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Rotary monthly theme: Membership & extension

First Bobbo registration/enquiry

Good afternoon

I would like to be notified when the registration opens on the 18th of October as I would absolutely like to compete in my second BOBO. I competed in the 57klm which was my first ever cycling event and I loved it. I also enjoy raising money for the causes that this event represents. Lifeline has helped me get through things when I was younger and I would like to give back to them by being a sponsored rider for the 80klms this time. Regards Brandon Galwey

Printed with approval

Last week's guests & announcements

President Graham:

Welcomed Cathy Jackson and Angus Robinson Speaker

EaglesRAPS

The letter of appreciation from EaglesRAPS published last week from Eagles RAPS is now in Koongga, WEB, Facebook and Rotary Down Under

Matt Mahoud

Matt Mahoud has decided to join our club after he completes his degree in November

Ku ring gai Book Club

We met at Caroline's home on Thursday and reviewed

Hack Attack: How the truth caught up with Rupert Murdoch - Nick Davies

The book for this month is
Between Silk and Cyanide: A Code Maker's War 1941-45
- Leo Marks

Caroline is doing a great job with the club and if you want to join the book club please contact Caroline

Guest Speaker—Angus Robinson



PRESENTATION TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF KURING-GAI

'WHY REINVENT: AUSTRALIA IN THE 21ST CENTURY'

Angus M Robinson, Management Committee Member, Reinvent Australia Inc

With the current level of 'soul searching' that is dominating media in Australia at present, can you recall a time when you would describe Australia as "great"
Was it during the 2000 Sydney Olympics? The winning of the America's Cup in 1983?, Was it Kevin Rudd's 2008

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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 'Be a gift to the world' is the Rotary International President's theme for 2015-

apology to Stolen Generations?

The description “great” is hard earned but it usually coincides with exceptional results in courage or achievements. It is also a time when the nation pulls together.

The purpose seems clear.

Our modern democracy struggles to find unity. The reasons are clear:

- A lack of a national vision
- Increased globalisation of business
- Internal division and politicisation of all issues.

Disagreement about equity and ‘sharing the load’ Reinvent Australia, a NFP incorporated association was established to encourage a conversation around these issues. We don’t have all the answers but believe that through the exchange of ideas government policies can be changed and systems can be redesigned.

Reinvent Australia intends to play a leading role in these changes.

I hope tonight to hear your suggestions on what RA can do to advance the nation’s prosperity. But before I do let me provide you with some background on Reinvent Australia.

Inspired by a question, “Does Australia need a national strategic plan?”, raised by Dr Graham Kenny, MD of Strategic Factors (a member of Mosman Rotary and a former ADG) initially in the LinkedIn discussion group of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, a group of some 17 unaffiliated individuals from the Australian business and industry community met in Sydney on June 20, 2014. Its aim was to address the issue. (The question in fact created the greatest number of comments of any topic at the AICD LinkedIn discussion group – well over 300.)

Over the ensuing months and led by Graham, this question and the process of strategic planning was discussed by the group reviewing a range of recent strategic planning initiatives undertaken by various state governments in Australia (i.e. South Australia, Queensland and NSW), the latter is curious given that most people, including those in government have no idea that NSW has a state plan - the NSW 2021 10-year strategic plan, the NSW 2021 Performance Report 2014-2015, the NSW 2021 Measures Report 2013, as well as industry action plans. The NSW Economic Development Framework was based on consistent themes emerging from the Industry Action Plans, which the NSW Government has been developing since 2011 across seven major sectors of the economy:

- agriculture
- creative industries
- digital economy
- international education and research
- manufacturing
- professional services
- visitor economy.

We also looked at other countries, particularly in Asia (China, Korea, Singapore, Taiwan) which have put in place long term plans which set targets associated with wealth creation, revenue per capita etc
In summary, we moved through a process of looking at the need for

- a national strategic plan
- embarking on a planning process
- developing a shared vision eg. ‘a clever country’, the

knowledge nation’, ‘innovative Australia’ and/or initiating conversations about a national purpose involving many voices – societal, industry, business etc
In February 2015, the group decided to bring together formally the business and community aspirations for developing a new vision for Australia by establishing a not-for-profit association. Hence on the 27th of February, Reinvent Australia Inc was established under the NSW Associations Incorporation Act 2009.

Reinvent Australia is totally run by dedicated volunteers. With that as background, as a member of the Reinvent Australia Management Committee, I’d really appreciate your input as a guide in designing RA’s agenda. This is the very first occasion that we have had the opportunity to seek input from a Community focused group.

Where you’re sitting, I would like to start some table activity

Please take a sheet of paper per group.

Reinvent Australia is vitally interested in your ideas. So here’s the challenge. Would each table please jot down - in 5 minutes - your suggestions on where Reinvent Australia should concentrate its efforts. I’d like to collect these sheets so please make your responses legible.

If you have any questions during this period please ask me, but to give you an idea of some of the issues that we are currently working with

- Creating a clearer sense of direction that improves the quality of life, living standards and jobs
- Coordinating the efforts of organisations to tackle the challenges that exist in areas like the environment, health, education, infrastructure and the arts
- Improving Australia’s competitiveness in the global economy
- Creating new industries which generate jobs for generations to come

Go!

That has been fantastic and I do appreciate your suggestions.

Let me conclude by thanking you for the opportunity to speak to you tonight. Might I leave with two suggested actions for each of you to consider:

1. Visit the Reinvent Australia website (launched last Friday). See what we’re up to.

Join RA to keep on top of progress and to support our endeavors.

Member responses to Angus question

I noted particularly that one of the questions asked of me related to **anticipated outcomes** from the work of RA. You may recall that I responded by stating that we have recognised that one of the tasks of the Management Committee is to address this issue as a matter of priority. Given that you have kindly offered to get back to us promptly with an over-riding Rotary Club perspective, could I ask you please to consider the following proposition.

If our response to the question, what is Reinvent Australia about, is around: “The government doesn’t do this, the country doesn’t have that, the politicians aren’t, we’re selling off all our industries” – in short waffle – we suggest that the response in the listener will be: “This is all BS.” You will understand that we don’t want to be seen as an organisation of wafflers and wingers. We want to be taken very seriously.

28 July 2015

Mrs Joy Newling
PO Box 794
PYMBLE
NSW 2073

Dear Joy,

I am writing on behalf of the whole school community to thank The Rotary Club of KuringGai very much for your generous donation of \$1,000 to Clarke Road School, that has been used to purchase another Springfree trampoline for our senior students. Within minutes of it being installed, the students from Colo class were enjoying jumping on it!

Please pass my thanks on to everyone at Rotary.

Kind regards

D. Robertson



Diane Robertson



EAGLES RAPS
TOGETHER WE SOAR

SPECIAL INVITATION FUNDRAISING FOR EAGLES RAPS

TRIVIA SPECIAL

GIVING YOUNG PEOPLE HOPE AND DIGNITY

Join us at this **TRIVIA SPECIAL** with **MC. Tony Eades**.

A trivia evening of fun, raffles and prizes to help raise funds for Eagles RAPS Inc. The funds will go to assist us in providing an education for young people at risk who for a variety of reasons are unable to attend main stream schools. Take this opportunity to be part of ensuring young people reach their true potential.

Eagles RAPS is a service for 'disadvantaged youth' that wish to complete their year 10 certificate and further education with the assistance of the mother and son team Sally Wynd and Scott Dent. This is all made possible from the support of the distance education programs through TAFE NSW and the funds raised by the staff, friends of the association and community members. Visit www.eaglesraps.org for more info.

This not for profit organisation is for disadvantaged youth who want to achieve a brighter future for themselves.

Buy your tickets online or send your donation at sticky tickets: www.stickytickets.com.au/eaglesRAPS

Why not bring a picnic basket full of goodies for your table and have a table party. Light refreshment (tea & coffee) will be available on the night, soft drinks and water can also be purchased.

Due to licensing regulations no alcohol will be permitted.

DATE: 19th August 2015
TIME: 6.00 - 9.30PM
VENUE: Blacktown International Sports Park
Eastern Rd, Rooty Hill
COST: \$20 per head / \$200 table of 10

If you are unable to attend this great event but want to help young kids achieve a brighter future, we welcome your donation

YOU CAN FORWARD DONATIONS DIRECT TO:

ACCOUNT NAME: Eagles RAPS Inc.
BSB: 062 293
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 1015 1862

\$50 \$65 \$100 \$200 other

Thank you for making a difference in young lives.

TO SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT SALLY ON **0418 417 124**



And from Wikipedia

Tick-borne disease

Tick-borne illnesses are caused by infection with a variety of [pathogens](#), including [Rickettsia](#) and other types of [bacteria](#), [viruses](#), and [protozoa](#). Because ticks can harbor more than one disease-causing agent, patients can be infected with more than one pathogen at the same time, compounding the difficulty in diagnosis and treatment. Major tick-borne diseases include [Lyme disease](#), [Q fever](#) (rare; more commonly transmitted by infected excreta),^[26] [Colorado tick fever](#), [Rocky Mountain spotted fever](#), [African tick bite fever](#), [Crimean Congo hemorrhagic fever](#), [tularemia](#), tick-borne [relapsing fever](#), [babesiosis](#), [ehrlichiosis](#), and [tick-borne meningoencephalitis](#), as well as bovine [anaplasmosis](#) and probably the [Heartland virus](#).^[27] Some species, notably the [Australian paralysis tick](#), are also intrinsically [venomous](#) and can cause [paralysis](#). A recent find is *Candidatus neohrlichia mikurensis*, a bacterium which causes blood clots; present in 9% of [rodents](#), it mainly affects persons with lowered immune defense, and can be cured with antibiotics.^[28]

Mammalian Meat Allergy is a condition caused by tick bites that induce a delayed allergy to [red meat](#) (from mammals)^[29] that involves the [oligosaccharide](#), galactose-alpha-1,3-galactose: the food-induced [reactions](#), including [anaphylaxis](#), characteristically present several hours after eating in subjects who have experienced a large local reaction to tick bites up to six months earlier.^{[30][31]}

Eggs can be infected with pathogens inside the [ovaries](#), meaning the larval ticks can be infectious immediately at hatching, before feeding on their first host.^[25]

In framing your intended response to us, could you consider please recommending a Statement of Outcome, for example, some thing along the lines of

“We would like to see Australia develop a coherent national strategic plan and scorecard that drives the nation’s competitiveness.”

Our Management Committee is next meeting on Thursday 13th August- if you are able to send me your contribution by COB on Wednesday 12th August, this would be most helpful.

Much obliged Kind Regards Angus
Members comments to question

Comments at meeting from Rotary Club Members

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