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This week: International night chez Manning

This week we have a social evening for members and their partners at Georgina Manning's home (thank you, Georgina!). Bring an exotic dish and your own wine to share.

Usual start time and \$30 per head.



Last meeting's guests & notices

President Graham:

- Welcomed 3 members of the Rotary Club of Lindfield: our guest speaker, Emeritus Professor Michael Pailthorpe, Errol Samuel and Dean You Lee; and Laurel Jackson;
- Announced that Roy Mundy, President of the Rotary Club of Redhill Redstone in England will attend our International Night;
- Repeated his request for nominations for next year's board of directors; and
- Reported that he had met representatives of Ku-ring-gai Council concerning provision of welcome packs for Syrian refugees and had talked to them about the work being done at Fairfield High School to help recent immigrants integrate.

Tony McClelland told members of the pleasure to be derived from introducing people who become members of our club. He asked all members to invite 10 people to visit the club - and to ask each of them up to 10 times until they do. Tony will check on members' progress in 2 weeks' time.

Joy Newling announced the arrangements for the International Night.

Linda Lam-Rohlfs said that the Youth Service Committee had selected a candidate for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award program in January 2016, even though she lives outside our District. The person has

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been home-schooled and is studying at the Open University while working full time. She's also a champion fencer at national level.

Malcolm Braid reported on Loïc Lacombe, who is very busy at his work and with his family, but will attend the club's Christmas party; Ken Sackville, slowly recovering from a stroke; David Lewis, who is out of contact in Canberra; and Caroline Jones, who has tendered her resignation from the club.

Surgery saves a young life

Solomon Islanders 17 year old Roselyn Jatobatu and her mother Anna have a lot to smile about after live-saving heart surgery.



Coping with limiting breathlessness and fatigue and facing an uncertain future due to a serious congenital heart condition, Roselyn was operated on at the San Hospital after a call to arms by Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC).

The San Hospital have some great humanitarian medical specialists with a long history of volunteering their medical skills. Without the surgery the prognosis for Roselyn was not good and, as expected, the medical and surgical teams immediately committed their time and expertise.

The Rotary Club of Glenhaven played its part by hosting Roselyn and mother during pre and post surgery. Thanks to Rotarians Liz and Hans Rupp (pictured above with Roselyn and Anna) who volunteered their home at a time of urgent need.

ROMAC has transformed more than 400 lives since its inception 27 years ago identifying children who could not otherwise access surgery, facilitating medical assessments, transport, host families, hospital, medical and other support.

Read more about ROMAC and other children that it has helped at <http://www.romac.org.au/>

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Computers installed in Fiji school

A combined effort between members of four Rotary clubs has seen a new computer lab set up in a remote school in Fiji.

The project kicked off when Past President Ken Engsmyr of the Rotary Club of Parkes was offered 25 computers from Northparkes Mine.

Having visited Fiji with a team from RC Parkes to work at Koroipita (formerly the Fiji Rotahomes Project) under team leader Liz McDougall, Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Brookvale, Ken suggested the computers go to a school in Fiji.

Liz has been assisting the Ra Maternity Hospital, a three hour drive north east of Nadi, for almost 20 years and was aware of a new high school opposite.

With Ken co-ordinating the computers and Liz the Fiji details, Rod Smith of the Rotary Club of Dee Why Warringah loaned his ute and muscles to get the computers to Port Botany and the Rotary Club of Lautoka, Fiji, looked after the shipment and transportation in Fiji.

Also on the team was Ken's nephew James Moss, an IT guru who was invaluable in setting up the computers at St Francis Xavier College in Navinibutu. At the hotel they were staying in they met Carron Bourke from the Rotary Club of Philip Island, Victori and he joined the team for a couple of days.



On the day they arrived, the school principal Mikaele Waqnbau was absent as he was in Suva putting his case for a computer teacher for next year to the Department of Education! Granted!

"Having computers will make a real difference," said Mr Waqnbau. "It will give our students a chance to go on to vocational training or university."

The students were so excited when the computers arrived – they are from Fiji's rural interior and none of their families have computer or internet. Their only contact with computers had been seeing the teachers' computers in the staff room. (These were very basic and James spent time fixing numerous and varied problems on them.)

The school thanked the visitors, garlanding them with salusalus and providing them with beautiful tropical fruit and cakes during their visits over the four days.

All involved in the project have learnt a lot and hope to replicate the project in other schools. They have written a detailed paper on better ways to organise such a

project – if this is useful to anyone contact Liz at lizmcd@optusnet.com.au

Last meeting: Professor Michael Pailthorpe: Forensic investigation of textile clues in crimes and accidents



Mike Pailthorpe is Emeritus Professor of Textile Technology at the University of NSW. He gave a fascinating account of some of the practical applications of the science. Following is his edited summary.

In 1928 Professor Edmond Locard first made the comment "Every contact leaves a trace". When people interact with each other and/or with their surroundings various items of trace evidence may transfer from one to the other, including textile fibres and DNA. Textile evidence may also take the form of cuts, tears, stab wounds and bullet holes to the clothing that is found with skeletal remains, or the clothing of the victim.

The School of Textile Technology at UNSW first became involved in textile forensic science with the Graham Thorne kidnapping case in 1960. There were many items of trace evidence linking the suspect to the kidnapping and murder including dog hairs, plant material, pink concrete and textile fibres from a blanket. From that time on the NSW Police engaged experts, including Mike Pailthorpe, to examine the textile evidence collected from crime scenes.

While the Azaria Chamberlain Case and Back Packer Murders were the most high profile matters undertaken, robbery, assault, sexual assault and murder cases involving textile evidence were the "every day" matters.

Textiles are employed in all aspects of daily life, agriculture, engineering, aerospace, etc. Thus textile forensic science is not limited to criminal matters but also includes such matters as parachute failure, failure of ship moorings, seat belt failure, historic textiles, medical textiles and so on.

The analysis of the fabrics used to produce the Eureka Flag is an example of textile forensic science used to validate the authenticity of the materials. The wool of the blue fabric was dyed with Prussian Blue which is consistent with the colorants used at the time, and before William Perkin invented the first synthetic dye (Mauvène).

DNA technology has greatly improved over recent years and has come down significantly in price. A DNA match has such strong evidentiary value that investigators will generally pursue DNA evidence in the first instance and then progress to the analysis of other trace evidence found at the crime scene.

Next week: Club business meeting

At next week's meeting the club officers, directors and chairman of the club's service committees will present their reports on what's been achieved so far this year and what remains to be done. This is your chance to get up to date, raise pointed questions and put forward new proposals. Don't miss this opportunity to roast the powers that be or shower them with bouquets as appropriate.

ROTARY DISTRICT 9685

DATE: 28/11/15

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Presidents, Partners and Rotary Club
Members are invited to the District 9685
Christmas Dinner to be held at Hornsby RSL
on Saturday, 28th November 2015
Special Guest Speaker: Michelle Winser,
CEO Destiny Rescue

Location: Hornsby RSL
4 High Street Hornsby
6pm for 6.30pm
\$35 per head. Drinks at bar prices

REGISTER ON-LINE: presidentsmeeting.rotarydistrict9685.org.au

Calendar of events

November	30	
December	7	Annual General Meeting; Annabelle Chauncy: School For Life Foundation
	14	Club Christmas party <i>chez</i> Tyler
	21	No meeting
	28	No meeting
January	4	No meeting
	11	
	18	
	25	
February	1	
	8	
	15	
	22	

Club officers and committee chairmen 2015-16

Board of directors

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

Service committee chairmen

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