

# K O O N G G A

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Rotary monthly theme: Rotary fellowships

## ***This week: Emma Adarrio & Suzannah Cowley: The magic of Roseville Cinema***

Do you know when Roseville Theatre was built and what the original purpose of the building was? When did it become a cinema and what was its original name? Was it always decorated in art deco style? How long has it been operated by its present owners?



If you are a film buff or simply interested in local history, you're bound to learn something intriguing from this talk by Emma and Suzannah, who are respectively a director and marketing consultant at the cinema. Don't miss this opportunity to discover more about one of the north shore's better known cultural institutions.

## ***Last week's guests & announcements***

### **President Tony:**

- Welcomed Frances Forrest;
- Reported on an informal gathering of member to discuss which charity to propose as our club's nominee as a minor recipient of funds raised from the next Bobbin Head Cycle Classic (without disclosing which charity was recommended);
- Encouraged members to make up a table at District Changeover;
- Announced that Chris Lewis has agreed to serve as Assistant Treasurer of the club;
- Disclosed that the club has donated \$2,000 The Parents Café, Fairfield High School;
- Encouraged members to invite more potential members to visit the club, pointing out that with 47 members, the club has achieved a 'critical mass' that makes it more attractive to prospective members;
- Accepted Don Riddell's offer to manage the club's computer and projector in Bob' Ivey's absence; and

- Let it be known that he's still looking for the black towel that he mislaid after the club's 2014 Christmas party.

**Geoff Hungerford** invited members to volunteer to help setting up and packing away after the Lifeline Book Fair on 3, 4 and 12 July. (See details in last week's Koongga.)

### **Joy Newling:**

- Reported an expected attendance of 45 at the club's changeover and accepted Michael Midlam's offer to take photographs and Graham Maslen's offer provide transport for an incapacitated member; and
- Announced that the club had donated:
  - \$1,000 to Clarke Road School to buy a trampoline for the senior students (which helps their learning by settling them down between classes); and
  - \$1,500 to Youth Insearch, to sponsor attendance by needy children.

## ***Lost property section***

Koongga's lost property section is still holding a white towel with a holly pattern print and an 18cm round pyrex bowl which were left behind by members attending the club's 2014 Christmas party. If nobody else claims them, Koongga proposes to donate them to President Tony to console him for losing his beloved black towel.

## ***Everest – Sea to Summit***

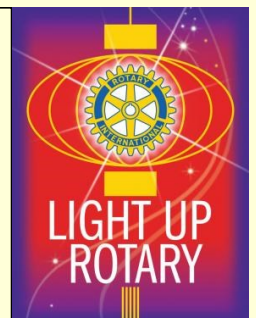
In late April Nepal suffered an earthquake that killed over 8,000 and affected hundreds of thousands and destroyed huge parts of this poor country's infrastructure.



Thanks to any who assisted the various appeals, whether by direct donation or via agencies such as ShelterBox. I recently learned that ShelterBox had helped 15,000 people with emergency shelter and also received the attached email from friends Michael and Robyn Dillon. Michael is a world renowned adventure documentary

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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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maker and was Sir Edmund Hillary's movie maker as well as being a founding director of the Australia Himalaya Foundation. He has a personal interest in fundraising to rebuild a village and school he's helped with in the remote Nepalese village of Himaganga.



Anybody who wishes to help Nepal in even a small way might wish to attend a charity viewing of Michael's film "Everest - Sea to Summit" covering a journey from the Bay of Bengal to the summit of Mt Everest.

Grahame Rivett – Past President, Rotary Club of St Ives  
The Dillons wrote:

Dear All,

*As many of you already know, we have been raising money to help rebuild Himaganga school and village. It's the village we visited a few years ago. It's 9 hours' very rough drive from Kathmandu and westerners never go there. The houses and old school buildings have been pretty much wiped out - the third earthquake had its epicentre nearby. Our friends Lakpa & Jangmoo will coordinate the relief work there.*

*We are coming to Sydney briefly in June and have arranged two screenings of Michael's film, Everest - Sea to Summit.*

- St James Church Hall in Phillip Street, Sydney at 6.30pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>.
- PLC school theatre in Croydon at 2pm on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>.

*PLC is big venue with seating for several hundred people - it would be great if we could fill both venues!*

*It would be great to see you at one of the screenings, and we'd very much appreciate it if you could forward this information to any of your friends and associates who you think might be interested.*

Robyn & Michael

### **Teacher Claire's story**

*"In my former school, children were not fed, let alone teachers. It was all cram work to get the best results, not oriented education. We did not have play equipment for the children.*



*When I look at Katuuso, teachers are cooperative and inclusive of new teachers. Teachers are well prepared; we come back a week earlier before school opens to make sure everything is in order when we open. The children are well fed and taught. There is promotion of learning aids here. It is a much better school than any I have seen in my 15 years as a teacher." – Claire, a Teacher from Katuuso Primary and Vocational School*

A brighter future starts with access to a quality education. This creates productive, sustainable and profitable communities. Last month the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development revealed that in Uganda only 1 in 5 primary school teachers meets the standard of proficiency in math, language and pedagogy.

At Katuuso Primary and Vocational School, the School For Life Foundation makes sure that its teachers are equipped to deliver high-quality education by:

- Maintaining a 20:1 teacher to student ratio;
- Only employing fully qualified teachers;
- Helping teachers create and implement tailored programs for students with disabilities and learning difficulties;
- Upskilling teachers with personal and professional development opportunities; and
- Providing teachers with safe accommodation.

### **Thank you for your support**

The Youth Service Committee has made its final two donations from this year's Youth budget and I have received emails of appreciation to the club.

The first was from Clarke Road School for our donation of \$1000 to replace the trampoline in the senior playground. Principal Diane Robertson and her staff really appreciate our continued involvement with the school. "We are very grateful for your support for this - all of our students really enjoy their time on the trampolines, and the physical exertion helps them to get into the Zone for Learning."



The second was from Youth Insearch for our donation of \$1500 to enable young people to attend a Youth Insearch weekend camp. Some of the young people who need help have little or no financial backing and this will enable them to attend and benefit from a program that helps them turn their lives around. The camps

are followed up by counselling sessions. Staff at Youth Insearch are very appreciative of our continued support. If you would like to know more I can email you their latest newsletter.

Joy Newling

### **Save the Farm Country Style Lunch**

The Rotary Club of Central Blue Mountains is holding a country style luncheon at the Grand View Hotel, Wentworth Falls on Saturday, 11 July, to raise funds to help drought stricken farmers from Walgett to Longreach. There will be entertainment by country folk singer Pat Drummond, bush poet Greg North and others.

Have a day out in the mountains, enjoy a great lunch and a wonderful show and support our farmers who are doing it tough. Bookings essential. See the advertisement later in this edition of Koongga.

## Last week: Lindsay Forrest : '10 on me'



Lindsay led the members on a journey of his life, covering career, family and interests and culminating in a couple of interesting videos.

He was born, raised (with 3 siblings) and schooled in Greymouth, New Zealand – a town of 9000 people. After completing school, instead of heading to university like his mates, he moved to Wellington to work as Laboratory Technician for DSIR (similar to CSIRO), put himself through TAFE then university in the evenings. But he hated the laboratory job and decided to go into sales.

After several years as a medical representative, in 1985 Lindsay joined Boots Healthcare's pharmaceutical arm, in marketing. He rose quickly through the ranks and became General Manager for the company's New Zealand operation in 1993, age 40. He managed brands such as Strepsils and Nurofen. (He was there at Nurofen's launch and championed it globally until he retired!)

Lindsay was promoted to run Boots Healthcare's Asian region, based in Singapore, in 1997. He had multiple countries reporting to him and had to determine the company's entry strategy into China and set up a joint venture in India. Both were very interesting projects, although due to cost only the Indian joint venture was implemented. Singapore was a great time of global business learning for Lindsay and a fantastic time for his family, who experienced vastly different cultures and travel.

Moving to Belgium to manage Boots' European region, while leaving his family in Singapore, was a difficult time – due to their separation, being far from NZ and living through the aftermath of "9/11". (Lindsay found that their house was near Israeli Embassy and one of the terrorist cells was in their suburb!).



Despite mixing with the highest echelons of British society (photo above), Lindsay decided he didn't want the career path any longer but, as Boots didn't want to lose him, they created a role for him to manage Australia, New Zealand and Japan.

The next few years were the greatest time in Lindsay's career, with brilliant business, results and growth. However, in 2005 Boots decided to focus on its retail arm and divest the medicines business, which was acquired globally by Reckitt Benckiser. Lindsay took the much bigger role of managing its Australia and New Zealand business. Now he had to wake up each day and be excited not just about consumer healthcare brands, but also toilet cleaners, kitchen cleaners, dishwasher tablets, etc. However, he recognized that the brands were amazing and in most households - e.g., Harpic, Dettol, Napisan, Finish, Mortein to name but a few!

Lindsay retired at the end of 2012, having developed Reckitt Benckiser's "jewel in the crown" business (compared to the rest of the world). He believes he was successful because of his passion for people, brands, customers and consumers and the highest levels of integrity, honesty and care – all which are great fit to Rotary's code of conduct and vocational behaviour. He was a strong supporter of corporate social responsibility and had his company sponsor Save The Children Fund.

Lindsay met his wife, Frances, through his biggest "interest" when younger – playing in a brass band. (He was a top rated cornet player.) He met her brother Robert when he joined a band in Wellington and they became best mates (and champion duetists and other small groups). In due course he met Frances and they married in 1977 (having to fit in the wedding date around the New Zealand brass band championships!). (Lindsay played a video of his band, playing "What a Feeling" from Flashdance, and featuring him as soloist.)

Lindsay "introduced" his children (in the photo below) – from left, son Jonathan with partner Stef, future son-in-law Paul and Lindsay's daughter Rebecca (getting married in October).



Lindsay's interests include sport (he's an avid golfer but, perhaps wisely, didn't mention rugby), good wine, travel, music and art. He is a volunteer driver for the elderly, taking them shopping, medical appointments, etc.

## Next week: Club changeover

No Clayton's changeover this year. This is the real thing. Come and celebrate President Tony's 2 years in charge and see him depart in a blaze of glory (no, not "on yer bike, Tony") and President Graham rise like a phoenix in his stead.

6.30 for 7 pm, Monday 29 June at Avondale Golf Club, Avon Road, Pymble (black tie or lounge suit).



# Save the Farm



*Farming families impacted by drought in northern NSW and southern Queensland are doing it tough. We want to help them to survive and retain their land.*

## Enjoy our Special Country Style Luncheon

Grand View Hotel  
Saturday July 11, 2015  
11.30am ~ 3.00pm

Pat Drummond  
well-known country folk singer  
Greg North - Australian bush poet  
Andie Skinner - vocalist, guitarist  
Michael Foote - Guitarist  
Clare Cooney - Violinist

*A project of  
Central Blue  
Mountains  
Rotary  
to assist  
farming families  
in drought  
stricken areas  
from Walgett  
to Longreach*

Select from a special menu - eat inside or out  
Bookings essential - 4757 1001

It's a Rotary function...so, there'll be a raffle or two to help support our project.

Money raised goes direct to Rotary clubs in the drought area for distribution to farming families who receive vouchers to purchase goods in local towns.



## Calendar of events

June	29	Club changeover
July	6	Mahiar Mahjoub: The International Genetically Engineered Machine ('iGEM')
	13	Theo Glockemann: Rotary Australia World Community Service
	20	
	27	
August	3	
	10	
	17	
	24	
	31	
September	7	
	14	
	21	
	28	

## 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