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Rotary monthly theme: water and sanitation

This week: Natalie Fisher: Small towns: big ideas

Art can provide a town with a competitive edge, a brand or reputation, a character. It can generate media, visitors, ticket sales, support other industries, create jobs, develop skills and confidence, introduce talent and expertise, strengthen community and heal rifts or divisions. The arts can bring people together in new ways for good reasons. This is particularly important as small towns struggle to survive, as people and industry move away.



Natalie will show some examples of recent arts-based initiatives in small Australian towns and how they have transformed local communities. She will also discuss ways in which their success may be measured.

Natalie Fisher is an experienced social research and evaluation consultant with more than 15 years of experience. She works for all three tiers of government throughout Australia and is an active member of the Australasian Evaluation Society and the Australia Market and Social Research Society. She has also worked as a part-time tutor of Marketing and Brand Identity at the University of Sydney. She has been a committed member of Sydney Philharmonia Choirs for 18 years and is also a practising visual artist.

Last week's guests & announcements

President Tony:

- Welcomed Paul Rickard and Michael Robertson from the Rotary Club of Turramurra, Craig Phillips and Trina Phillips from the Rotary Club of Macquarie Park, Christina Tilston, Chris Lewis, Margaret Braid, Robert Enos, Patsy Hungerford, Kerrie McCullough and Dilys Geddes (who has been working in Queensland);
- Thanked 17 members and partners, including Graham Timms, Michael Midlam, Joyce Enos, Malcolm Braid,

Margaret Braid, Geoff Hungerford, Patsy Hungerford, Bob Ivey, John Aitken, Graham Maslen and Peter Tang, who stuffed 2,335 envelopes for riders in the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic last week. The volunteers have spent 85 hours working on the task so far;

- Thanked Peter Kipps for organising fundraising for the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic via 'Go Fundraise';
- Congratulated Roger Desmarchelier on becoming a fully qualified traffic controller for the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic (and to improve his future employment prospects); and
- Announced that the club is donating \$2,000 towards ShelterBoxes for the victims of Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu.

Greg Newling urged those present to vote (and encourage all the people they know to vote) for Eagles RAPS in The Daily Telegraph's program 'Fair go for the West'. Eagles RAPS is a finalist and is therefore in the running to win \$10,000. 'RAPS' stands for Recognition and Prevention of Suicide. The Eagles program has a very high success rate and deserves our support. See <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/fairgowest> and 'Click here to nominate'.

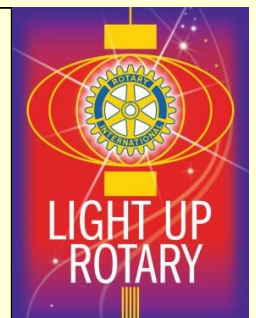
New members



Our golfing members have been overwhelmed by the recent influx of cyclists. However, last week President Tony redressed the balance a little by inducting two golfers to the club - Christina Tilston and Wally Forbes.

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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

Rotary International
Theme 2014-2015

Christina Tilston and her family emigrated to Australia from Uruguay 30 years ago, but not before she had learned to speak Portuguese, Italian and English as well as her native Spanish. She currently works as an administration officer for Enstar (an international reinsurance group). Previous positions have included working as an events coordinator for the Spanish embassy.



Christina has long been involved in community service and has worked as a volunteer for organisations such as the Sydney City Mission (where she was trained as a counsellor) and the Royal Society for the Blind (where she was a coordinator). Her Rotary classification is 'Event Coordinator'.

Christina's other interests include golf, painting in water colours and oils and the study of philosophy. She also currently cares for her elderly parents.



Wally Forbes retired from his roles as a manager in a waste management company and later as a coach driver some years ago. He is a recycled member, having retired as a member of our club in 2013, after more than 22 years' Rotary service. However, he missed the fellowship, so he's back for more.

For many years Wally was very active in running the Gordon Market. He also served on the club board as 'Director – International Service' in the late 1990s. He was awarded Paul Harris Fellow recognition in 2005.

Wally's Rotary classification is 'Waste Management', but he usually describes it as 'Garbo'. In his spare time, he's a keen golfer. We're delighted to welcome back Wally and his wife, Pam.

Clarke Road School newsletter

As you know, our club has a special relationship with Clarke Road School in Hornsby. They really value our support. Several of us receive their fortnightly newsletter, but now any members who are interested can see access it on their website: www.clarkeroadschool.com.au



There are always items that make us smile and enlighten us. Today's (20 March) makes interesting reading and we get a mention on page 9!

Joy Newling

School for Life Foundation raffle

Here's your chance to win one (or more!) of these spectacular prizes in the School For Life Foundation fundraising raffle:

1st PRIZE: Volkswagen Polo 66TSI 5 Door Hatchback Model: 6C12EZ/15 (\$18,900)



2nd PRIZE: An overnight stay for two at the Hilton Hotel, Sydney, dinner for two at Manta Restaurant in Woolloomooloo and a case of Diamond Creek Estate 2008 Pinot Noir (\$1,500)

3rd PRIZE: A decadent food package that includes a Toby's Estate food hamper, a gourmet food hamper from Food Guru, a Gelato Messina Voucher for \$60 and 3 litre Magnum of G. H. Mumm Champagne Brut Cordon Rouge (\$750)

4th PRIZE: 4 week Vision Hunter Street Person Training Package & Benefit make up hamper (\$450)

Tickets are: \$25 ea; 3 for \$50; 8 for \$100 and can be bought at <http://schoolforlife.org.au/2015/03/win-a-vw-polo/>

The raffle will be drawn at 10pm 9 May 2015 at The Hilton, Sydney. Winners do not have to be present to collect prizes. CFN/21624.

If you are able to sell books of raffle tickets at your workplace or amongst family and friends, please email annabelle@schoolforlife.org.au.

Camp Breakaway

Camp Breakaway recently welcomed 45 children aged 7 to 17 years. This four day camp was especially for children who have a family member with a disability or high medical needs. Many young carers shoulder a lot of responsibility in their homes and need a "Break Away" to simply be "kids" and have loads of fun. New friendships blossomed whilst enjoying lots of activities including ice skating, a science show, Kids HQ, Laser Blast, Flip Out, Wyong Pool, crafts, concerts and a disco. The camp was sponsored by the Ronald Geoffrey Arnott Foundation and The Commonwealth Bank Staff Community Fund.



Last week: Bobbin Head Cycle Classic briefing

Paul Rickard provided an overview of arrangements for the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic, including:



- Safety being the highest priority;
- Extra safety arrangements for this year's event;
- Contingency plans, particularly for the steep descents;
- Road closures:
- At Bobbin Head;
- Near Cottage Point; and
- Near Karuah Oval;
- Ride cut off times and places;
- Drink and rest stops; and
- Rider bib colours and numbers.

Michael Robertson explained what the event marshals need to know, including:



- The contents of each marshal's gear bag;
- Instructions to the marshals;
- Cancellation in case of poor visibility/ severe weather;
- Referral of complaints to police;

- Mobile bicycle mechanics service;
- The final 'sweeper' behind each ride;
- Reporting problems to team leaders;
- Emergency response plan;
- Dealing with accidents; and
- 'Emergency plus' 'app' for marshals' mobile phones.

Peter Kipps said that 10 more volunteers are needed.

29 March: Bobbin Head Cycle Classic



John Aitken seeks volunteers:

- to help set up Karuah Oval on **Saturday 28th March** for a few hours from 2pm. This will involve running out power cords, putting up marquee and tent signs, putting chairs and tables in tents and on the oval, setting up the drink station, putting out the rubbish bins etc. etc.
- to help pack up the site on Sunday 29th from 2pm again for a few hours. This will be the reverse of the above.

Please contact John direct.



Thanks to Ross and Helen Egan, Caroline Jones, Michael Midlam and Margaret and Malcolm Braid, who recently spent hours in the Egans' garage, carefully preparing many individually numbered marshals' bags with each position's specific instruction sheet, general information sheets and some vital food and water. Well done all!

Next week: Steve Champion: industrial relations in 2015

Steve Champion has more than 30 years' employee and industrial relations experience, representing employers in a wide range of industries. He is a director of ER Strategies Pty Limited, which provides advice and representation on employee disputes, on managing difficult employees and on employment conditions and documentation. It also teaches negotiation skills and creates and lodges many enterprise agreements each year.



Steve will present on 2 big threats facing employers in Australia:

- Unfair dismissal, general protection or stress leave claims by employees who feel their employers have "done them in" in some way; and
- How unions have been outgunning many employers for years in negotiating enterprise agreements, and some of the very expensive consequences of that.

Steve will provide tips on what employers can do to avoid problems in the first place, by better managing their employment relationships.

Northbridge Fireworks: Sat 9 May

The Rotary Club of Northbridge is putting on its annual fireworks show to raise funds for its youth and international projects. It's a great night for all the family. See the flyer following.

Theatre evening: Thursday, 14 May

Caroline Jones has organised a theatre night on Thursday, 14 May, to raise funds for disaster relief in Vanuatu.

The play is a Hercule Poirot murder mystery put on by Pymble Players. Currently the mystery is 'what's the title of the play?', but Caroline assures us that all will be revealed in due course.

The Pymble Players' theatre has only 84 seats, so you need to book early in order to be sure of getting tickets. Booking is open now at <https://docs.google.com/a/wildcolour.com/forms/d/1Tk8zVo-SG8C6ckLjVhmDCv6b6Mf12NK6gu29DLcHqd/viewform?c=0&w=1>

District Changeover: Sat 27 June

If you have never been to District Changeover, it's an opportunity to meet both past and future District leaders. See the flyer following.

Positions vacant

Koongga invites applications from budding writers, editors and producers to assist the current staff. No experience required, as training will be provided. Editors/producers will need access to Microsoft Publisher.

Apply to the Editor: michael@tyler.com.au

Get the family together and watch the fireworks go off.

Northbridge Fireworks,
May 9 2015.

A fun night for
the whole family.

Northbridge Oval, Sailors Bay Road.

Entertainment includes live music and dance by local schools, children's rides, face painting, balloon animals.
Plus food and beverages.

Gates open 4.00 pm
Fireworks 7.00 pm

Entry: adults \$10, children (5-15 years) \$5,
families (2 adults + 2 children) \$25.

Organised for the community by the Rotary Club of Northbridge
All profits to helping disadvantaged youth locally and third world health and education needs.

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**District Governor Ian Scott &
District Governor Elect Gina Growden**

Have much pleasure in
Inviting you to Rotary International District 9685's

District Changeover

27th June 2015 at 6pm for 6.30pm.
Hornsby RSL, 4 High Street Hornsby

Cost \$50 per head

Please register on line at : <http://changeover.rotarydistrict9685.org.au/>

By 17th June 2015



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Calendar of events

March	29	(Sunday) Bobbin Head Cycle Classic
	30	Steve Champion: Industrial relations in 2015
April	6	Easter Monday – no meeting
	13	Todd Kerlake: Investing in uncertain times
	20	Bobbin Head Cycle Classic review
	27	TBA
May	4	Club business meeting
	11	Robert Mulas: The parent café - creating community amid diversity
	14	(Thursday) Fundraising night: Pymble Players: a Hercule Poirot whodunit
	18	Meeting postponed 2 days
	20	(Wednesday) Bobbin Head Cycle Classic presentation to charities
	25	Chris Russell: Behind the scenes at 'New Inventors'
June	8	Queen's birthday - no meeting
	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