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Rotary monthly theme: Water & sanitation

This week: Neil Howie: The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation is 'Rotary's charity' - one of the largest charitable foundations in the world. It applies its resources to projects ranging from the worldwide eradication of polio to local water and sanitation projects in third world countries.



Our Rotary District is both a leading contributor to and a major user of the Foundation's Funds. Neil Howie, our District Foundation Zone Representative, will tell us how it works.

Last week's guests & notices

President Graham:

- Welcomed our guest speaker, Graham Wilcox;
- Announced that the board had decided to abandon a Nepal school project and redirect the budgeted funds towards the purchase of 2 ShelterBoxes for Fiji, with any surplus being contributed directly to the Fiji disaster appeal fund; and
- Helped Ted Price sell some of the remaining Rotary Christmas puddings at the discounted rate of \$5 each (get in quick and you might grab the remaining stock for your 'Christmas in July').

Michael Midlam:

- Reported on the District Conference in Canberra, attended by about 600 Rotarians and partners, and noted that 3 of the speakers were outstanding;
- Announced that next year's conference will comprise a single day (Sunday, 12 March 2017) at Penrith Panthers, followed by 3 hours' optional fellowship instead of a dinner/ball; the focus will be on outstanding inspirational speakers, with no boring formalities. Michael encouraged members to form a large group, including partners, to attend it.

Tony McClelland:

- Reported that, so far, 2080 had registered to ride in the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic and a total of 2400 is expected;
- Volunteers had stuffed 2500 envelopes with material to be sent to the riders;
- Thanked the members of our club who made major contributors to organisation of the event, including Peter Kipps (who has worked on it solidly for months), Bob Elsworth (marketing), John Aitken (site management), Bob Ivey (endless hours working on websites) and Jack McCartney (who has arranged all sponsors). (Tony was reminded by those present of his own considerable contribution in relation to registrations and finance.)

Malcolm Braid said that the hosts for Dinners for 8 had been selected; the guest lists will be finalised 1 week before the event; and it is proposed that, as a fundraiser, each participant be asked to buy a \$20 raffle ticket (for a prize of assorted wines).

Lindfield Rotary Club fun run



This very popular family friendly community event will blast off from Roseville Park, Clanville Rd, Roseville on Sunday 3rd April 2016. It is Lindfield Rotary Club's main fundraiser for the year.

The 5km run/walk starts at 8am - the 10km walk starts at 8.15am.

Tell your family and friends about the event and encourage them to join in. For more info and to register online, go to the event website: www.lindfieldrotaryfunrun.org.au

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

Laos water supply project

Members of the Rotary Club of Batavia Coast (Geraldton, WA) recently visited Laos to inspect the progress of the project by several Rotary clubs, including our own, to supply water to a number of villages there.

The team leader reported as follows:

- Assuming all financial checks and balances in place I would continue the association with MiVAC ('Mines Victims And Clearance') in delivering water projects to villages in Laos – it delivers tangible results.



- Recognition that MiVAC used quality products, and where possible improved the specifications of the water projects from prior examples (*ie use of galvanized pipe fitting rather than plastic, and the use of reinforced concrete rather than bricks and mortar*). In doing so it took steps to improve sustainability.
- We need to be aware that cultural and regional political influences will always impact on these water projects in Laos.
- The MiVAC Australian representative and the Lao national are integral to the success of the venture. If the expatriate had the wrong approach to dealing with Lao nationals, then the project would fail. Terry Moore (MiVAC Laos Project Manager) and Moua (local representative) should be congratulated strongly for their efforts.
- Longer term expatriate engagements may prove beneficial as there is less time needed to "get to know the ropes".



- The Memorandum of Understanding that MiVAC has with the Laos authorities is structured as a short term agreement (say 3 years) which means that any ongoing assessment of these projects is impossible. There needs to be another structure to assess sustainability. They do have a structured handover to the villages that focuses on ongoing maintenance.
- I would be careful in assessing any claims by independent expatriates in Laos, as we have had reports (unrelated to MiVAC) of a fairly politically charged debate around the those involved in the Unexploded Ordinances / Reconstruction debate in Laos. There has been a significant rationalisation by local authorities of approved NGO's.
- There is clear evidence that the watering points are being utilised by village residents and school children to improve health, education and village development.
- There may be an opportunity to extend the existing Rotary Australia World Community Service projects to improve food security at the village level.
- As much as possible there needs to be flexibility in project management to reflect the on ground changing circumstances. How this impacts on the accountability of those projects is also keenly important. Getting the balance right will be challenging.
- There is a distinct need to have significantly higher levels of Rotary signage at the projects. This isn't for PR reasons with the village residents, but more to build awareness with government officials of the region.

Last week: Graham Wilcox: The struggle for unity - a story of the federation of Australia



Graham Wilcox is a genealogist and family historian. He told us the story of how his great-grandfather, Sir Arthur Rutledge, brought Queensland together with the other colonies to form the federation of Australia.

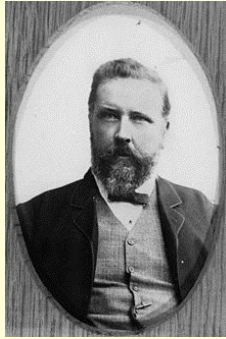
Arthur Rutledge was born near Penrith, New South Wales. He went with his parents to Drayton on the Darling Downs, Queensland (then in New South Wales) in 1851, returning to Sydney with them in 1855.

Rutledge entered the Wesleyan Church, being ordained a minister in 1865. His served in the parishes of Tenterfield, Maitland, West Kempsey, Grafton and, in Queensland, Fortitude Valley.

Rutledge felt that his energy would be better served in a parliamentary seat than a pulpit. To do that he also needed the income as a barrister (since members of parliament were unpaid). In May 1878 he was admitted to the Queensland Bar. After unsuccessfully contesting the North Brisbane constituency he was elected as a member for Enoggera at the general election of 1878.

Rutledge's political drive came from his desire to see all the British colonies on the Australian continent as one country (in contrast to Henry Parkes, who had proposed a federation of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia). Rutledge believed the forced use of Pacific

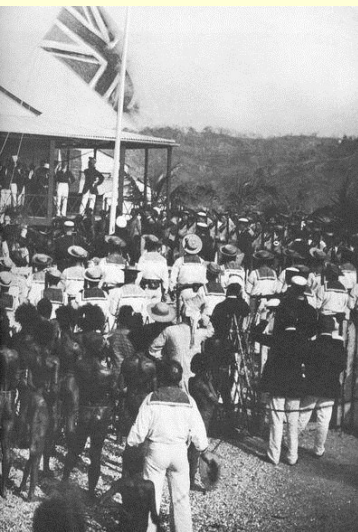
Island labourers on the plantations in North Queensland and the push for separation in the north would destroy Queensland's chance of joining in the federation of Australia. In his bid to win over the north he campaigned and won the seat of Kennedy in 1883. He was appointed Attorney-General in Sir Samuel Griffith's Ministry on 13 November 1883, and held that position until the Ministry resigned on 12 June 1888.



Rutledge was elected for the Charters Towers district in 1888 (despite being from Brisbane). He opposed a proposal by the wealthy farmer and Premier of Queensland, Sir Thomas McIlwraith, to build a transcontinental railway to connect a port to be built on the Gulf of Carpentaria to other Queensland railways.

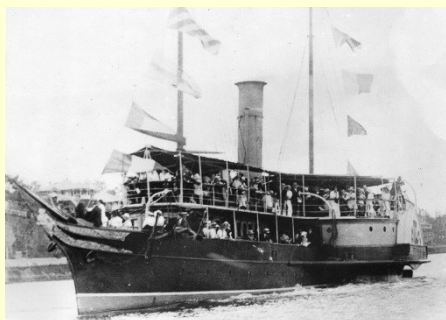
The Australian colonies were extremely anxious about German colonial activities in the region. It became clear that the German government was planning to annex eastern New Guinea. Fearing for the safety of his farming investments, Sir Thomas McIlwraith took the

extraordinary step of attempting to annex New Guinea for Queensland; he employed Henry Chester to proclaim the Queen's sovereignty which occurred on 4 April 1883. This was later disallowed by the British Secretary of State for the Colonies, Lord Derby on the basis that a colonial government had no authority to annex other colonies. Yet it was at the same time suggested that the British government expedite the annexation of



New Guinea if the Australian colonies would combine to finance the venture. This was then instrumental in the gathering of an Intercolonial Convention in November and December 1883, with federation and annexation on its agenda. It was the first step to unite the Australian colonies in a federation movement.

Rutledge was one of the representatives of Queensland at the National Australasian Convention held in Sydney over 6 weeks in 1891. At the convention he took part in the drafting of the Australian Constitution aboard the Queensland Government Steam Yacht "Lucinda" that Easter on the Hawkesbury River.



In 1893 Rutledge attempted to return south from his seat of Charters Towers by contesting his previous seat of Enoggera but failed to win it. He returned to the Bar as a barrister and Crown Prosecutor.

By 1899, following a severe economic downturn, severe droughts and floods and shearers strikes, Queensland appeared to be very unlikely to join the commonwealth and Rutledge felt he had to return to parliament to continue his fight for federation. On 18 March 1899 he won the seat of Maranoa.

Whilst other states had held referenda and favoured federation, polls in Queensland indicated that the people there opposed it. The editor of The Courier newspaper published a long letter addressed to Queensland voters setting out reasons why the state should not miss the opportunity to join the federation. When it was put to the vote, the results were: Brisbane: 60 % 'no'; South Queensland: 50% 'yes'; Central Queensland: 53% 'yes'; North Queensland: 77% 'yes'. It was a tribute to Rutledge's work over many years in Charters Towers.

In Tom Roberts' famous painting of the opening of the first federal parliament, Rutledge appears amongst the other state Premiers, the premier of Queensland (who opposed federation) having departed overseas.

Next week: no meeting

There will be no meeting of the club next Monday, as it will be Easter Monday.

Next meeting: Michael Harvey: The creation of Action Stations

Last November the Australian Maritime Museum in Darling Harbour opened its new 'Actions Stations' exhibit. Located in a new building near the submarine 'Onslow' and the destroyer 'Vampire', the exhibit gives visitors a close up experience of what happens when a ship's crew is called to 'action stations'.

Assistant Museum Director Michael Harvey will recount how the museum put it all together.



Rotary Club of Belrose
Community

EASTER EGG HUNT

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WHEN: Saturday 26TH March 2016
10am - 12noon

WHERE: DAVIDSON RURAL FIRE BRIGADE
Cnr Kambora Ave & Borgnis St, Davidson.

Bring your children, 12 years and under,
for a **HUNT for EASTER EGGS**
and to climb on a real **FIRE TRUCK.**

ENTRY: **\$2 GOLD COIN** DONATION for EASTER EGG HUNT

Enjoy: Coffee, Tea & Softdrinks \$2 Sausage Sizzle \$3 Bacon & Egg Roll \$4

100% of all profits will be shared by Davidson Rural Fire Brigade and a local children's charity.

<http://www.facebook.com/belroserotary> Enquiries- Chris Wood ph: 9452 3026

Calendar of events

March	28	No meeting (Easter Monday)
April	4	Michael Harvey: The creation of Action Stations
	8	9 & 10 (Friday - Sunday): Dinners for 8
	11	Billy Cantwell: Editing the North Shore Times
	18	Ken Zulumovski: Gamarada Universal Indigenous Resources
	25	No meeting (Anzac Day)
May	2	Katie Miller-Crispe: Creating Operantics
	9	
	16	No meeting (meeting deferred to Wednesday 18 May)
	18	(Wednesday) Bobbin Head Cycle Classic presentations
	23	
	30	
June	6	
	13	No meeting (Queen's birthday)
	20	
	27	Club changeover
July	4	
	11	

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), Chris Hoch (Red Shield), Nick Kenyon, Ted Price

International: Georgina Manning, Roger Desmarchelier, Emyr Evans, Dilys Geddes, Rob Hall, 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, Stan Glaser, Gary Keating, Chris Lewis, Matt Mahjoub, Joy Newling, Don Riddell