



# K O O N G G A

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Rotary monthly theme: Vocational service

## ***This week: 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.

In what is sure to be an interesting presentation, our member Georgina Manning will tell us about the Foundation and its work.

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

### **President Graham:**

- Welcomed Mahiar (Matt) Mahjoub. Also present were Margaret Braid, Patsy Hungerford, Gwen Ivey, Kerrie McCullough and Judy Timms.
- Reminded members of Killara Golf Club's dress code and mobile phone rules, mentioned in last week's Koongga.

## ***2015 Rotary Global Women of Action***

Recently Rotary International honoured 6 women for their amazing work. The women are:

**Razia Jan** is the Founder and Director of the Zabuli Education Center, a school that serves more than 430 girls in Deh'Subs, Afghanistan.



The school teaches the girls mathematics, English, science, and technology, as well as providing practical

skills, preparing them to succeed and achieve economic freedom within a challenging social environment.

**Dr. Hashrat A. Begum** coordinated the implementation of numerous health projects for underserved communities in Bangladesh.



Her single most important project is funding a clinic for the people of Washpur, a densely populated slum township on the outskirts of Dhaka with virtually no access to clean water or health facilities.

**Stella S. Dongo** leads the Community Empowerment Project in Zimbabwe.



The project provides basic business skills and computer training to more than 6000 women and youth infected or affected by HIV in urban Harare.

**Kerstin Jeska-Thorwart**

launched the "Baby Hospital Galle" project after surviving the devastation of the 2004 tsunami in Sri Lanka.



In the 11 years since its inception, the project has helped more than 150,000 children and provided healthcare services to more than 2.2 million women.

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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

**Lucy C. Hobgood-Brown** is the co-founder of [HandUp Congo](#), a non-profit organization that strategically links existing and potential collaborators with grassroots community initiatives in the Democratic Republic of Congo.



**Dr. Deborah K.W. Walters** has served as the director and supporter of [Camino Seguro / Safe Passage](#), a Maine registered non-profit organization that helps to provide educational and social services to the children and families who live in Guatemala City.



## Internship sought for gap year research

I am Pauline Herrmann from Lorient in France. The Past President for the Rotary Club of Lorient (my father) advises me to contact you because you may help me through the Rotary network. In fact, I am becoming an Agronomy Engineer and I am looking for a traineeship which should last approximately 5 months and should not exceed six months. The start date is July or August 2016. I would like to find an internship in agricultural, or dairy production-related research or projects. I am interested in sustainable development, environment protection and species conservation too.

I wish to have a first professional experience in one of those fields. For example, I can help a doctoral student for his thesis or a researcher for his work. Similarly, I can be setting up an eco-pasture or an urban organic farming (and so on). Thus, this traineeship would be an outstanding experience and would allow me to share and exchange knowledge with people from different cultures. I would be most grateful if you may help me in my research and remain at your disposal for any further information. I can send you my resume if necessary.

Yours faithfully

Pauline

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## Rotary Leadership Institute



It is now time to think about preparing for the new Rotary year beginning in July 2016.

Over the next few months the incoming board members will receive quite a bit of training. A good start and supplement to that training is to complete the Rotary Institute Lead-

ership course. This course is held in three parts and covers Rotary programs, structure of Rotary and helps develop skills that will assist everyone to become more effective leaders.

The next two courses are course numbers 31 and 32.

- Course 31 will be held on 13th February, 5th March and 2nd April for parts 1, 2 and 3 respectively.
- Course 32 will be held on 21st February, 6th March and 3rd April.

These courses are held at the District office in Thornleigh. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

To be part of this training you need to register for either course 31 or 32 by emailing Barry Philps on [bphilps@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bphilps@bigpond.net.au) to register. If these dates are not suitable for you, but you wish to be notified of future courses, please let Barry Philps know of your interest by emailing him.

We look forward to hearing from you shortly.

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## Intelligence Squared Debates 2016

Hi there,

I'm writing from The Ethics Centre, a not-for-profit that deals with ethical issues big and small.

We run a great live debate series at the City Recital Hall called [Intelligence Squared \(IQ2\)](#) – a forum for intelligent discussion with some of Australia's best speakers. We've had Jane Caro, Bob Brown, Tony Abbott, Annabel Crabb, and Stan Grant speak in the past.

The topics lined up for next year range from privacy in the digital age to animal rights to sex, gender and identity. Season passes start from just \$88 for all four debates.

I thought it might be of interest to Rotary members. We'd love to spread the word about the event season to as many people as we can!

I've popped some more information below about the series.

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Thursday 3 March – [Sex, Gender & Identity \(Title TBC\)](#)

Tuesday 3 May – [Animal Rights Should Trump Human Interests](#)

Tuesday 23 August – [Boomers Owe a Debt to the Young](#)

Tuesday 25 October – [Privacy is Not for Children](#)

## **Position vacant: Koongga Editor**

Koongga is an important medium of communication with both members of our club and the wider public. The editor will retire from the position on 30 June 2016, creating an opportunity for another member of our club to put their stamp on this long-running publication.

Applications are invited from all members to take over the editor's role. No experience is needed, as full training will be provided. (But if you've ever edited or contributed to a newsletter before, you'll find Koongga easy to publish.)

Please direct enquiries and applications to the Editor.

## **Next week: Marion Bennett: Homelessness on our doorstep**

**MISSION AUSTRALIA** together we stand

Marion is a policy professional, with a long career in central and line agencies of the

New South Wales Government. As Executive Director of Housing Policy and Homelessness in the Department of Family and Community Services, she led negotiations of National Partnership Agreements on Homelessness, inter-jurisdictional housing policy and research advice to the Ministerial Council, and the Going Home Staying Home reforms of the homelessness system in NSW. Marion is now Head of Policy & Advocacy at Mission Australia, which works to reduce homelessness and strengthen communities across the country.

Marion will speak about the challenge of homelessness and Mission Australia's work in combating it. Every night more than 100,000 people in Australia are homeless. Homelessness can affect men, women and children from a wide range of backgrounds living in our cities, suburbs and country towns. The extent of the problem is hidden by the fact that most homeless people don't sleep rough on the streets. They stay with relatives and friends until they wear out their welcome, and sleep in hotels, short-term and crisis accommodation, caravan parks and even cars.

## **Email to the editor**

Thanks for sending me this excellent publication Michael. It's great to see what the club has achieved so far this year, and I really enjoyed looking at the photos of all my old friends.

Regards

Adele Mitchell

## **Last week: Putting competition**

Last week we enjoyed a social evening and a fine barbecue, preceded by a putting competition. The "rough rules" published in last week's Koongga were changed without notice at the inception of the event. The runners

up were two teams of non-golfers (Lou Coenen/Gary Keating and Chris Hoch/Michael Tyler) with 35 points each, but golfers in the form of Lindsay Forrest/Chris Lewis prevailed with 40 points. (*Whatever happened to the cyclists? Ed.*)



*Malcolm the umpire keeping a close eye on proceedings.*



*Watch out for jaywalkers, Ross!*



*The gallery. Somebody get rid of the jaywalker, please!*



*The WAGs (and a minder) doing what WAGs do.*

## Calendar of events

January	25	Marion Bennett: Homelessness on our doorstep
February	1	
	8	Meeting deferred to 10 February (joint meeting with Rotary Club of St Ives)
	10	(Wednesday - at Peter Canisius House, St Ives) Tim Wilson, Human Rights Commissioner
	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	
	8	9 & 10 (Friday - Sunday): Dinners for 8
	11	
	18	
	25	No meeting (Anzac Day)

## 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