

K O O N G G A

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This week: James O'Keefe: Managing the safety of Sydney's dams



James O'Keefe is a Dam Safety Engineer at WaterNSW, formerly known as the Sydney Catchment Authority. WaterNSW looks after 21 dams in the Sydney area and they all catch Sydney's drinking water.

James' talk will be about how all dams move. An important part his job is to measure and analyse dam movements – as they give James and his colleagues the information they need to know to ensure that the dams are working the way they were designed to work.

James will show a video about the "quiet beast", the 142 metre high Warragamba Dam constructed from three million tonnes of concrete – Australia's largest domestic water supply dam. Remarkably this massive structure actually can move a few millimetres over the course of a year. It's the job of the WaterNSW's surveyors and dam safety experts to monitor these changes to ensure it continues to operate safely.

Last week's guests & announcements

President Tony:

- Welcomed our guest speaker, Chris Russell, Beau Seiden, Joyce Cribb and Scott Drake;
- Said that Caroline Jones had broken her ankle and would be absent from the club for 3 months, but would still be running her book club (it sounds as though she will welcome the company, so join up if you can - Ed);
- Announced that Joyce Enos will move to the Central

Rotary monthly theme: Rotary fellowships

Coast later in the year (so we will need a new director to replace her and to chair the Youth Service Committee);

- Reported that good progress is being made with development of a new volunteer management system for the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic ('BHCC');
- Reminded members that volunteers are sought to fill the positions of fundraising manager and prizes manager for the BHCC; and
- Commended Jack McCartney, who raised \$60,000 in sponsorship for the BHCC and is now thanking the sponsors personally in order to maintain the relationships.



Roger Desmarchelier:

- Thanked Caroline Jones (in her absence) for organising the Black Coffee theatre night; and
- Reported that the event raised \$1,300, which the club will top up to \$3,000 from the International Service budget, so that it can pay for 2 ShelterBoxes, for Vanuatu and Nepal respectively.

Chris Hoch announced that he had collection kits for the Red Shield Appeal to hand out!

Joyce Enos said that the club will sponsor 2 very talented girls from Abbotsleigh School to attend the National Youth Science Forum next January, without cost to the club, since the girls simply needed a sponsor.

Lifeline needs your imagination and contacts

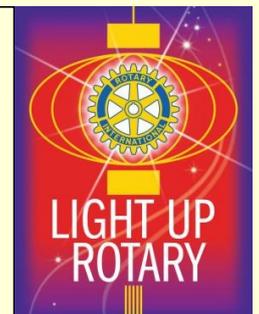
Our Sapphire Gala Ball Event this year is **29 August at Luna Park**. Firstly, we would love you to come and be part of this fun night, so please diarise the date and think tables or just come individually. More about that later as the event takes shape.



We are looking for some "Money Can't Buy" Experiences to leverage our auction result on the night of the 29th. Do

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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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you have some contacts that might be happy to offer some different experiences or opportunities such as driving tuition from a leading racetrack driver, cooking with a high profile chef, flight to a mining site, hitting a golf ball with an Aussie golf star, a day on a film set behind the scenes, dinner with a celebrity, sailing experience on a privately owned beautiful yacht – the ideas are endless and I am sure you could throw some ideas or contacts our way.

We are happy to do all the ground work to make it happen, from approach to complete follow-through – ideas and contacts would be very much appreciated to kick-start some essential fundraising to restore our coffers and keep our good work going.

All auction prize ideas would also be welcome.

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World Environment Day Festival - Hornsby Mall, Saturday 6 June

Your June long weekend just got better, with loads of free kids activities, a full program of free drop-in workshops, live music, markets and yummy food stalls.

There will also be free smoothies from the Bike Blender, yoga classes and opportunity to meet wildlife up close and personal.

The festival celebrates World Environment Day, and will also give you fun eco-friendly lifestyle ideas and shopping options.

Saturday 6 June, 10am-4pm. Hornsby Mall. Free. For more information, see the advertisement later in this edition of Koongga or visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/wed

District 9685 Changeover

You are invited to the District 9685 Changeover at 6 for 6.30 pm on Saturday, 27 June at Hornsby RSL, 4 High Street, Hornsby. The cost is \$50 per person.

If you haven't been to a District Changeover, this is an opportunity to meet and mix with the movers and shakers of District 9685, hear from outgoing Governor Ian Scott and witness the induction of the new Governor, Gina Growden. It's a very pleasant way to get an introduction to a higher level of Rotary involvement.

Register online at changeover.rotarydistrict9685.org.au by 17 June.

Rise of the female Honduran entrepreneur

Marta Lopez bakes up to 100 items a day in a small clay oven. Higinia Reyes owns a corn mill. Remigia Dominguez is the head of a weaving



co-op. All of these women live in rural Honduras and run their own businesses with the support of loans provided by the Adelante Foundation and Rotary International.

The rural villages of the Lenca Corridor in the western highlands of Honduras are home to some of the poorest indigenous people in the country. This is where the Adelante Foundation, a microlender, finds poor women who want to become self-sufficient business owners.

Adelante collaborates, through Rotary's global grants, with the Rotary Club of Real de Minas-Tegucigalpa (Honduras), the Rotary Club of Poway-Scripps (California, USA), and several other clubs from District 5340 (California, USA). With the help of Rotary, Adelante has been able to provide business training and 600 loans to its clients. The partnership continues to grow in the departments of Intibucá and La Paz.

"Not only did [Rotary's] support enable us to provide loans, [it] also went towards the development of educational materials and other costs associated with the bi-weekly education program that we provide to our clients," says Gina Cappuccitti, a social impact analyst at Adelante.

Adelante takes a unique approach to microcredit loans. Rather than lending to individuals, it offers non-collateralized group loans. Four to six women take out a loan



together, and if one member cannot make a payment, the others in her group cover the shortfall. Group meetings and assemblies led by credit officers foster a tight-knit community that provides mutual support and encouragement. The credit officers, who also provide business advice and training, are often from the same region as their clients, and they work to build good relationships with the borrowers.

"The community now has access to badly needed products these new businesses provide, plus employment opportunities when the businesses grow," says Win Cox, international service chair of the Rotary Club of Poway-Scripps. "And as repaid loans continue to be reissued, the money Rotary invested in this region will have a transformative impact in these communities and women's lives for years to come."

Cappuccitti says that Adelante staff sees its clients as female entrepreneurs who have few opportunities rather than labeling them as poor.

"We've recognized that prior to joining, the women we work with have not received the opportunities needed to fully realize their potential," she says. "And that opportunity, and the confidence that we place in them, is what makes the difference for so many of our borrowers throughout Honduras."

Cox, who has traveled to Honduras to meet with Adelante's staff and clients, says it has been both inspiring and humbling to see that the Lenca women can start sustainable businesses with as little as \$50 each.

Cox's Rotary club has supported a number of microcredit projects, but this global grant project is the largest, and that's because of Adelante's verifiable results and willingness to work closely with both host and international clubs.

"Adelante has proven to be an excellent partner -- cooperative, credible, fiscally sound, culturally sensitive, and extremely knowledgeable about how to administer a microloan program in almost inaccessible areas of Honduras," Cox adds.

Rotary fellowships

Rotary Fellowships are independent groups of Rotarians, their spouses and Rotaractors who share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends from around the world.

What fellowships are available?

Fellowship activities vary widely. Members come together around hobbies or interests such as cricket or jazz, or vocations such as writing or medicine. Some groups are purely social, while others use their fellowship for service projects. You can view a list of Rotary Fellowships at <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/rotary-fellowships>.

Some of the more esoteric are amateur radio, beer, curling, Esperanto, geocaching, magicians and Magna Graecia.

How do I join a fellowship?

You can also contact a fellowship directly by using the information listed in the Rotary Fellowships directory at <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/document/rotary-fellowships-directory>. Or search Rotary's discussion groups to find Rotary and Rotaract members with similar interests.

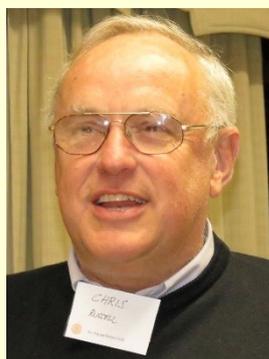
How do I start a fellowship?

Chances are if you have a strong interest in something, there are others in the Rotary family who share it. Forming a fellowship starts with finding members for your group. Here's how you can start:

- Join a discussion group or start a new one. It's a great way to share your interest with other members.
- Use Rotary's presence on social media such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn to promote your idea.
- Ask your district Rotary Fellowships chair for assistance. Reach out to district Rotary Fellowships chairs in other countries to build membership. Ask for contact information at rotaryfellowships@rotary.org.
- Be sure you meet the criteria for a fellowship and apply for official recognition. See the Rotary Fellowships Handbook available from the Rotary International website for details.

Last week: Chris Russell: Behind the scenes at 'New Inventors'

Invention and innovation was the theme of our speaker on Monday evening – agricultural scientist Chris Russell. Chris gave us a behind the scenes look at the popular ABC TV Series "The New Inventors". He was a judge on the show for 8 years, appearing in over 100 episodes, including 6 Grand Finals. Chris is also currently Chief Judge – Innovation with the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW, which stages the Royal Easter Show each year.



The journey started with a reminder of the other judges on the panel and then a walk-through of recording day both as an "inventor" and as a judge. The show was recorded in Studio 22 at the ABC's Ultimo studios - the largest automatic recording studio in the southern hemisphere at that time. From makeup using the modern "airbrush" techniques to avoid any marks for high definition TV to visiting Sydney's big brand clothing stores with the ABC wardrobe mistress – the experience encompassed a lot of activity only imagined as we watch the show.



Chris also brought along some video clips of the unlikely inventions we saw on the show – including the "No Bull" testicle measurement system and the "Litter Quitter" cat training system that trains cats to use a regular toilet like its owner, as seen in the movie "Meet the Parents". The latter invention, unlikely as it sounds, reportedly saw over 90,000 units sold once the show aired on Australia TV in South East Asia.

Finally we had a review of Chris's sentimental favourite "Smart Hook" designed to try and stem the loss of the wandering albatross from long-line fishing and the most innovative invention – "Cone Head" – Grand Final winner and Invention of the Year in 2008 – where the use of rubber cones embedded in the polystyrene of a motorcycle helmet decelerates the head as it hits the ground, rather than the usual instant haematoma-causing stop.

Laced with a few relevant yarns, the evening ended with enthusiastic questioning from an intrigued audience bearing out the old truism that all Australians love inventions and gadgets.

Chris re-iterated that innovation is the key to our future productivity and has the power to turn road blocks into speed bumps. The showcasing of invention on "The New Inventors" was a valuable tool, consistent with the ABC Charter, in sharing Australia's inventive mind and bringing successful commercialisation to many great ideas that otherwise might never have gone beyond "the farm gate". It was clearly a great experience for the inventors and an invaluable one well beyond most inventors' resources. It was also clear to all that the judges loved their work as well!

Next week: Queen's Birthday public holiday: no meeting

Next meeting: Lindsay Forrest & Stan Glaser: '10 on me'

'10 on me' is an opportunity for new members to tell us about themselves, their background, families, work and other experiences or for other members to update us on something in their professional or personal lives.

Lindsay has been a member of our club for almost a year, but this is his first opportunity to tell us about himself and his career in consumer health products. Stan is a

freshly minted Rotarian and will no doubt have an interesting story to tell about his work in applied psychology.

Travellers' tales

Sergeant-at-Arms Malcolm and his wife Margaret continue their travels in the wild and wacky USA and Canada: Not tales . . . tails:



the weirdo with the tail

Malcolm's new ute:



Malcolm's new pick up

If it's Monday, we must be in . . . Venice?



Venice Casino

A land of droughts and flooding rains?



Did you see Malcolm's dinner on FaceBook? (Salmon with strawberry salsa.)



Salmon with strawberry salsa

Where did you park the ute, Malcolm?



One way of solving the parking problem

**SATURDAY 10AM
TO
6TH JUNE 4PM**

HORNSBY MALL

FREE EVENT

**MARKET | FOOD | MUSIC
FREE: WORKSHOPS | YOGA
SMOOTHIES | FACE PAINTING**



**WORLD
ENVIRONMENT
DAY
Festival**

FREE Workshop Program

TIME	WORKSHOP
9am	Free Yoga Class – All welcome, mat provided
10.10am	Green Cleaning – Take home the creation
10.55am	RSPCA – Make eco toys for your pets
11.40am	Chemical Free Skin Care – Making your own
12.35pm	Bee Workshop – Backyard Beekeeping
1.10pm	Meet the animals presented by Sydney Wildlife Society – flying fox
1.40 pm	Ask the Expert – Taking questions from the crowd on all things eco
2.25pm	Planter Box – Small space edible garden
3pm	Free Yoga Class – All welcome, mat provided

FREE Live Music Program

TIME	PERFORMER
10am	Golden Kangaroos – Concert band
10.40am	Hornsby RSL Pipe Band – Bagpipes and drums
11.20am	The Bugs – Ukulele group
12pm	Famous Performing Art – Pop/Musical Theatre songs
12.40pm	Blue Tongue Brass Band – New Orleans Brass Beats
1.30pm	Gembo and the Pushers – Pop jazz
2.10pm	Blue Tongue Brass Band – New Orleans Brass Beats
2.50pm	Smooth Jive Consultants – Upbeat covers 7 piece band
3.30pm	Amped Up – Talented kids band

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WILDLIFE ENCOUNTER: OWL, RING TAIL POSSUM, BLUE TONGUE LIZARD AND PYTHON**



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Calendar of events

June	8	Queen's birthday - no meeting
	15	Lindsay Forrest and Stan Glaser: '10 on me'
	22	Emma Adarrio and Suzannah Cowley: The magic of Roseville Cinema
	29	Club changeover

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