



# K O O N G G A

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Rotary monthly theme: water and sanitation

## This 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

Before we get down to discussing the club's business, Isobel Middleton and Rachel Lowenstein, our two sponsored participants from Killara High School, will tell us about their experience at Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN).

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. Come along and hear

first hand what Isobel and Rachel gained from the weekend.

## Bobbin Head Cycle Classic

Thanks to John Aitken, Malcolm Braid, Margaret Braid, Nicky Dawson, Joyce Enos, Geoff Hungerford, Patsy Hungerford, Bob Ivey, Caroline Jones, Tony McClelland, Michael Midlam, Peter Tang, Margaret Tang, Graham Timms and Judy Timms, who spent 3 hours last Thursday stuffing 2,800 envelopes. More fun awaits on Monday 16 March, when we need to insert rider bibs and fix address labels.



## Recruit retirees as Rotarians!

Michael McQueen has told us that members of Generation Y will join Rotary if we give them reasons to make what Rotary does a priority in their lives. In other words, they'll make time for Rotary if it appears worthwhile to them.

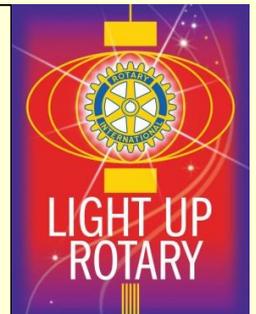
The Intergenerational Report recently published by the Commonwealth government agonises over the anticipated burden that the aging of Australia's population will represent in financial terms.

An article by Peter Munro in last Saturday's *Sydney Morning Herald* points out that retirees today don't see themselves - and don't want to be viewed - as a burden. On the contrary, they want to 'grow old meaningfully'. They want to be active and to make a contribution to society - whether in paid employment or as volunteers - as long as they can.

So why fret about recruiting Generation Y to Rotary? Those who joined Rotary in their 30s or 40s know what

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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)

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it's like to balance jobs, young families, mortgages, etc. with community contributions. And we're constantly being told how much busier young people's lives have become.



Why not focus instead on engaging those who have the time and the inclination and are not constrained by jobs, young families, mortgages, etc - i.e., the retirees? Amongst other things, they are able to engage the next generation - their families - on a 'as needs' basis (i.e., without a regular commitment) and gradually introduce them to Rotary.

### Did you forget Rotary's birthday?



Many members of our club will remember the celebration of Rotary's centenary 10 years ago. We marked it with a special project - construction of the barbeque and outside seating area at Clarke Road School.

It seems we were too engrossed in a more recent murder mystery and forgot Rotary's 110th birthday on 23 February. Well, better late than never: happy birthday, Rotary!

### School for Life Foundation

The grounds of Katuuso Primary School have come to life as students, teachers and staff excitedly return for the start of a new term. This year will be a big one, with plans for expansion and agriculture development already well underway. The building of the second cluster of teachers' accommodation is almost complete, to be proceeded by the construction of an assembly hall, tailoring centre and classroom specifically designed for the early childhood development program.



Save the date - 9th May - for our upcoming Black Tie Fundraising Ball at The Hilton, Sydney. We hope to see you there for the biggest night of our year! Tickets are available at <http://shop.schoolforlife.org.au/products/sydney-black-tie-fundraising-ball>.

Thank you for your ongoing support and enjoy our latest news at <http://schoolforlife.org.au/>!

Annabelle Chauncy and Dave Everett  
Founding Directors

### District Conference

The final program for the District Conference (Friday 20 - Sunday 22 March at the Crowne Plaza, Lovedale in the Hunter Valley) has been published and is available at <https://conference2015d9685.wordpress.com/program/>. It includes items of interest for everyone, especially those who are new to Rotary.

As well as the official program, there will be ample opportunities to socialise with members of our club, other Rotarians and District officials and to view displays of many Rotary aid projects.

If you haven't booked to attend the Conference already, it's not too late. Book online at the same web address.

### Applications for District Governor for 2017/18

District 9685 and its predecessors have a great history of men and women who have taken on the role of District Governor.

It's a challenging, but rewarding task with the opportunity of two years' training and preparation before taking on the position. It's YOUR opportunity to lead and inspire Rotarians in 77 Clubs.

Applications are called for the position of District Governor for the Rotary Year 2017/18. Applicants must be current members of at least 5 years standing as at 2015 and a Past President.

At first instance, please contact the Chair of the Nominating Committee PDG John Dodd on [johnadd@cluemail.com](mailto:johnadd@cluemail.com) or 0418 464 413. John will assist you by providing information about the role and the selection procedure.

### Innovative and flexible Rotary club project

Is our club interested in trying new ways to find and keep members? Then it may be a good fit for the Innovative and Flexible Rotary Club pilot to experiment with variations on the traditional Rotary club structure. Applications are due 31 March

The Rotary International Board of Directors invites up to 850 more clubs to take part in the pilot. Our club could try out ideas not currently allowed under the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, such as shared attendance with spouses, alternating between online and in-person meetings, or new leadership structures.

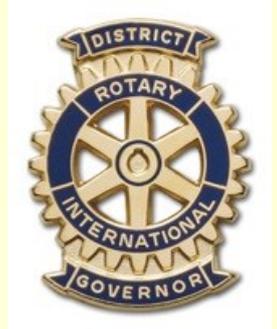
[Visit rotary.org](http://visit.rotary.org) for more information

### Towards a District strategic plan

**Wanted:** Your ideas, comments and or observations that would help shape a long term strategy for the District's future direction to achieve Rotary International's Strategic Plan in the District's strategic environment.

**The question is:** "How do we achieve Rotary International's Strategic Plan in the District's strategic environment?"

All Rotarians are encouraged to express an interest in attending a part day strategic planning workshop. The timing and venue for the workshop are dependent on the number that are to participate. As a guide the workshop is expected to be held in late April / early May at either the District Office in Thornleigh or at the Rotary Down



Under Office in Parramatta on a weekend.

**Interested?** Please register your interest on the District website.

## PolioPlus turns 30

This year marks 30 years since Rotary launched PolioPlus, its campaign to rid the world of polio. Since Rotary's anniversary, 23 February, Rotary members worldwide have been holding events to celebrate three decades of polio eradication progress.



Since 1985 Rotary and its partners have helped reduce the number of cases from 350,000 annually to fewer than 400 in 2014, and they remain committed until the disease is eradicated. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.3 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 2 billion children worldwide. In addition, Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by donor governments to contribute over \$10 billion to the effort.

Former Rotary President Clem Renouf recalls conversations with Rotary leaders as the organization turned its attention to eradicating polio - view the video on the District website.

## Last week: The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

Caroline Jones reports:

Last Monday night our club took over Roseville Cinema. Ross Egan successfully sold all 200 tickets to 'The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel', which meant that our club can now donate \$3,000 to the Polio Plus campaign. This is important as we are so close to eradicating polio in the world and need to ensure that it does not reappear.

We brought our friends and family and plates of sandwiches and caught up with old mates and new until the previous cinema session's viewers left at 8pm. After the winners of the three raffles were announced and President Tony gave a delightfully short introduction to Rotary and Polio Plus, the film opened with Maggie Smith in Los Angeles. She did not disappoint, with her one-liners particularly appealing to an audience of Rotarians and partners of a certain age.



Judi Dench, Bill Nighy and Celia Imrie were as fantastic as ever, but the surprise of the evening was Richard Gere whose good looks and dancing moves have not

diminished over time. A somewhat simple plot was rescued by the excellence of their acting and the machinations of Dev Patel's extended family and in-laws.

Our club excels at these evenings and it is a thoroughly pleasant way to fundraise. Well done Ross Egan and his many helpers who donated raffle items, sold cinema and raffle tickets, encouraged their friends to come along, brought and served sandwiches and cleaned up. Not only was money raised for an excellent cause but also, as President Tony says, it was a wonderful way to invite more members to join the fastest growing Rotary Club in the universe.

## Next week: Bobbin Head Cycle Classic briefing

With less than 2 weeks to go until this year's big cycling event, it's essential that all our club members and the volunteers that they have conscripted attend the briefing for everyone involved. This is when you will learn the details of arrangements, particularly in relation to rider safety and changes made since last year, find out when and where you need to be, collect your own safety equipment, etc. Don't miss it!

**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**
- bochildren's hospital**
- Women's Shelter**

## Calendar of events

March	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