



# K O O N G G A

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## This week

### State of the nation club

This week we have the last club forum for the current Rotary year.

It's a time for President Tony's State of the Club address and to hear from the directors and committee chairman how far we have got in realising the club's plans for the year and what remains to be done before 30 June.

Expect the Treasurer to update the members on the state of the club's finances. Will he announce another surplus and new spending initiatives or is he going to follow the lead of the Federal Treasurer and predict a future of annual deficits and the end of the age of entitlement?

The club doesn't have a commission of audit other than its members, so come along and ask the hard questions yourself.



## Last week's guests & announcements

President Tony:

- Welcomed our guest speaker Alan Edenborough, Anne Prescott from the Rotary Club of Wahroonga, Phil Kwok, Katherine Kwok, Joyce Enos, Robert Enos and Adrienne Hall; and
- Congratulated Linda Lam-Rohlf for taking her 9 person choir to sing to the residents of Horton House.

Joy Newling arranged car pooling for the Rotary International Convention volunteers' training day (and here they are at the training, doing what Rotarians do best. Well done all of you!)



## The world's newest Rotarian

President Tony inducted Joyce Enos as a member of the club.

A St Ives resident, Joyce formerly taught year 6 at Abbotsleigh and Pymble Ladies College. She retired 2 years ago, but still works part time when required. She is married to Robert and they have 3 daughters and 6 grandchildren.

Joyce's classification is 'Primary Teaching' and she will serve on the Youth Committee.

Robert was recognised unofficially as a 'friend of Rotary' and we look forward to having him at our meetings as well as Joyce. Welcome to you both!



## Announcements continued

Greg Newling reiterated that there is still time to register for the Rotary International Convention and urged members not to miss the opportunity.

There will be about 20,000 Rotarians present, showing the amazing diversity of Rotary in action.

Events at RI Conventions are stunningly good and the speakers truly outstanding. You will never have a better (or cheaper) opportunity to experience such an inspiring Rotary event.



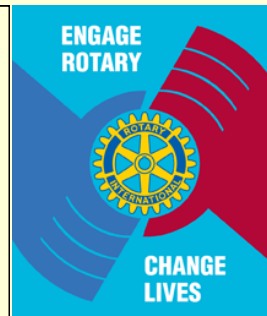
Anne Prescott from the Rotary Club of Wahroonga told us about her recent visit to Nepal to train maths teachers and sold raffle tickets to raise money to solve these problems in the schools she visited:

- No toilets
- Leaking roofs, resulting in wet mud classroom floors during the monsoon
- Shutters instead of glass windows, so no light when they are closed to keep out rain or cold

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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

- Decrepit furniture

Anne's club is raising money to rebuild a school for 150 primary and secondary students. Over \$100 was quickly raised from amongst those present at our meeting. Well done, fellows!



Chris Hoch called for 8 volunteers to drive Red Shield Appeal collectors around on Sunday, 25 May. A few hands were raised, but more helpers are needed. Call Chris if you can spare a few hours on that day.

President Tony announced that Tom Jackson was about to be admitted to Royal North Shore Private Hospital for a back operation. He should be home by the time this is published. Give him a call to cheer him up!



Peter Kipps is taking a well earned rest from the board of The Bobbin Head Cycle Classic. Bob Elsworth is stepping into his shoes . . . and will soon find out just how many diverse aspects of the Bobbo Peter covered! Well done Peter and Bob!

## Last week's speaker



### Alan Edenborough Saving the James Craig

Sydney Heritage Fleet began life in 1965 with the descriptive title of 'Lady Hope-toun & Port Jackson Marine Steam Museum'. The Fleet has widened its horizons in the almost 50 since then.

At the time The Rocks in Sydney were under threat. In the late 1960s, the NSW Government set up the Sydney Cove Redevelopment Authority (SCRA). Its role was to balance the new with the old. One of the first decisions SCRA made was to propose establishment of a maritime precinct, just to the north of the Overseas Passenger Terminal in Campbell's Cove, adjacent to the old and unspoilt Metcalfe Bond Stores.

The fledgling maritime museum which, by this time, was restoring and operating Steam Yacht Lady Hopetoun (1902), Steam Tug Waratah (1902) and Pilot Vessel John Oxley (1927), approached SCRA with the aim of setting up the proposed Campbell's Cove activity.

It was the era when the Chilean tall ship Esmerelda drew one million Sydneysiders to the harbour to see her. Sydney was in love with sail. So it was probably not surprising that SCRA told the maritime museum they were interested in us forming the Campbell's Cove museum, but wanted "just one tall ship" for Sydney. When we protested that there were none left, SCRA's Director suggested we might like to go and find one. Being young and foolish, I accepted the challenge on behalf of the museum.

Google was not around to help find sailing ship wrecks, so the search was long and hard work. Eventually, a breakthrough came in 1971 in the pages of a little British shipping magazine, Sea Breezes. A letter from a Sydney man told of a sailing trip to Tasmania where he had

seen the hulk of a sailing ship on the beach in Recherché Bay, at the very southern tip of Tasmania. I was quick to follow up the lead.



Early in 1972 I hired a fishing boat in Dover, Tasmania, for the 30 nautical mile journey south to Recherché Bay. There I found the almost complete hull of square-rigger James Craig, her name still painted on the stern. Research turned up the fact that the ship was built in Sunderland, England in 1874 for Scottish owners and named Clan Macleod. She traded in the northern hemisphere until bought by New Zealand shipowner, JJ Craig in 1899. She arrived in New Zealand in 1901 and was renamed James Craig after her owner's son. After a chequered career, the ship was abandoned in Recherché Bay during the Great Depression.

My first sight of the ship encouraged me to believe she could be salvaged and to determine that fact we mounted two surveys, the first at Easter 1972 and the second in October of the same year. By the end of the second survey we had enough evidence to be convinced that we could, indeed, salvage the ship.

Almost miraculously, a sponsor appeared who agreed to take on the salvage - a massive undertaking, requiring a skilled team and complicated logistics - and be paid from future fundraising if we succeeded.

In May 1973 the three-week salvage operation began in freezing, wet weather. The salvage crew lived in make-shift quarters aboard James Craig, but staying warm was a constant challenge as the wind off the snow capped western mountains swept down across the bay and through every opening in the ship. But the crew worked night and day and, eventually, James Craig was again ready for sea.

Up until this moment, it had all been a bit of a 'Boys Own' adventure. But the day we committed to the tow of James Craig out into the Southern Ocean on the way to Hobart, it all became very real.

Even on the calmest day the Southern Ocean swell can be awesome and James Craig left the shelter of Recherché Bay at the end of a 1000 foot tow line behind the tug Sirius Cove. Astonishingly, the ship seemed to love the huge swell which sent her bobbing to the crests, then down into the troughs and we made less than two inches of water, through the temporary repairs to the many holes in the hull, during the entire twelve hour journey to Hobart.

That was the end of the salvage, but the story went on. Back in Sydney, SCRA never managed to acquire the Campbell's Cove site for the maritime museum and, as a result, James Craig languished in Hobart until 1981 when she was finally towed to Sydney to begin her full restoration.



Designed by a museum member, the Sea Heritage Dock which could accommodate James Craig on its deck, out of the water, was to be a godsend. Here the Fleet could work at its own pace without crippling dry dock costs and year by year,





50,000 rivets were driven as hull plates were refurbished or replaced. Eventually, by now into the 1990s, James Craig came off the dock and sailed on her own bottom. Then the rig was set up, sea trials began and in 2000, James Craig was recommissioned and became another of Sydney Heritage Fleet's operational vessels.

Today, James Craig is the oldest restored tall ship in the world which goes to sea regularly with passengers. She has won international awards and is regarded as one of the best historic ship restorations in the world.

The ship is open alongside for inspection daily, when not sailing, at Wharf 7, Pyrmont from 10:00am to 4:30pm. She goes to sea on a day-long square-rig sailing adventure with passengers every fortnight and makes longer voyages from time to time to such ports as Hobart, Melbourne, Newcastle and Eden.

Sydney Heritage Fleet is a not-for-profit maritime museum which has no government funding. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. More at [www.shf.org.au](http://www.shf.org.au)

## World Water Summit



**World Water Summit 6 - Sydney, Australia -**  
Friday, May 30, 2014 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

SMC Conference & Function Centre  
66 Goulburn Street, Sydney, NSW 2000

As you confirm your schedule for the RI convention in Sydney, be sure to come early and attend World Water Summit 6 on Friday May 30th. If you have attended

previous Wasrag summits you will know that they are packed with interesting speakers, learning experiences and opportunities to share your WASH experience with Rotarians who share your passion for providing those in need with the most basic essentials of life: water, sanitation and hygiene.

Check the "Program" section of this site for more details. And please register now! We have just extended the Early Bird Pricing to the day of the Summit: \$125 for members; \$150 for non-members (includes a one year membership) \$40 for Rotaractors and Students and \$75 for Australian Probus Members. Probus members may register online and pay \$75 US with their credit card. OR they may pay \$80 AUS cash at the door. But - we can only accept credit card payments in US dollars. For more information, please visit our website: [www.wasrag.org](http://www.wasrag.org) or contact Wasrag Administrator Anna Shepherd at [info@wasrag.org](mailto:info@wasrag.org).

## Service during the Convention



Volunteering during a Rotary International Convention is a wonderful way to meet new friends and make a difference. Here are some ways you can create positive change while at the Convention:

### LABYRINTH FOR LITERACY

Donate a new children's book to the Labyrinth for Literacy project, located inside the entry to the Billabong House of Friendship. Books will be donated to schools and hospitals benefitting children from aboriginal and needy families living in New South Wales and Queensland. Don't have a book? You can purchase one at the Scholastic Books booth in the Billabong House of Friendship.

### END POLIO NOW—MAKE HISTORY TODAY 3K WALK

Join us for a 3K (1.8 miles) walk to raise awareness for Rotary and polio eradication. The event will take place Saturday, 31 May, from 10:00-12:00, at Sydney Olympic Park. Entry fee: \$A30. [Sign up today.](#)

### CLIMB FOR A CAUSE – END POLIO NOW

Join RI President Ron Burton along with Rotary members from around the world as we raise money for polio eradication while attempting to break two world records: most flags flown on a bridge and largest number of climbers on the Sydney Harbour Bridge at one time. BridgeClimb will donate half of every ticket purchased to PolioPlus. [Book your spot now.](#)

### STOP HUNGER NOW

Take part in packing meals for [Stop Hunger Now](#), an international hunger relief agency that has provided over 130 million meals worldwide. The meals will go to feed local families in need. Visit the Stop Hunger Now booth in Billabong House of Friendship to learn how you can help.

## Calendar of events

May	12	Michael McQueen (on video): Strategies for building membership
	19	Nigel O'Rorke: Microsoft - the years ahead
	21	(Wednesday) Rotary Club of St Ives: Bobbin Head Cycle Classic presentation
	26	Richard Field – Okavango: miracle in the desert
June	1 - 4	Rotary International Convention - venue: Olympic Park, Homebush
	2	TBA
	3	Rotary International Convention Host Hospitality Night
	9	(Queen's birthday) No meeting
	16	TBA
	23	Club Changeover
	30	TBA

## 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-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