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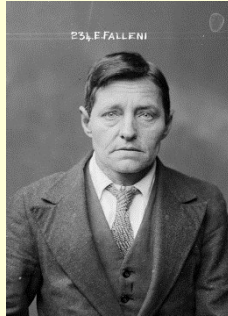
23 February 2015

Rotary monthly theme: Peace & conflict prevention/resolution

## This week

### Mark Tedeschi QC

### Eugenia: the woman charged with murder of her wife



Tonight we will join the members of the Rotary Club of Lindfield to hear a most intriguing story.

On 5 July, 1920, Harry Crawford was arrested and charged with the murder of his wife Annie Birkett, whose body had been found off Mowbray Road, Lane Cove.

But Harry was not in fact Harry. He was Eugenia Falleni, a woman who had lived as a man in Australia for 22 years.

In his book 'Eugenia' and in this talk, renowned barrister and Crown Prosecutor, Mark Tedeschi QC, explores the story of one of the most extraordinary criminal trials in Australia's legal history.

Capturing what life was really like in Eugenia's times, Mark reveals how the full weight of the law and public opinion came crashing down on her, branding her a complete outcast and a serious menace to the moral fabric of society.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear one of Australia's leading barristers speak and to meet the members of our neighbouring Rotary club.

## Last meeting's guests & announcements

### President Tony:

- Welcomed Inspector John Gross, Senior Constable Luke Bishop, Emily Bishop, Sergeant Darren Borg, Senior Constable Damian Boyce, Jodie Boyce, Constable Steven Lee, Joanna Lee, Steven Lee's parents, Mr & Mrs Lee, Senior Constable Callan Parsons, Anna Parsons, Sergeant Paul Slater, Donna Slater, Senior Sergeant Russel Thomas, Kim Thomas, Christina Tilston, Kerry Midlam and Judy Timms;

- Outlined our club's main projects and their beneficiaries; and
- Called on members to find more volunteers to assist on the day of the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic (Sunday, 29 March), in addition to the 77 volunteers already listed by Caroline Jones.

### Peter Kipps:

- Provided an outline of the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic;
- Displayed recent publicity for the event in The North Shore Times;
- Reported 1500 riders registered as at 2 February (500 more than the same time last year; and
- Said that he anticipates a total of 2,500 riders.



## The boys in blue

Mingling with our guests from the NSW Police, numerous male members of our club tried to pass themselves off as members of the Force by wearing blue shirts. Demonstrating the efficiency of Rotary's own system of justice, Sergeant at Arms Malcolm fined them for their impudence.

## Vale Ken Murphy

Ivan Cribb writes:

The Sydney Morning Herald recently reported the death of Ken Murphy at age 92.

For those who do not remember Ken, he was a member of our club for many years. His classification was printing and his company carried out a great deal of printing for the club, without, it is believed, charge.

Ken was a Paul Harris Fellow and most pleasant person and a gentleman in all respects. In recent years he had lived down the south coast near his daughter.

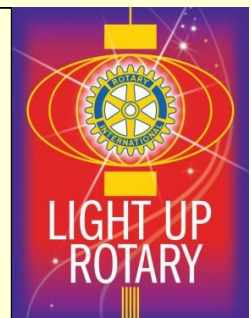
David Forsythe adds:

Ken was a true gentleman and quiet club achiever and ever helpful when any printing was needed.

Many will remember that he was our then regular pianist for our meeting closures with the National Anthem.

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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

I was privileged as president to award several Paul Harris Fellowships, and Ken's was one.

In my usual way, I sometimes found obscure occasions to do this. Some of you may recall the occasion, an ordinary club meeting. As it neared close, Ken as usual quietly took himself onto that old stage to the piano, in readiness. I paused for a special last item of business! He was right where I wanted him!!!!

I last saw Ken at the funeral of Kitty Ellis (wife of Past President John Ellis), when he made a special trip up to Sydney, then in good cheer, but more marginal health.

Whilst we often lose that close contact post-Rotary, it is the many years of regular camaraderie at Rotary with people like Ken that enrich each of our lives.

## Seniors Concert & Awards

Ku-ring-gai Council would like to invite you and your friends to the Seniors Concert and Awards Presentation on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Details of the event are as follows:

### Morning Tea, Concert and Seniors Mayoral Awards

The 2015 Seniors' Festival will kick off with a delicious morning tea followed by the Seniors Mayoral Awards presentation. Plaques will be presented to the winners of the awards for volunteers who have made a significant contribution to the community.

Our two performers, Nic Jeffries (saxophone and vocalist) and Tim Fisher (pianist) will then delight you with an hour of wonderful music. Nic Jeffries is quickly gaining a reputation as a talented and respected Australian performer and has performed with jazz star, James Morrison. Tim Fisher is a graduate of the Sydney Conservatorium of Music Jazz Program. He has studied piano with Judy Bailey among others and harpsichord with Neal Perez da

Costa.

Come along to this free event, sit back and enjoy a morning of music.

**DATE: Thursday 5 March**

**9.45am - 10.25am:** Morning tea

**10.30am - 10.45am:** Presentation of Mayoral Awards

**10.45am - 11.45am:** Concert

**WHERE: Turramurra Uniting Church**

**10 Turramurra Ave, Turramurra**

**COST: Free**

**BOOKINGS: Ku-ring-gai Council 9424 0000** or [Seniors Festival 2015 - Booking Form \(pdf, 4MB\)](#)

## Catalysts for Peace



Hear from Catalysts for Peace this International Women's Day!

Join the **Macquarie University Equity**

**& Diversity Unit and Rotary Club of Hunters Hill** at 'Catalysts for Peace', an inspiring evening of

creative discussion, Thursday 5 March from 6 to 9 pm. Tickets \$30/\$20 concession includes refreshments and singer/songwriter Miriam Lieberman's new album. Dynamic presenters, a bounty of women's resources and Fair Trade items for sale!

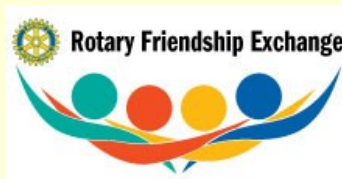
The event will also feature portraits from the **Positively Remarkable People: Ending Violence against Women Exhibit**, a project led by Diane Macdonald.



For details and to book your event ticket now: [trybooking.com/glue](http://trybooking.com/glue)

- See more at: <http://www.rotarydistrict9685.org.au/Stories/club-news-hunters-hill#sthash.yseGubfp.dpuf>

## Visit North America with free accommodation and meals



Thinking of travel but worried about the exchange rate?

**Would you be interested if there were no accommodation costs and**

**most meals covered? Yes! Then why not consider this Rotary Friendship Exchange?**

A Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) to Vancouver and Seattle is proposed for June 2015. This is a great opportunity to travel to a very pretty part of the world and enjoy the fellowship of Rotarians in North America. You will also have a chance to reciprocate during our summer in 2015 and continue the friendship.

**We need expressions of interest URGENTLY in order to make the arrangements with District 5020.**

Please contact Shankar Sankaran (North Ryde, 0406 137 325, [shankarandgita@gmail.com](mailto:shankarandgita@gmail.com)) or Graeme Davies (Kincumber, 0416 275 363, [gradav@ozemamil.com.au](mailto:gradav@ozemamil.com.au)) for more information and to register your interest.

**About RFE** This exchange program gives Rotarians and their families the opportunity to experience other cultures first hand by participating in reciprocal visits with Rotarians from other countries. You would be responsible for travel costs and personal spending, whilst your hosts are expected to provide housing, meals, and sight-seeing opportunities – the same courtesies that would be extended to a visiting friend.

The approximate cost of a return airfare to Seattle via Vancouver is A\$1,850, but we have to book early to secure this rate.

## School For Life Foundation ball

We are excited to invite you to our Black Tie Fundraising Ball on 9th May at The Hilton Sydney, from 6:30pm.

Tickets are now available for \$210 each or \$2000 for a table of 10. There is also the option of a \$5000 VIP table

which includes a tax deduction and exclusive pre-cocktail party from 6pm with the founders and celebrity guests. [Click here to purchase tickets now](#)

It's shaping up to be another incredible evening of fine food, drinks and entertainment - all to raise funds for the construction of 2 more schools in Uganda. Please forward this information to friends and colleagues who may be interested in attending. Make sure to book quickly, as tickets are already moving fast.

Corporate sponsorship packages are also available, for more information email [anna-belle@schoolforlife.org.au](mailto:anna-belle@schoolforlife.org.au) If you're able to assist with donations for auction/raffle, it would be greatly appreciated.

Have a lovely week and we hope to see you there.

Annabelle Chauncy & Dave Everett

Founding Directors

## **Rotary Club of Ryde Charity Golf Experience**



**ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE**  
ROTARY SATELLITE E-CLUB OF RYDE  
**GOLF**

**Friday 15th May 2015**

### **Save the Date**

Yes, Friday May 15th is the date for our 2015 Charity Golf Experience ... a golf tournament with a difference.

In a week or two I'll provide more information, but in the meantime, put this date in your diary. You won't have to cancel any (well, not many) important meetings on that day, though.

### **Sponsorship Enquiries**

In the meantime, if you – or anyone you know – has a business that might be able to provide support or sponsorship, [please let me know via e-mail.](#)

Tournament sponsorship packages are only \$100 and we'll do most of the work.

### **Prizes**

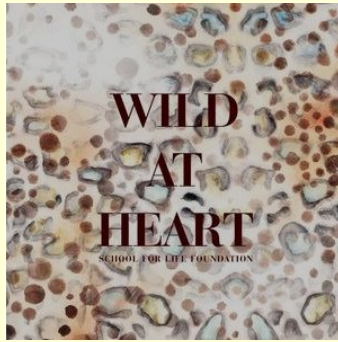
Similarly, if you wish to provide a prize or several, we'll give you appropriate recognition.

David James - e-mail [david.w.james@gmail.com](mailto:david.w.james@gmail.com)

## **Pride of Workmanship Awards**

**Michael Midlam** introduced the presentation of awards with this address:

Each year the Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai show its recognition and appreciation of those in our community who strive for excellence of service in their chosen vocation by presenting Pride Of Workmanship Awards. This year, as perhaps some of you have already noticed, we have chosen to present the awards to mem-



bers of the Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command of the New South Wales Police Force.

I have always believed that the awards that have the greatest significance are those whose recipients have been chosen by their

peers. Tonight, although the Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai are presenting the awards, the nominations have been made by their fellow officers.

For most of us, the police have always been a part of our lives, to the point where by and large they are almost taken for granted. Often when our awareness is enhanced it is because we have just been booked for a traffic infringement or received a notice of some other minor violation. Needless to say, this new awareness usually takes the form of a minor disgruntlement. At the time we may overlook the fact that causing us to reduce our speed, or to improve the way we drive, may in the long run save our lives.

The New South Wales Police Force, or in fact, any police force, cannot be expected to be perfect. Whenever a problem comes to light, the media seems, in my opinion, to give it much more negative air time than it deserves. I am in no way suggesting that problems should not be reported. I am saying more that I feel they should be kept in perspective.

Being a police officer is not a usual job. When the average working Australian looks forward to the holidays, it is a time when we will be able to take some time off and relax, while a policeman can look forward to the busiest times of the year with long shifts, and often cancelled leave. For most police, there is no such thing as a normal working day. The hours are as rostered, and rosters are made up as required. Response time is expected to be the same, whether an incident happens at four in the afternoon or four in the morning.

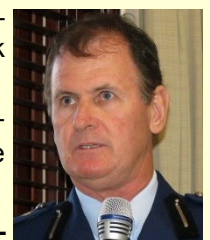
From forensic examinations, to meticulous record keeping, to negotiating disputes, attending accidents and emergencies, controlling traffic and crowds, and explaining what is happening to the media, the modern police officer's duties entail more than knowing and enforcing the law. And if that is not enough, we now have the added inclusion of being aware of and protecting us from potential terrorist attacks often planned by random and extremely unstable people.

For all these reasons, I would like to congratulate the officers who are receiving our awards tonight. And I would like to express our appreciation and gratitude not only to these officers, but to the New South Wales Police in general, and the Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command in particular. Thank you.

**Inspector John Gross** read the citations before presentation of each of the awards, as follows.

**Senior Constable Callan Parsons - Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command**

Senior Constable Callan Parsons joined the NSW Police Force in January 2007 and undertook his first posting at



Burwood Police Station. He remained at Burwood Police Station for 3 years before transferring to the Orana Local Area Command and taking up General Duties at Narromine Police Station on the 18th of April 2010.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2012, Senior Constable Parsons transferred to the Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command, where he continued working as a General Duties officer.

Recently, members of the Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command were asked to put forward nominees who consistently display exemplary qualities in the workplace. Senior Constable Parsons was the recipient of several nominations from his peers, who highlighted his high level of competence, motivation and professionalism.

Senior Constable Parsons is regularly relied upon to assist in the training and development of junior staff and is recognised for his knowledge and reliability. He frequently carries out supervisory duties and is held in high esteem.

On the morning of Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014, Senior Constable Parsons and his partner responded to an urgent call for assistance at a Pymble address, relating to a workman who was in cardiac arrest. On attending Senior Constable Parsons carried out CPR for a protracted period, and was actively involved in making every effort to sustain life. After being stabilised the patient was conveyed to the Seventh Day Adventist Hospital.

Unfortunately the male succumbed to his medical condition and had passed away. Senior Constable Parsons and his partner attended the SAN Hospital where they interacted with the deceased's family in a compassionate and respectful manner.

Senior Constable Parsons is regularly acknowledged by his community and his peers, an attribute that is reflected in the number of complimentary letters and good work notations appearing on his service register. Senior Constable Parsons is a credit to the NSW Police Force and is commended for his efforts.

#### **Senior Constable Damian Boyce – Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command**

Senior Constable Damian Boyce joined the NSW Police Force in August 2008, and undertook his first posting at Gladesville Police Station, where he remained for 5 years before transferring to the Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command and taking up a General Duties position at Hornsby Police on the 8<sup>th</sup> August 2013.

Recently, members of the command were asked to put forward nominees who consistently display exemplary qualities in the workplace. Senior Constable Boyce was recognised and received nominations for being diligent, motivated and possessing a strong work ethic.

He is regularly the first to put his hand up to carry out tasks, and is frequently relied upon to work and impart



skills and experience to junior officers within the command.

He is a capable officer who has been recognised for his compassionate attitude and high levels of customer service, a quality that is consistently evident throughout his service record. He demonstrates a proactive approach to policing and frequently yields results in this regard.

On the evening of 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014, Senior Constable Boyce attended an address in Galston with information a male was armed with a firearm. Further information suggested that this male was also named on several arrest warrants and was occupying a stationary vehicle.

Senior Constable Boyce while in company of Senior Constable Bishop acted swiftly and drew on his Officer Survival Skills to safely effect an arrest, while ensuring limited risk to the public. He controlled the situation and used excellent interpersonal skills. A subsequent search of the vehicle resulted in a further 6 charges relating to the theft of mail and other items. Senior Constable Boyce is commended for his efforts.

#### **Senior Constable Luke Bishop – Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command**

Senior Constable Luke Bishop joined the NSW Police Force in May 2009, and undertook his first posting at The Rocks Police Station. He remained at The Rocks until September 2013 before transferring to the Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command and taking up a General Duties position at Hornsby Police Station.

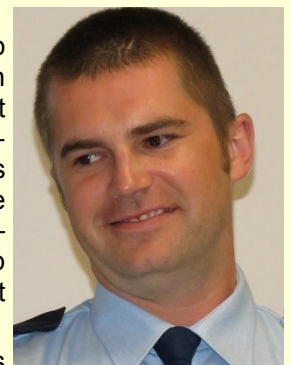
Senior Constable Bishop has been recognised by his peers for his pro-activity, and for demonstrating exceptional leadership toward junior police.

Pro-active policing is an effective tool used by Police to target crime trends and local area "Hot Spots", and has been shown to have a direct correlation in the reduction of crime and crime trends.

During the late evening of Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2015, Senior Constable Bishop and his partner were patrolling in the Turrumurra area, when they located a suspicious male in the basement of the unit complex wearing a black back pack, and in possession of a bicycle. Senior Constable Bishop saw that this male matched the description of a person previously caught on CCTV engaged in theft of mail.

Senior Constable Bishop used excellent investigative and communication skills while questioning this male. A search carried out on the male located a pair of bolt cutters and full set of lock picks amongst other house breaking implements. A black wallet and stolen Visa cards were also located at this time.

Senior Constable Bishop's interaction with the male resulted in a successful conviction at Court, and undoubtedly prevented further offences from being committed within the Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command. Senior Constable Bishop is regularly recognised by Local Area Commander for his proactive approach to policing and his consistent results and is commended for his efforts.



**Constable Steven Lee – Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command**

Constable Steven Lee joined the NSW Police Force in August 2010, and undertook his posting to Hornsby Police Station. Early with-in his career Constable LEE was identified as a “stand out” officer, capable and adept at General Duties. He has a strong work ethic, and is highly motivated.



Since his start with the New South Wales Police Force, he has received 6 acknowledgments of Good Police Work and 9 Complimentary Remarks, an astonishing achievement in view of his years of service.

During April 2013, Constable Lee played a crucial role in the identification of a “drug house” situate in the Waitara area. A search warrant was sought, resulting in several arrests being made, and a large number of cannabis plants being seized from within the dwelling.

In May 2014 Constable Lee started a secondment to the Ku-ring-gai Local Area Pro-Active unit, where he has continued to excel. Constable Lee has consistently continued to demonstrate a standard of work well above his rank level.

Constable Lee recently exhibited high levels of initiative and played an integral and pivotal role in the dismantling of an international break and enter syndicate. This syndicate was responsible for numerous break and enter offences within the Ku-ring-gai Local Area and surrounding areas, and would otherwise have continued committing offences unabated if it were not for the efforts of Constable Lee and other members of the Ku-ring-gai Pro-Active team.

Constable Lee has shown a good aptitude for plain clothes Policing. He has recently been appointed a full time position within the Kuring Pro-Active team and is commended for his efforts.



**Response from the awardees**

In thanking our club for their awards, each of the recipients made the point that they were part of a team and saw their awards as recognition of the team’s effort.

**Next week: The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel**

Next Monday we will not be meeting at Killara Golf Club. Instead there will be a special showing of the new movie The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel at the Roseville



Cinema, to raise funds for Polio Plus. Sandwiches/ snacks will be provided in the lobby (drinks available at bar prices) from 6.30 pm. The film starts at 8 pm and runs for 122 minutes. There are 206 seats to fill - each member is asked to fill at least 6. Tickets are \$25 per person.

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**bobbin head CYCLE CLASSIC**  
Pedal to save lives

- Via Bobbin Head to West Head and back via Akuna Bay. **104 km**
- Through Bobbin Head to Akuna Bay and back. **80 km**
- Through Bobbin Head to Terrey Hills and back. **57 km**
- Through Bobbin Head and back. **27 km**
- To Wahroonga and back. **11 km**

**Sunday, 29 March 2015**

ALL RIDES START & FINISH AT KARUAH OVAL, TURRAMURRA

- A great day out for everyone
- Music, food, entertainment
- Help us to fundraise – pedal to save lives

Raising vital funds for

- Lifeline** Saving Lives. Crisis Support. Suicide Prevention.
- KIDS**
- EAGLES RAPS**
- bochildrenshospital**
- Women's Shelter**

For details, and to register online, visit [www.bobbinheadcycleclassic.com.au](http://www.bobbinheadcycleclassic.com.au)

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## Calendar of events

March	2	(Roseville Cinema) The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (in aid of PolioPlus)
	9	Club business meeting
	16	Bobbin Head Cycle Classic club briefing
	23	Natalie Fisher: Small towns: big ideas
	29	(Sunday) Bobbin Head Cycle Classic
	30	Steve Champion: Industrial relations in 2015
April	6	Easter Monday – no meeting
May	4	Club business meeting
	14	(Thursday) Fundraising night: Pymble Players: a Hercule Poirot whodunit
	17	Meeting postponed 3 days
	20	(Wednesday) Bobbin Head Cycle Classic presentation to charities
	25	Chris Russell: Behind the scenes at 'New Inventors'
June	29	Changeover dinner

## 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

**Administration:** Joy Newling, Geoff Hungerford, Rob Hall, Graham Maslen, Michael Tyler (Koongga)

**Bobbin Head Cycle Classic:** Bob Elsworth, Graham Timms, Tony McClelland, Ross Egan, John Aitken, Michael Midlam, Emyr Evans, Dilys Geddes, Geoff Hungerford, Jack McCartney, Linda Lam-Rolfs

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

**Community:** Ross Lambert, Michael Midlam (Bowel scan), Lou Coenen, Linda Lam-Rolfs, Gary Dawson, Roger Desmarchelier, Chris Hoch (Red Shield), Caroline Jones, Nick Kenyon, Loïc Lacombe, Ross Egan (Daffodil Day)

**International:** Roger Desmarchelier, Graham Maslen, David Forsythe, Peter Tang, Georgina Manning, Lindsay Forest, Loïc Lacombe, Emyr Evans, John Aitken

**Membership:** Greg Newling

**Public Relations:** Michael Midlam

**Rotary Foundation:** Graham Timms, Peter Tang

**Vocational:** Michael Midlam

**Youth:** Joy Newling (acting), Bob Ivey, Malcolm Braid, Tom Jackson, Ted Price, Joyce Enos, Greg Goodman, Linda Lam-Rolfs, Jack McCartney