

K O O N G G A

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Rotary monthly theme: water and sanitation

This week



Film Night

- Venue: Roseville Cinema
- Film starts: 8 pm
- Complimentary sandwiches/snacks from 6.30 pm
- Drinks at bar prices
- Tickets: \$25 per person
- Booking essential – call Ross Egan
- Proceeds to PolioPlus, the campaign to eradicate polio from the world initiated and still carried on by Rotary in conjunction with the World Health Organisation

and other international bodies.

Last week's guests & announcements



Crowded room for a joint meeting of 3 Rotary Clubs.

President Yvonne Taylor of Lindfield Rotary Club welcomed:

- President Diana Stewart of St Ives Rotary Club, our President Tony, the members of each club and guest

- speaker Mark Tedeschi and his wife Sharon; and
- Thanked St Ives Rotary Club for its contribution which assisted the Lindfield Club to make \$50,000 donation to a cleft palate surgery project in India.

Sandpit fun

Hello Joy

I have just had the pleasure of delivering new sandpit toys to both of our K-6 playgrounds. I know that the children will be thrilled when they come out to play at lunch time that there is something new to play with.



When children are engaged in play there is a definite decrease in behaviour problems and for this reason we try to make the playgrounds different and interesting for the students.

The K-6 staff would like to thank you and your fellow Rotary members for responding to the call I put in our School News and sending us such great toys. It means so much to all of us to have your support.

Kind regards

Debbie Howell

Assistant Principal

Clarke Rd School

Members: it is not too late to add some more sandpit toys to their stock. If you have any excess ice cream containers, scoops or similar, they would be very welcome as well. Please bring them to Rotary and I will deliver them to Clarke Road School.

Joy Newling.

Ride around Australia

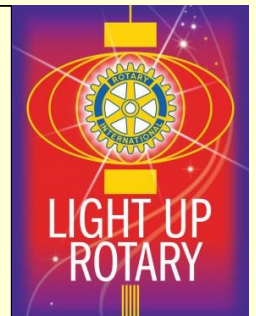
Rotarians and bike riders of Australia - join Rob Lewandowski from Tasmania in his epic ride around Australia in 34 days to create a new Guinness Record, while raising money for Rotary's 'End Polio Now' campaign.

Bike riders can join Rob on the road (30kph) and everyone can donate a few dollars so that this ride can raise valuable money to eradicate Polio!!

Rob left Melbourne on Saturday, 28th February, riding

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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

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along the Princes Highway. He will come through Sydney on the evening of Tuesday 3rd March. Approximate times and places for the entire ride can be found on <https://www.facebook.com/rob.rides.australia?fref=ts>

Some brief facts on the ride:

Average daily km 415km; average daily speed 30kph to 33 kph; average daily hours riding 15-16 hours; minimum kms for the record as per Guinness World Records: 14,100 kms.

For further information please contact:

PDG Tony Castley tonyc@sewgroup.com - District Foundation Chair D9685

Rob Byrne – Rotary Club Turramurra –looking after donations and www.ideas.rotary.org

Mark Anderson - RI office Parramatta mark.anderson@rotary.org

The gift of life

When someone to whom we are close dies unexpectedly, there is a sudden terrible fracturing of our world. Shock and loss dominate our senses. And, when the person dies in an accident, the feeling of pointless loss and waste can be crippling.



As President Tony illustrated two weeks ago, there can be at least some relief for family and friends when their loved one has chosen to donate organs and help someone else avoid an untimely death.

In Australia, the queue of people waiting at any given time is typically around 1,600 adults and children. Research tells us that just on three-quarters of Australian residents are willing to be donors. Willing, but not necessarily signed up. Research published by my colleagues and me in 2005 showed that, whether or not a person signs up and translates intention into action, is likely to depend on their emotional feelings about the actual process of transplantation – a difference that can be summed up by the words “harvested” versus “gift”. Organisations like “Transplant Australia” work tirelessly to emphasise the sense of “giving a gift”.

People in the recipient queue often need support of various kinds. This is particularly so in the case of children awaiting transplants and their parents. See <http://transplant.org.au/transplant-kids/> for more information.

Rotary Clubs around the world have worked to encourage organ donation and to provide support for children both on the waiting list and learning to adapt to life with a donated organ.

Ku-ring-gai Rotary Club has a wonderful track record of assisting young people. Perhaps we could add transplant recipients to our list.

Rob Hall

Calling students of Shalvey Campus

I am currently working at Shalvey Campus, Chifley College as one of the Deputy Principals, and in this role I am trying to build links with various aspects of our community. As part of this the school is trying to make contact with former students of Shalvey Campus, Chifley College (Shalvey High School pre 1999) who may have gone on to hold leadership positions in work and/or the community.



We are partnering with the Beacon Foundation to then explore the possibility of building links with these individuals and/or businesses, so that we might develop programs aimed at expanding our current students’ understandings of what is possible beyond school and how to access these opportunities.

We are looking for these former students (or businesses that have a geographical footprint in the Mt Druitt area) for this purpose.

I'm happy to discuss any questions you might have with regards to this and can be contacted on either:

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Home - 47391512

Mobile - 0414541570

Ben Berriman

benjamin.berriman@det.nsw.edu.au

District 9685 Conference

There are less than 3 weeks till the District Conference. Have you registered yet? Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about Rotary, hear inspiring speakers, meet Rotarians from other clubs, socialise with our club members and simply have a week-end away. If you have not been to a District Conference, you really should make the effort to experience it.



Gala dinner in aid of Interplast



Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise is holding a Gala Dinner in aid of Interplast on Wednesday 22 April 2015 at Elevation 867 TAFE Wentworth Falls at 7pm. We would appreciate your support as we raise the final funding for sending a team of surgeons to the Asia/Pacific region under the District 9685 banner.

(See flyer later in this edition of Koongga.)
Joan Hart (President Upper Blue 2014/15)

Last week

Mark Tedeschi AM, QC The woman charged with murder of her wife

Mark related the fascinating story of a woman who felt she was a man trapped in a female body and pointed out the contrasts with how it might have been viewed and dealt with if the same events occurred today.

As related in Mark's book 'Eugenia', the trial of Eugenia Falleni is one of the most complex and compelling cases to come before a court in Australia's history. It is valuable to the reader as a tale of misunderstanding and unrequited love, prejudice and discrimination against an accused, and at face value as a tragic criminal matter which led to a miscarriage of justice.



The story of Eugenia, who migrated from Italy to New Zealand as a child, begins on a ship in the middle of the Pacific Ocean where a young sailor, Eugene Falleni, is discovered by the all male crew to be a woman! After this revelation she was brutally assaulted and dumped in Newcastle, Australia – alone, pregnant and destitute.

Following the birth of her daughter, who she entrusted to the care of a childless Italian couple, Eugenia persevered and again assumed a male identity, living life in Sydney as a man. Harry Crawford could drink with the best of them and worked at physically demanding jobs for which only men would be considered suitable in the early 1900s. His fear of discovery did not prevent him from finding love.

Harry married, and his wife, Annie Birkett, had no idea that he was anything but a man. If not for a slip of the tongue by Eugenia/Harry's daughter, who came to live with Harry and Annie after the deaths of her foster parents, and the intervention of a neighbour, Annie may never have discovered Harry's secret.



Her discovery led to the fateful events in the Lane Cove River Park, and eventually to the exposure of Harry Crawford as Eugenia Falleni. Placed on trial for the murder of Annie, Eugenia faced a trial marred by sensational and prejudicial coverage by the press, and was not provided legal representation which matched the skill and prowess of the Crown's advocate.

The court system which tried Eugenia is essentially the same system used today to deal with criminal matters. A study of Eugenia is a glimpse into issues of criminal justice that are as relevant today as they were in the 1920s.

Relevance to the legal system today

There are differences between the justice system in the 1920s and today:

Standards of justice

Eugenia's trial lasted two days. If her trial had occurred



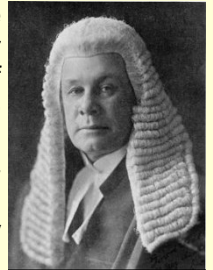
today it would be more likely to have run for two months to allow for more stringent examination of witnesses, evidence and much longer addresses by the advocates. Today, the high expense of the jury trial has prompted calls for more trials by judge alone.

The Media

The media attention before and throughout the trial was sensational and highly prejudicial against Eugenia. Most strikingly, it shows the lack of acceptance and understanding of those who do not conform to traditional gender roles. Press coverage in Eugenia raises similar questions about the problems of a 'trial by media', as do contemporary issues with social media websites and their influence on the public and, in turn, the trial process.

The use of evidence and the craft of the advocate

Eugenia examines in detail the evidence used in the trial and provides a clear and easily comprehensible discussion of the limitations of medical science in the 1920s. It delves into the way in which the defence and prosecution constructed their cases, based on the witnesses they called and the questions they asked.



Next week: club business meeting



Periodically we devote a meeting to discussion of club business - particularly plans for and the progress of the club's projects, but also matters relating to the running of the club, including its finances. This is

your opportunity to find out what the directors and others have been up to, what they are planning and to make suggestions and raise questions and concerns.

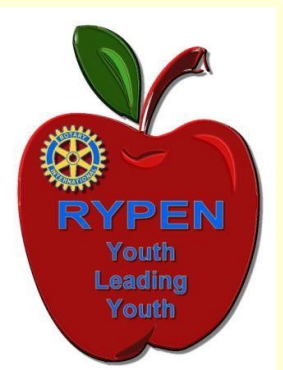
In the past President Tony has ambushed the club by asking for questions at the start, instead of at the end of the meeting, or by handing over the meeting for someone else to talk about a particular topic. So come prepared for anything and have your questions and suggestions ready.

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

At the start of next week's meeting, we'll hear 2 students talk about their experience at the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment ('RYPEN'), for which our club sponsored them.

RYPEN is an intensive residential weekend at which young people aged approximately 15 to 16 years develop increased motivation, improved life skills, better self-image, pride in themselves

and an understanding of setting and achieving goals. At the same time, participants interact with peers from different backgrounds and different parts of our district, improving their teamwork skills and having fun!! All this done in an informal atmosphere, where questions and debates are encouraged.



Rotary Club of Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise



Invites you to a



Gala Dinner for Interplast

Wednesday 22nd April 2015

7pm for 7:30pm

Elevation 867

TAFE Wentworth Falls

Cost: \$80 per person

3 Course Dinner including Welcome Drink

Auction and Balloon Raffles

Dress in your elegant best:

Black Tie or Lounge Suit

RSVP: 12th April 2015 to David and Joan Hart

4787 6982 or joanhart@inet.net.au

Join us in "Repairing Bodies and Rebuilding Lives"

ROB RIDES AUSTRALIA FOR



ENDPOLIONOW

Help Rotary to provide critical funding to eradicate Polio forever.

Donate on:
www.ideas.rotary.org
(Tax deductible over \$2)
Fundraising by Rotary District 9685

Rob Lewandowski from Tasmania, attempting to ride around Australia in 34 days to break the Guinness World Record.

Follow Rob on www.facebook.com/robbridesaustralia
<http://dreamteamtalk.com/robssride/index.html>



Lindfield Rotary Club

FUNRUN

20TH ANNUAL!

Sunday 19 April 2015

Roseville Park
Clanville Rd, Roseville

5km run/walk starts at 8 am
10km run starts at 8.15 am

Enquiries: lindfieldrotaryfunrun@hotmail.com

For more info and to register online, visit:

www.lindfieldrotaryfunrun.org.au

Calendar of events

March	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

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

Service committee chairmen

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