseville Golf Club
- Lindfield: Tuesday 6.30 pm Killara Bowling Club
- Turramurra: Tuesday 6.30 pm Warrawee Bowling Club
- Belrose: Tuesday, 7 pm Belrose Bowling Club
- Wahroonga; Wednesday 7.15 **am** Warrawee Bowling Club
- Chatswood: Wednesday, 6 pm Roseville Memorial Club
- St Ives: Wednesday 6.30 pm Pymble Golf Club
- Chatswood Sunrise: Friday 7**am** Chantilly's in the Chatswood Chase Food Court

Remember to ring the club you intend to visit to make sure that it is meeting at its usual venue on the day you plan to go.

Remember also to have a report of your visit ready for our club at its next meeting on 3 March.

## Club forum — 3 March

Our next meeting on 3 March is a club forum. This is your opportunity to question the members of the board and committee chairmen about what they're doing and to say what you think they should be doing. A bit like Question Time in Parliament really. So if you've got a bee in your bonnet about something, come along and make your thoughts known. Surely it's time for someone to propose restoration of Rotary grace, a toast to RI and singing the nation anthem, isn't it?

## Calendar of events

February	23	(Sunday) Inaugural District 9685 Conference - venue: the Concourse, Chatswood
	24	No meeting
March	3	Club forum
	10	Bob Elsworth - '10 on me' and Nick Watt - Rotary Youth Leadership Award
	17	Bobbin Head Cycle Classic member/volunteer briefing
	23	(Sunday) Bobbin Head Cycle Classic
	24	Bobbin Head Cycle Classic review
	31	Gareth Hall [financial topic TBA]
April	7	Roger Cherry - Who are those people? The plaques of Circular Quay.
	14	TBA
	21	(Easter Monday) No meeting
	28	TBA
May	5	Club forum
	12	TBA
	15	(Thursday) Bobbin Head Cycle Classic presentation (St Ives)
	19	TBA
	26	Richard Field – Okavango: miracle in the desert
June	1 - 4	Rotary International Convention - venue: Olympic Park, Homebush
	3	Rotary International Convention Host Hospitality Night
	9	(Queen's birthday) No meeting
	23	Club Changeover

## 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