



# K O O N G G A

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



Marion Bennett 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.

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

### **President Graham:**

- Welcomed Anil and Neelam Fulwaria;

### **Rotary monthly theme: Vocational service**

- Alerted members to a 10 day Vietnam tour on 10-19 May for \$2,988 per person, profits from which will aid the Rotary Club of Turramurra's Wheelchairs for Kids in Bangladesh project (see advertisement later in this edition);
- Encouraged golfing members to participate in Australian Rotary Health's charity golf day at Riverside Oaks on Wednesday, 24 February (see advertisement later in this edition);
- Reported receipt of a booking form for Shen Yun Chinese music and dance performances in Sydney on 8-13 March (tickets available from \$89-159 per person);
- Announced that members should book for themselves and their guests as usual on the club's website for the combined meeting with the Rotary Club of St Ives on Wednesday, 10 February (in lieu of our meeting on Monday, 8 February) to hear Australian Human Rights Commissioner Tim Wilson talk on the subject of advancing human rights in Australia;
- Invited members and their spouses/partners to join President Graham and Judy and President Elect Michael and Kerry at the District Conference in Canberra on 11-12 March;
- Reported that 580 riders have registered for the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic - 20% more than at the same time last year.

**Michael Midlam** presented Chris Lewis with the (suitably modified) trophy for the previous week's putting competition, won by Lindsay Forrest and Chris.



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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

## Youth Service Committee report

Linda Lam-Rohlf presented a report on two recent youth projects, as follows:



**NATIONAL  
YOUTH  
SCIENCE  
FORUM**

- Emily Cheung, our nominee to the 2 week National Youth Science Forum in Canberra, was very excited by what she experi-

enced and will tell us about it at our meeting on 25 January.

- Leah Mangion, our nominee to the 1 week Rotary Youth Leadership Award course in Elanora Heights, was amazed at what she learned and the friendships she built with other attendees. She will give a short presentation at our meeting on 1 February.
- Linda thanked the following for their contributions to the success of the two programs:
  - Joy Newling – who searched everywhere for suitable candidates;
  - Greg Newling – who conducted an interview with Leah;
  - Gary Keating – who took Emily and her mother to Penrith for the program orientation;
  - Graham Timms & Lindsay Forrest – who drove Leah to and from the venue;
  - Chris Lewis – who joined Linda for the RYLA dinner at Pittwater RSL Club; and
  - Graham Maslen – who arranged required payments with Rotary International.
- Linda is looking forward to developing new youth projects with Matt Mahjoub when he becomes a member.



## Lao water supply project update

Greg Newling gave this report on the latest developments on the Lao water supply project:

A couple of years ago we contributed to a project in Lao to supply water to several villages.



An exciting aspect of this project is that we joined with four other clubs in our district, six in Western Australia, and two in Lao and Cambodia, as well as The Rotary Foundation.

Our \$3,000 thus became part of a \$90,000 project which is bringing great benefit to villages in Lao.

The project is nearing completion, with work starting on the last village.

Because the communist government in Lao changed the approval at the last minute, the project has had to accommodate an extra village. Our club's board has approved a further contribution of \$1,000 to help with this requirement.

When Charlie Barnett (Rotary Club of Mosman) and Hugh Hamlyn-Harris (Rotary Club of Lindfield) visited the project, they also visited the Australian Embassy. As a

direct result of that visit, the embassy funded a new dormitory for the children who stayed in one of the villages on a weekly basis, so that they could attend school.

Our club should be proud to be part of this successful project.

## District 9685 Conference



Quality speakers and outstanding stories of service and achievement will be the highlight of the Rotary District 9685 Annual Conference planned for Canberra on March 11 and 12.

Rotary District 9685 stretches from the Blue Mountains to Gosford and back to the north western districts of Sydney. It is one of the largest and most successful Rotary Districts in Australia.

District Governor Gina Growden chose the Canberra Convention Centre as the venue for her major event of the year because of the quality and pricing of the facility and nearby accommodation – compared to other major venues around NSW.

Always the innovator, Governor Gina has created a unique opportunity for Conference patrons in that weekend sessions will be confined to Friday evening; and Saturday – with a free day to explore and shop in Canberra on Sunday!

Saturday evening will be a fun night at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra with Rotarians and partners dressing in special sporting theme costumes.

Another innovative feature of Governor Gina's planning is her invitation to the general public to attend the Conference to be informed, enlightened and entertained!

Interested members should go to the District Conference website –

<http://conference.rotarydistrict9685.org.au> – for registration details and additional information. To go direct to the online registration site, [click here](#).

The list of outstanding speakers includes –

- Dr Tim Sharp – one of Australia's outstanding academics. Tim has completed a B.Sc (Hons), a Masters



degree in Clinical Psychology and a Ph.D., before working for many years as a clinical and academic psychologist. He has Sydney's largest clinical psychology practice, is an accomplished author and has featured in the prestigious Telstra Business Awards.



- Dr Sam Prince – a 27 year old entrepreneur, medical doctor and philanthropist. Sam established a fresh Mex Grill franchise whilst studying medicine at the age of 21. He grew Zambrello to over 15 stores and counting – 170 staff and over \$10 million in revenue. Sam has set his will towards democratising healthcare and education for young people across Australia and the globe.

- Rob Pennicott – proprietor of Bruny Island Cruises, Rob started his business career as a fisherman in the pristine waters of southern Tasmania. His business has expanded into a world class ecotourism experience which has won numerous state and national tourism and business awards. Rob has a passion for Rotary and the Polio eradication campaign and in 2011 he led a special expedition to drive two yellow dinghies around Australia and raise \$259,000 for Polio Plus!



- Professor Greg Nelson – private Consultant Cardiologist, North Shore Cardiac Centre. Greg has been in Cardiology practice since 1984 and has been involved in development of the process of field triage for primary angioplasty in acute myocardial infarction. He helped establish the concept of the Regional Heart Attack Centre at Royal North Shore Hospital and has a strong interest in clinical research as the author of over 70 papers in peer reviewed journals.



- Gemma Sissia – living proof that, with a passion to achieve and the support of Rotary – anything is possible in this world. Only daughter of a sheep farming Rotary family from Guyra, Gemma was educated as a teacher with copious first class and honours degrees, before she went off to follow her dream of working with poor children in East Africa. She met and married a young Tanzanian man and with a gift of land from her father in law – and ongoing support from Rotary clubs and volunteers in Australia - has built one of the most successful private schools in rural Africa – the School of St Jude. The school opened in 2002 with a handful of students



to a stage where there is now 1,900 students across three campuses from primary through to full secondary classes. In 2012, Gemma was named one of The Australian Financial Review and Westpac's 100 Women of Influence in the Global category!

## Rotary Theme 2016-17

*Rotary Serving Humanity* is the theme for the 2016-17 Rotary year. This was announced to the incoming District Governors for 2016-17 at the Rotary International Assembly in San Diego.



The statement on the Rotary.org website says: RI President-elect John F. Germ chose *Rotary Serving Humanity* as his theme for 2016-17. Noting Rotary's unique ability to bring together committed professionals to achieve remarkable goals, Germ believes that "now is the time to capitalize on our success: as we complete the eradication of polio, and catapult Rotary forward to be an even greater force for good in the world."

## District Governor 2018-19

Napoleon Bonaparte declared to his troops that a field marshal's baton is tucked into every soldier's knapsack. Rotary is no different: every Rotarian has the potential to become a District Governor or a more senior officer of Rotary International.

If you have filled most of the positions in the club, including President, and if you have served on various District committees, now's the time to nominate to become the District Governor for 2018-19. And if you haven't yet acquired the necessary range of experience, it's another reason to start doing so.

Ivan Skellet of our club was Governor of District 9680 in 1994-95. It's high time we produced another candidate.

## Last week: Georgina Manning: The Manning Foundation



Georgina talked first about the Manning Foundation and then about herself and her family.

### The Manning Foundation

In 1986 Peter Ross, who worked in the markets, wanted to do something for the community. He asked his friend Stephen Manning (Georgina's late husband) who ran the 'Family Inn' at Ermington for help. So began a series of Christmas lunches disadvantaged people in the area. Originally catering for 40, they are now for as many as 250. Peter supplied the vegetables.

Following Stephen's death, the Manning Foundation was established in 2004 to raise funds (through 2 appeals per year) to support the Christmas lunches and the distribution of food hampers. Last year it provided 160 hampers and gave new toys to 181 children.

The Foundation now runs two 'op' shops to raise money. With the profits and with donated goods, it supplies food, clothing, furniture and medicines. It also funds TAFE fees and funerals. The op shops serve an extra function



as a place for lonely people to come in and talk.

All the staff of the Foundation are volunteers. It clients include people referred by local councils and Centrelink, refugees, ex-prisoners and others.

The Foundation welcomes donations of clothing and all types of household goods - from furniture to sheets, kitchen equipment, crockery and cutlery.

### Georgina and her family

Georgina's father manufactured leather goods (handbags and travel goods). Her mother was a Tivoli dancer.

When imported travel goods began to dominate the market, the family started Kay's Bag Stores, eventually selling its 5 branches to Strandbags.

Georgina trained and worked as a legal secretary, but then became involved in the family business. She started and ran 'Georgie's Shoes' and enjoyed the experience of overseas trips buying stock.

At 23 Georgina married Stephen, an accountant and senior investigator at the Australian Tax Office. Later they bought and ran the Family Inn and then another hotel in Leichhardt. The hotel business was a tough one to be in, with many robberies and on one occasion the murder of a manager to contend with.

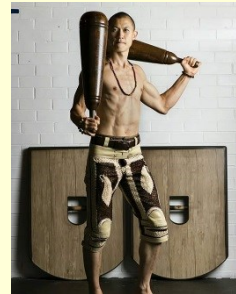
Later Steve established O Media, which became the largest outdoor media company. Now Georgina owns The Barn Office Furniture in Granville and invests in and develops commercial property.

Georgina enjoys unusual travel - swimming with manta

rays, trekking the Inca Trail, cycling in Vietnam and visiting the Amazon jungle. She reads historical novels and attends writers festivals. She has enjoyed the challenge of Rotary and gets a lot out of it and has appreciated the welcome she received.

Georgina loves cars and drives fast. Steve raced cars and their son James does so. Geogina also has a daughter, Kat.

### Next week: Dominic Lo: Pahlavani: Persian yoga



Strong, invigorating, and challenging, Persian yoga is the physical conditioning art of ancient Persian warrior nobility and modern day Olympic wrestlers, lifters and martial artists. Persian yoga (Pahlavani) combines traditional, time tested and battlefield proven methods to forge powerful warriors. It is equally suitable, and adaptable, for beginners, avid physical culturists and aging athletes alike. It is simple but not easy!

Instructor Dominic Lo will provide an introduction to this little known practice. Not only will you discover how to swing mace clubs, handle shields, do push-ups and calisthenics like never before, but also simultaneously develop multiple fitness components, and most importantly have fun while learning new skills and honing existing ones.

Persian Yoga is a powerful, dynamic and exciting practice that will unleash the warrior within.

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## PROGRAM

**Australian Rotary Health**  
A multidistrict program of the Rotary Districts of Australia

*All moneys raised go to Australian Rotary Health—Supporting healthier minds, bodies and communities through research.*

**CORPORATE TEAMS**

Corporate Team : \$800  
*Team of 4 Players Package.*

**Rotary**  
Districts of Australia

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**Ambrose Event** (team of 4 players) and every player shares a cart. There's great prizes and special events: nearest the pin; longest drive and lots, lots more!  
Lunch is included.

**REGISTRATION**  
9.00am

**SPIDER DROP**  
9.45am

**BRIEFING**  
10.15am

**TEE-OFF**  
10.30am sharp

**PRE-DINNER DRINKS**  
4.00pm

**PRESENTATION DINNER**  
4.30pm


**SILENT AUCTION**  
5.30pm

**GOLF DAY RESULTS**  
6.00pm

**FINISH**  
6.30pm


**AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH**

**10th ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF DAY**



[www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au](http://www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au)

**Wednesday**  
**24th February, 2016**

 **Riverside Oaks**



# Vietnam Experience - 10 days



Australia / Ho Chi Minh City / Mekong Delta / Hoi An / Hue / Hanoi / Halong Bay / Australia

## HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUR EXPERIENCE

*Cruise through the lush Mekong Delta region, Experience the modern Saigon with the French Influence, Soak up the atmosphere of Hoi An and enjoy scenic lunch cruise, Relax on the beach of Hoi An, Discover the dignified Imperial City of Hue, Float on a junk boat among the stunning limestone karst scenery at Halong Bay*

### DAY 1 AUSTRALIA / HO CHI MINH

Fly Vietnam Airline to Saigon on 10th May, Transfer to your hotel. Edenstar Hotel. VN 772 Sydney to Saigon 1015 / 1600

### DAY 2 HO CHI MINH

Visit the famous Cu Chi Tunnels, an amazing underground network of tunnels which stretches over hundreds of kilometres. Learn a bit more about Vietnam War. Experience Saigon from the colonial to the modern era, visit War Remnants Museum, The Notre Dame Cathedral, the Saigon Post Office, a fine example of French architecture, the former Rue Catinat and Hotel Continental – famous from the 'Quiet American' novel and film, stop at the Caravelle Hotel, which was the home to many foreign reporters and secret agents during the Vietnam War. Head up to its rooftop bar to enjoy a panoramic view of the city. Sample the national dish - Pho beef noodle soup for your dinner. (B/D)

### DAY 3 MEKONG DELTA

Explore the lush countryside of the Mekong Delta on a boat, cruise through the canals, rivers and backwaters, learn about the daily lives of the local people. Taste exotic fruits and Mekong specialty lunch, walk on the island's trails. Transfer to the airport for a flight to the charming ancient town of Hoi An - a World Heritage site listed by UNESCO. Transfer to Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort. (B) VN 120 Saigon to Da Nang 1350 / 1510

### DAY 4 HOIAN

River sightseeing and lunch Cruise in Hoi An. 2.5 hours cruise is all about relaxation and showcasing the stunning Hoi An river culture and the beauty of the scenic landscape and enjoy a fine dining. Your Lunch is freshly

prepared by our Chef on board. Afternoon tour to visit the ancient Chinese merchants' houses, a Hokkien Temple, to the 400-year-old Japanese Covered Bridge, see the mixture of Chinese and Japanese architectures as well as traditional cultural values. (B / L)

### DAY 5 HUE

Relax on the beach, before a scenic drive over the stunning Hai Van Pass to Hue - former imperial city. Enjoy a Imperial banquet dinner Stay at Moonlight Hotel. (B/D)

### DAY 6 HUE

Visit the Impressive Imperial Citadel and royal tombs, listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Experience a cyclo ride through the narrow lanes of old Hue, before take a scenic boat trip on the Perfume River to visit the Thien Mu Pagoda, a serene and picturesque landmark. Fly to Hanoi. (B) VN 172 Da Nang / Hanoi 1710 1830

### DAY 7 HALONG BAY

Transfer to Halong Bay - one of the world's greatest natural wonders. Sail among thousands of limestone islands rising mystically from the water. Explore caves and grottoes. Enjoy Tai Chi lesson or cooking class on board, Stay overnight on a traditional junk boat. (B/L/D) Bai Tho Junk Boat

### DAY 8 HANOI

Continually cruise, after a brunch, disembark and return to Hanoi, explore the fascinating Old Quarter where ancient homes and temples are interspersed with traditional stores. Watch ancient water puppet performance. enjoy local speciality dish - Cha ca La Vong, exquisitely grilled fish. (Brunch / Dinner)



Travel from 10th to 19th May, 2016

**Price: \$2,988 p.p. twin share,** minimum of 10 people \* price is subject to change based on the international airfare, no seats have been reserved.

#### Inclusions:

Vietnam Airlines International flights and taxes, Private English speaking guides, 9 nights hotels and cruise, 2 domestic flights, Listed meals (B-Breakfast, L-lunch, D-Dinner), all transfers in air-conditioned vehicle, evening entertainment and entry fees, Vietnam Visa letter

#### Exclusions:

Travel Insurance, Tips and Personal Expenses, Meals not listed, Vietnam Visa stamp fee

**Profits go to Wheel Chairs for Kids Project, Rotary Club of Turramurra**

### DAY 9 DEPART HANOI

See the beautiful courtyard and gardens at the ancient Temple of Literature. Visit the Museum of Ethnology to learn about the cultures of different ethnic groups in Vietnam before transfer to the airport for a return flight to Sydney. VN 257 Hanoi / Saigon 1610 / 1820, connecting flight VN 773 Saigon / Sydney 2110 / 0950

### DAY 10 ARRIVE SYDNEY

Arrive Sydney in the morning.

## Calendar of events

February	1	Dominic Lo: Pahlavani: Persian yoga
	8	Meeting deferred to 10 February (joint meeting with Rotary Club of St Ives)
	10	(Wednesday - at Peter Canisius House, St Ives) Tim Wilson: Advancing human rights in Australia
	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)
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