



# K O O N G G A

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## ***Ku-ring-gai Rotarians show their packing expertise***

On Saturday morning, 5 September, President Graham led 6 members of the club and the wives of two of them on an adventure to Donations In Kind in Minchinbury.

There they found a warehouse packed with all manner of used but useable goods, ranging from medical and hospital equipment to school furniture, computers, printers, clothing and much more.

The main task for the day was to load a shipping container with hospital beds, clothing and soft toys destined for Papua New Guinea. While the Rotarians got stuck into that (displaying packing skills they didn't know they had) Judy Timms and Frances Forrest beavered away sorting bags of T shirts by types and size.

When the container was full the crew enjoyed a simple BBQ. Thanks and well done Judy Timms, Frances Forrest, organiser Georgina Manning, President Graham, Greg Newling, Michael Midlam, Graham Maslen, Lindsay Forrest and Gary Keating.



*Packers at work under the watchful eye of President Graham*

Donations In Kind's lease will end later this year, when more help will be required to move its goods to new premises.

## ***This week:***

### ***Philip Smith***



This week's guest speaker is Philip Smith, the District 9685 Chairman of Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC).

ROMAC brings children from third world countries to Australia for major, often life-saving surgery which would not otherwise be available to them. Since its inception in 1988 it has changed the lives of over 400 children and their families.

ROMAC receives assistance from medical experts, hospitals, nurses, physiotherapists, pathology and radiology services, airlines, sponsors and other supporters.

In his talk, Philip will tell us about the work that ROMAC is doing and how we can help.

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

### **President Graham:**

- Welcomed Cathy Jackson; and
- Encouraged members to book for the District Conference, to be held in Canberra on 11-12 March 2016.

**Joy Newling** reminded members to collect Woolworths 'Earn and Learn' stickers for donation to Clarke Road School and reported the school's continuing appreciation of the trampoline that the club enabled it to obtain.

**Tony McClelland** demonstrated the use of Microsoft OneNote for collecting and sharing all sorts of information (notes, pictures, spreadsheets, audio, video,

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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) 'Be a gift to the world' is the Rotary International President's theme for 2015-16

etc.) and synchronising it across multiple platforms - especially mobile devices. (*But does it clean ovens, Tony?* - Ed.)

## 40 year Group Study Exchange



Lindsay May writes that our District (then District 968) had a Group Study Exchange team visit the USA in 1975.

The team has held a reunion every year since and just had their 40th with all six members present.

Former Rotarian Colin Williams (Vice President,

Wyong in 1971, Charter President, Gosford North in 1972) reports:

In my 29 years of Rotary, I served District 268, 968, 9680 on many committees including G.S.E, District Attendance Officer, Club Service Advisor, International Service Advisor, and member Membership Development Committee.

In 1975, I was chosen as District 968 Governor's Representative (Team Leader) of the Group Study Team to District 769, North Carolina, U.S.A. This team had a highly successful exchange.

The team has held at least one official meeting each year since, and also have frequent contact and social arrangements with each other, plus ongoing communications with North Carolina, especially since emailing now makes this easy.

Each member of the team has revisited North Carolina at least 5 times, (one has been 18 times), and at last count, 16 families from North Carolina have visited Australia. The inter visits have now extended to the next two generations, with children even spending their honeymoon in the cousin country.

Recently, the team held its 40 year reunion at Q Station on the North Head of Sydney Harbour. Every member of the team, together with their wife / partner was present. Some even had and were able to fit their original green jackets !

A great time was had reminiscing, comparing notes and stories, and keeping up with events.

We believe this team is unique, and certainly fostered the aims of Peace, Goodwill, and Understanding.

Team member Richard Lawson and wife Sandy are visiting North Carolina in September to continue our claim and theme: "**The Exchange Goes On**".

## Vocational Excellence Award nominations

The Rotary Awards for Vocational Excellence were inaugurated in 1982 by the Rotary District 9685 Vocational Service Committee. The first Awards were presented to three candidates at the 1983 District Conference in Bathurst by PDG Graham Turnidge.



The concept was accepted by the clubs of District 9685 in subsequent years as an integral part of their Vocational Service program.

The aims of the Award are:

- To recognise vocational excellence of the highest order and to honour outstanding contribution by individuals or small teams of individuals for significant advancement in their vocational field in Australia.
- To inspire further enthusiasm and to give added reward to the exceptional achievers.
- To set an example to others, particularly youth, of the need to strive for vocational excellence for the benefit of their discipline and Australia.

The District Vocational Excellence Committee has commenced the process of selecting awardees to be recognised at the 2016 Conference in Canberra. You may well know of a worthy candidate. If so, make sure our club completes the nomination by 31 October. Nominees should preferably reside and /or carry out their vocation within the boundaries of District 9685.

## District 9685 funds Interplast team to Kiribati



Over the last two years, our Rotary District has raised over \$50,000 to fund an Interplast team. Last week D9685 Interplast Chair, David Hart was informed that the team funded by D9685 will go to Kirabati (pronounced "Kirabas"). Interplast goes there about every 18

months and takes two doctors, two anaesthetists, and two theatre sisters. The team will be led by Miklos Pohl who is a regular Interplast volunteer. The team will leave probably in the first half of next year.

And the news gets even better. D9685 will also fund a physiotherapist from Fiji to come to the Royal Hobart hospital for skill upgrading. She is coming to Hobart in the next few weeks.

Interplast sends a big thank you to all clubs in the district and particularly to those clubs who made a contribution.

- See more at: <http://rotarydistrict9685.org.au/stories/d9685-funds-interplast-team-to-kirabati/#sthash.RbYzfnTf.dpuf>

## Last week: Bob Elsworth: Bobbo marketing

Last week representatives of the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic organising team, led by Bob Elsworth, outlined the planning that is in progress for next year's event. Highlights included:

### Changes for 2016

- No 11km family ride;
- 6.30 am (pre-sunrise) start for the 104km ride – volunteers will need to start 30mins earlier!
- Route changes to improve safety in St Ives (Mudies Rd) and in Terrey Hills ( McCarr's Creek Rd);
- Drink stop, at Ellis Trig Station this year, moved back

to Terrey Hills Thai;

- New website and back end registration/donation system;
- Cromehurst School in Lindfield, nominated by St Ives Rotary Club, is a new beneficiary. The school caters for students from age 4 to the completion of year 12 in the moderate to severe range of intellectual disability.

### Participants and funds raised

2012	1,300 riders	\$25,000
2013	1,750 riders	\$82,000
2014	2,000 riders	\$130,000
2015	2,700 riders	\$230,000
2016	3,000 riders	\$275,000 (Target)

### How funds are raised

#### Financial Sponsors:

Three levels of financial sponsorships offered:

- Major: Minimum \$25k + GST
- Gold: Minimum \$5k + GST
- Silver: Minimum \$2.5k + GST

#### Ride Fees:

Approx. 15% of ride fees

#### Rider Fundraising:

Through rider self / team sponsorship, donations from others supporting individuals or teams

### Ride alternatives

- 104 km:** Turrumurra – Hornsby - Bobbin Head – Terrey Hills – West Head – Akuna Bay – Terrey Hills – St Ives - Turrumurra
- 80 km:** Turrumurra – Hornsby - Bobbin Head – Terrey Hills – Akuna Bay – Terrey Hills – St Ives - Turrumurra
- 57 km:** Turrumurra – Hornsby – Bobbin Head – Terrey Hills – St Ives - Turrumurra
- 27 km:** Turrumurra – Hornsby – Bobbin Head - Turrumurra

### Time trial

**104 and 80 km riders:** compete against the clock over 4 km uphill section from the Bridge at Bobbin Head to the National Park Toll Booths at the end of Bobbin Head Road

#### Prizes awarded for the fastest times:

- King of the Mountain: Males
- Queen of the Mountain: Females
- Team of the Mountain: Top 4 in a team

### Planning schedule

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Social Media												
Nominate TLs												
Recruit Teams												
Get Sponsors												
Web Software												
Graph/Print												
Distrib Flyers												
Registrations												
Fundraising												
Ride Planning												
Volunteers												
Site Plan												
Logistics												
BHCC16												

### People power

Need approximately 500 volunteers:

- Rotary Club members
- Charity beneficiaries volunteers
- Friends of Rotary and charities
- Volunteer organisations

State Emergency Service

Police

### Marketing leaders

<b>Bob Elsworth (KRC)</b>	
Grahame Rivett (SIRC)	Ross Warden (TRC)
Doug Reid (WRC)	Peter Kipps (KRC)
Media & Public Relations	Victoria Brown
Bike Shops	Grahame Rivett
Bike Events	Ross Warden
Banners, Trailer signs	Geoff Hungerford
Advertising	Peter Kipps
Graphics & Printing	Bob Elsworth
Rider Communications	Bob Elsworth
Social Media	Georgia Carver
Post Ride Survey	
Analytics	Peter Kipps
Photography	Brendan Trewartha
KOM Prizes/Competitions	Roger Desmarchelier
Promo Clothing	
Bike NSW Relationship	Bob Elsworth

Bob Elsworth said that the next priority would be distribution of flyers advertising the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic at other cycling events, starting in October.

**Jack McCartney**, who is responsible for the event's sponsors, said that people buy from people they like and emphasised the importance of maintaining relationships with the BHCC's sponsors. He had visited them all to thank them and they had all said they will continue their support. He asked members to give him the names of anyone who might be able to provide sponsorship at any level, especially if the person is a cyclist.

**Tony McClelland** said that new registration software is under development which will enable greater control of teams and therefore of fundraising.

### **Next week: Archie Law: Action Aid**

ActionAid Australia (formerly Austcare) had an initial goal of raising awareness of the needs of displaced people around the world.

It then started working with global anti-poverty, responding to the South Asian earthquake in Pakistan and the Boxing Day tsunami in Sri Lanka and Indonesia.

Its current strategy focuses squarely on helping women stand up for their rights.

Next week we'll hear the full story from Archie Law.

More photos of the Donations In Kind working bee



Ready for action (before the pullovers came off)



How many Rotarians does it take to fill a container?  
Answer: 1 (plus 4 supervisors)



T shirt graders



I think he's stuck in there!



Fit 10 more beds in? No problem!

## Calendar of events

September	14	Archie Law: Action Aid
	21	Shen Yun: Chinese artistic performers
	28	
October	5	Public holiday: no meeting
	12	[Hat Day] Dr Simone Isemann: Hoarding
	19	
	26	
November	2	Hugh McKay: The community
	9	
	16	
	23	
	30	
December	7	
	14	

## Club officers and committee chairmen 2015-16

### Board of directors

<b>President</b>	Graham Timms
<b>Vice President</b>	John Aitken
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	Tony McClelland
<b>President Elect</b>	Michael Midlam
<b>Secretary</b>	Geoff Hungerford
<b>Treasurer</b>	Graham Maslen
<b>Director - Membership</b>	Tony McClelland
<b>Director - Public Relations</b>	Roger Desmarchelier
<b>Director - Club Administration</b>	Michael Midlam
<b>Director - Service Projects</b>	John Aitken
<b>Director - Rotary Foundation</b>	Peter Tang

### Service committee chairmen

<b>Administration (Club Service)</b>	Michael Midlam
<b>Vocational Service</b>	Lindsay Forrest
<b>Community Service</b>	Roger Desmarchelier
<b>International Service</b>	Georgina Manning
<b>Youth Service</b>	Linda Lam-Rohlfs
<b>Social events</b>	Joy Newling
<b>Bobbin Head Cycle Classic</b>	Tony McClelland
<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>	Malcolm Braid
<b>Assistant Secretary</b>	Lindsay Forrest
<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>	Chris Lewis

## Club committees 2015-16

**Administration:** **Michael Midlam**, Geoff Hungerford, Rob Hall (Program), Bob Ivey (Web and social media), Graham Maslen, Michael Tyler (Koongga)

**Bobbin Head Cycle Classic:** **Tony McClelland**, John Aitken, Ross Egan, Bob Elsworth, Peter Kipps, Graham Timms

**Club History:** Malcolm Braid, Tom Jackson

**Community:** **Roger Desmarchelier**, Gary Dawson, Ross Egan (Daffodil Day), Greg Goodman (Bowelscan), Chris Hoch (Red Shield), Nick Kenyon, Ted Price

**International:** **Georgina Manning**, Roger Desmarchelier, Emyr Evans, Dilys Geddes, Rob Hall, Loïc Lacombe, Graham Maslen, Greg Newling

**Membership:** **Tony McClelland**, Caroline Jones, Ken Sackville

**Public Relations:** **Roger Desmarchelier**, Linda Lam-Rohlfs, Georgina Manning,

**Rotary Foundation:** **Peter Tang**, Lindsay Forrest, Chris Hoch, Greg Newling

**Social Events:** **Joy Newling**, Ross Egan, Dilys Geddes, Georgina Manning,

**Vocational:** **Lindsay Forrest**, Lou Coenen, David Forsythe, Peter Kipps, Michael Tyler

**Youth:** **Linda Lam-Rohlfs**, Joyce Enos, Stan Glaser, Gary Keating, Chris Lewis, Joy Newling, Don Riddell