



# K O O N G G A

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## This week: Putting competition



Our meeting will be a social gathering with a putting competition and everyone is encouraged to bring their spouses/partners to join in the fun.

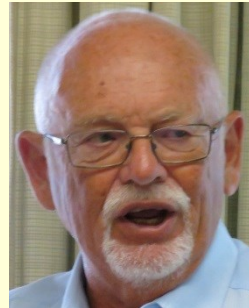
As a result of a meeting between Malcolm Braid and Michael Midlam "roughly here are the rules for the competition":

- Non golfers will putt from about 8 metres.
- Golfers will putt from about 16 metres.
- Getting the ball in the hole in one shot scores 15 points.
- Getting the ball in the hole in two shots scores 10 points.
- Getting the ball in the hole in 3 shots scores 5 points.
- Teams will be made up of two golfers assigned to a team on sign in. [*Presumably non-golfers will be the other team members - Ed.*]
- Participants will be allowed about 5 minutes warm up on a non competition hole.
- Each participant will have three balls to obtain a score.
- After the first round the top 5 teams will play off.
- This will continue until there is one clear winner.
- There will be an additional bottle of wine to reward each member of the winning team.
- **Participants will need to pay one gold coin on sign in.**
- **Non participants will need to pay two gold coins on sign in.**
- **Participants will need to wear either soft soled shoes or bare feet.**
- Malcolm and Michael will mark the competition hole.
- Malcolm will supervise the comp and keep score.
- Michael will allocate teams.

## Rotary monthly theme: Vocational service

- If there is wet weather, Michael will bring an indoor putting mat and the competition will be held upstairs.
- All comments and suggestions for improvement will be appreciated. [*But evidently not necessarily adopted - Ed.*]

## President's new year message



Now that the club is beginning the new year I think that it is worth a brief review of what we have done so far in this Rotary year and have a quick look at where we're going in 2016.

First and foremost, we start 2016 with a full suite of officers for 2016/17 and fully audited accounts. This is something the club

has not achieved for many years and I thank all those contributing.

Then there were our activities. We have had film nights and trivia nights, international nights, special combined meetings and some of the best guest speakers I have ever listened to. Thanks Rob Hall. All in all it has been a busy six months.

### Avenues of Service

In the last six months our Avenues of Service ('AOS') have pushed forward.

In International, as our Cambodian water project winds down Georgina Manning and her team are developing, with Lindfield Rotary Club, a solar panel project for isolated schools in Fiji while our old friend Annabelle Chauncy of the School for Life Foundation visited us in December and outlined plans for the school's continued growth. We will be there to help.

Our Youth team under Linda Lam-Rohlf's found an outstanding RYLA candidate, has begun promotion of the "Days for Girls" program and, most importantly, has started to re-energize the local school Interact Clubs. Their next six months are going to be very busy.

Roger Desmarchelier and the Community AOS committee have been equally busy. Amongst their many activities, perhaps the most unusual and rewarding was developing the association with the Fairfield High School Par-

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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

ents' Café. As a project for easing the path of so many refugees to becoming Australian citizens it meets the Rotary four way test in spades, apart from being a sheer taste delight, as all those who came to the Christmas Party can attest.

The Vocational committee's time in the sun comes next year. Lindsay Forrest and Lou Coenen are reconstructing Pride of Workmanship and I am very enthusiastic about the outline of what they are proposing. It has the capacity to take Pride of Workmanship to a new level.

### Club Administration

It has taken time but our association with Killara Golf Club is now going from strength to strength and I am very grateful to the Golf Club staff who help us to have seamless meetings. They have, however, asked us to remind everyone that the Golf Club rules prohibit the use of mobile phones on Club premises and that jeans are permitted only in the lower bar area.

Our Rotary Club could not survive without the worker bees, led by Mike Midlam. Mike's reward is to be President in 2016/17. I have been counselled that mentioning individual names of members who have made a significant contribution to the club over the last six months risks upsetting those who are inadvertently overlooked and I guess that's true. There have been many outstanding contributions from members that have made my first six months much easier than I expected, so thank you all.

### Membership

Unfortunately during the last six months we lost several members. Joyce Enos departed to the Hunter Valley. Loïc Lacombe gave up the unequal struggle to make meetings from far away and has transferred to the Rotary E-Club of Greater Sydney. Caroline Jones left us, swamped by other commitments. They will be missed. However, on the bright side, we gained an outstanding new member in Cathy Jackson and Tony McClelland assures me that we have several excellent prospects in the pipeline.

### The next six months

We reconvene on 11<sup>th</sup> January with a social night – a barbecue on the terrace at Killara Golf Club with a putting competition open to golfers and non-golfers alike. This is a partner's night and those who remember the barbecue last year will recall the excellence of the steaks. (Yes, there will also be fish and copious salads.)

For the next three months it will be full-on with the "Bobbo" (The Bobbin Head Cycle Classic). This is our club's single most important fund-raising event and will call upon contributions from every one of us. If you're asked to help, please do so if you can.

### Member relations

Just before Christmas I met with President-elect Mike Midlam and 2016/17 President-elect Malcolm Braid to talk about how we manage our members' welfare and other, what might loosely be called "staff" matters. We all agreed that we can do much better than we have.

What we have decided is that, instead of having a Welfare Officer (a title that none of us liked), we will create a new position in the club called "Member Relations." The

person who takes on this role will be responsible for making sure that none of our members falls by the way-side though ill-health or the many other pressures that life can overwhelm us with. We are a club, we should help each other. Malcolm has agreed to take on this role for the next eighteen months.

To make this work Malcolm must be kept informed. We don't want the position to become the club "busybody", but we do want it to be the central clearing point for information about all our members so that we can offer help and support when required. Please contact Malcolm by phone or email if you know of any of our members who may need assistance.

With the help of all of you, I'm looking forward to another successful six months and may you all enjoy a safe and prosperous 2016.

Graham Timms

### Presentation at Clarke Road School

On 10 December 2015 I had the honour and pleasure of attending Clarke Road School's "Presentation Day: Celebration of Learning." It was a true celebration of the students' achievements as well as the dedication of staff and parents. Each year we donate the "Rotary Role Model Award" and this year's recipient was Joey Down, who was later announced as one of the School Captains for 2016, along with Lili Meaker.

It was an inspiring morning. As well as awards to students, there were fantastic performances by several groups including a signing choir, didgeridoo band and



Drumbala. The students enjoy performing and they moved the audience to clap, sing along, cheer and shed a few tears.

The support of our club was recognised and I was proud to represent you and of the association between our two groups. I have learnt so much and came away feeling blessed.

Joy Newling

On behalf of the Youth Committee

### Vocational Service Committee plans

The Vocation group has two major projects for this year:

- The Annual Outstanding Employee Dinner – this is our annual event which allows employers - typically in government service - to provide public recognition to their outstanding employees. The “award” consists of participation in a public recognition dinner for the individual and partner, as well as their “manager” who will present a special Rotary certificate explaining what this individual had done over the prior year to earn this recognition. This is especially important for emergency services and other government services personnel who are not eligible for “award bonuses” as might be available in a commercial workplace. This year’s Dinner is scheduled for February 2016. Budget allocated is \$2,000.
- Revitalise local business relationships – over the next few months, we will be reviewing our current databases of local business as well as examining how we can build a closer relationship with these companies. A tentative flyer / questionnaire has already been created to gather individual feedback on what this community would like. Our objective would be to have this ready for distribution at the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic. If any member can provide some graphics design creativity, please let us know. The allocated budget is \$1,000.

Lou Coenen

**Next meeting: Georgina Manning: The Manning Foundation**



In 1986 a group of individuals initiated an annual Christmas lunch for the needy in the Rydalmere area. The concept was simply to give a Christmas experience to those who would otherwise not have one.

Following the death of Stephen Manning, in 2004 the Manning Foundation was established to provide broader support for the needy and disadvantaged. The Foundation now operates ‘Op-Shops’ to earn income, which it applies towards direct relief of poverty, educational programs and the Christmas lunch.





## Calendar of events

January	18	Georgina Manning: The Manning Foundation
	25	Marion Bennett: Homelessness on our doorstep
February	1	
	8	
	15	
	22	
	29	Pride of Workmanship Awards
March	7	Bobbin Head Cycle Classic briefing
	11	(Saturday & Sunday) District Conference, Canberra
	14	
	20	(Sunday) Bobbin Head Cycle Classic
	21	Bobbin Head Cycle Classic report
	28	No meeting (Easter Monday)
April	4	
	11	
	18	
	25	No meeting (Anzac Day)
May	2	

## 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, 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