



# K O O N G G A

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## This week

### Club Christmas party

6.30 pm for 7 pm

41 Richmond Avenue, St Ives

Bring a plate & BYO drinks

Complimentary glass of champagne on arrival, courtesy of Graham Timms

## Last week's guests & announcements

### President Tony:

- Welcomed our guest speaker, Phil Morley, our Rotary Youth Leadership Award nominee, Deb Jordan, Ariana Chong, Nurani Krishnan, Kat Hastenteufel, Stan Glaser, Chris Lewis and David Hepworth;
- Welcomed back Loic Lacombe;
- Described his experience of Presentation Day at Clarke Road School (see last week's Koongga), recommended that all members visit the school to see the wonderful work being done by the staff and announced that:
  - Bendigo Bank has donated \$75,000 for improved education facilities and the school needs another \$25,000 per annum;
  - Our club will donate \$1,000 per annum for the next 3 years;
- Said that the funds raised from the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic 2015 will be divided as follows:
  - Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury: 50%
  - Ku-ring-gai Youth Development Service: 20%
  - Eagles RAPS: 10%
  - Bo Hospital, Sierra Leone: 10%
  - Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter: 10%;
- Announced that 20th Century Fox has granted Rotary clubs the exclusive right to arrange private showings of 'The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel' on 25 March 2015 - the day before the official worldwide

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### Rotary monthly theme: December: Family

premiere - to raise funds for the Polio Plus campaign.

**Joy Newling** asked for a volunteer to accompany a student from Clarke Road School to work experience in Allambie Heights one day per week for 8-10 weeks in the first term of 2015.

**Ariana Chong** presented further samples of her son, Petrus Kwan's dark chocolate truffles for those present to enjoy, saying that they incorporated 2 new flavours suggested by our members, which Petrus had experimented with the previous evening.

**Bob Elsworth** announced that he has had T shirts promoting the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic produced, which are on sale for \$25 each.

**Geoff Hungerford** drew attention to the club's omission to appoint an auditor at its annual general meeting, an error which was quickly corrected with the appointment of David Forsythe. Thanks, David!

## Rotary Youth Leadership Award

Deb Jordan told us that, after graduating from Killara High School, she completed a degree in marketing and business information systems at Macquarie University. She now works in a marketing company in Redfern.

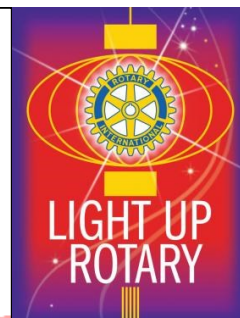
Deb is active in a number of sports, but is currently recovering from injury.

In her spare time, Deb is a member of the Ku-ring-gai State Emergency Service, specialising in rescue. She described some of her exhausting work in the previous 7 days' storms (a record), clambering over roofs applying tarpaulins and cutting up fallen trees. She has also been involved in searching for missing people (e.g., people lost for 3 days in St Ives) and helping at the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic.

In order to improve her first aid knowledge and skills, Deb is also a member of St Johns Ambulance.

Deb said she does not know what to expect at the Rotary Youth Leadership Award week in January. Previous participants have simply told her that it's an amazing experience, without saying what they actually did. Deb's main expectation is that she will learn more about herself.

We look forward to hearing from Deb after RYLA.



The club meets every Monday 6.30pm at Killara Golf Club, 556 Pacific Highway, Killara. Visitors welcome (Tel: 9498 2700). [www.kuringgairotary.org.au](http://www.kuringgairotary.org.au)

Rotary International  
Theme 2014-2015

## Rotary Club Benefic Award

I represented our club at the Ku-ring-gai Creative Arts High School's Annual Presentation Day on 11 December. I was asked to present awards for Academic Excellence to Year 12 students, as well as our club's Benefic Award to Ebony Ingham, pictured.



In addition to our a cash award, Ebony's name was engraved on the perpetual trophy bearing the words "Benefic Award presented by Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai to the Year 9 student who has displayed honesty, fairness, goodwill and friendliness amongst their peers."

Paul Fletcher MP and Barry O'Farrell MP also attended and also presented awards.

It was inspiring to see the high level of talent displayed by so many students.

Bob Ivey

## Last week's speaker



### Phil Morley Car rallying in Australia

My interest in car rallying started with my older brother Bruce, who joined the MG Car Club Newcastle and started competing in 1964. His stories of adventures in rallies and trials sparked my enthusiasm. Although I was still at school, I couldn't wait till I was able to compete. The opportunity came in 1968, when I was able to contest as rally as a navigator.



In those times, the events were essentially map reading exercises, using Army maps with grid references. Although banned by the authorities in 1969, rallies were again back on in 1970 and were again very popular. It was not unusual

for a rally starting in Sydney, say at Top Ryde, to have 250 entries.

Once I started working, I was able to buy a car and I also started driving. Cars in those times were still very standard.

Extra lights, sump guards and stiffer springs and shock absorbers were

the main modifications. Because I had very little money, I learnt how to prepare and fix my car between events. It was also my everyday mode of transport, so I couldn't afford to damage it.

My passion was intense when it came to rallies and so I got into the organising side as well. I became a Confederation of Australian Motor Sport Director and checker of events as well as a member of the Rally Advisory



Committee. I became involved in the organising of the 1977 London to Sydney Rally, won by Andrew Cowan.

Once married, the need for my salary to go towards a house meant that I no longer could afford to compete as a driver, so I went back to co-driving. By this time the rallies were starting to change their nature. The map reading was being replaced by route charted events, which meant that the fastest car on the special stages became the winner. The special stages were mainly in forest, with transport stages joining the special stages. Cars were also changing. Engines were being modified to produce more power, larger brakes fitted and roll cages fitted inside to protect the occupants.



I again returned to driving in the 1980s, as well as co-driving, organising (I directed a number of State Championship events north of Newcastle) and preparing cars for competition. Turbo charged, four wheel drive cars came along in the early 80's and I again saw that I could not compete in the way I would have liked, so I again dropped out of competing as a driver. I remarked 'I haven't run out of talent, I have just run out of money'.



I then joined up with a driver who had a VL Commodore, the specifications of which were similar to the same type of cars running in the Bathurst 1000s of the time. We had numerous successes in this car, winning our class in the Australian Rally Championship. He then sold this car and purchased a Group A Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 3. Again we competed with success in this car over a number of years. We placed in the top 3 a number of times in the State Championship.

My current involvement in rallying extends to the organising side and in particular a scoring system based on an Excel spreadsheet. Most rallies currently conducted in NSW use a system developed by me.

## Christmas and New Year wishes

Koongga wishes all its readers a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Thanks to all our contributors for your articles and photographs (especially staff photographer, Bob Ivey) and to those who have expressed their appreciation of our efforts. We'll be back in 2015!

## Calendar of events

December	22	No meeting
	29	No meeting
January	5	No meeting
	12	Club business meeting
	19	Joint meeting with Crosslands Rotaract Club
	26	Australia Day – no meeting
February	16	Pride of Workmanship
March	2	Club business meeting
	16	Bobbin Head Cycle Classic club briefing
	29	(Sunday) Bobbin Head Cycle Classic
April	6	Easter Monday – no meeting
May	14	(Thursday) Fundraising night: Pymble Players: a Hercule Poirot whodunit
	17	Meeting postponed 3 days
	20	(Wednesday) Bobbin Head Cycle Classic presentation to charities

## Club officers and committee chairmen 2014-15

### Board of directors

<b>President</b>	Tony McClelland
<b>Vice President</b>	John Aitken
<b>President Elect</b>	Graham Timms
<b>Secretary</b>	Geoff Hungerford
<b>Treasurer</b>	Graham Maslen
<b>Director - Membership</b>	Greg Newling
<b>Director - Public Relations</b>	Michael Midlam
<b>Director - Club Administration</b>	Joy Newling
<b>Director - Service Projects</b>	John Aitken
<b>Director - Rotary Foundation</b>	Graham Timms

### Service committee chairmen

<b>Club Service</b>	Joy Newling
<b>Vocational Service</b>	Michael Midlam
<b>Community Service</b>	Ross Lambert
<b>International Service</b>	Roger Desmarchelier
<b>Youth Service</b>	[Vacant]
<b>Bobbin Head Cycle Classic</b>	Bob Elsworth
<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>	Malcolm Braid

## Club committees 2014-15

**Bobbin Head Cycle Classic:** Bob Elsworth, John Aitken, Ross Egan, Peter Kipps, Tony McClelland, Michael Midlam, Graham Timms

**Club History:** Malcolm Braid, Tom Jackson

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

**Community Service:** Ross Lambert, 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, Loïc Lacombe, Jack McCartney, Michael Midlam (Bowel Scan), Frank White (Markets)

**International Service:** Roger Desmarchelier, David Forsythe, Graham Maslen, Greg Newling, Peter Tang

**Membership:** Greg Newling, Dilys Geddes, Linda Lam-Rohifs

**Public Relations:** Michael Midlam

**Program:** Rob Hall, Ross Egan

**Rotary Foundation:** Graham Timms

**Vocational Service:** Michael Midlam

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