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Meeting Apology

Please use the club website **before 3 pm** on meeting day to apologise or add a guest, or you will be required to reimburse the club for your meal cost.

<http://www.kuringgairotary.org.au>

Last Meeting - 21 Jan

Loic Lacombe



Thank you for receiving me. I am very happy to be here among you.

I was a member of the French Round Table, which is like a young Rotary in France, and as I have decided to stay in Australia, it seems natural to me to keep alive my commitments around the values shared by the Rotary.

In 2009 I decided to do a career break and to do an MBA at Macquarie Uni. I chose Australia among Australia, Canada and South Africa because Australia was also a dream since I was a child. When I arrived I did some tuition in English to improve my communication skills and I met my Partner Sofia through my English teacher. She is Librarian in 2 different law firms. So I am still here in Australia.

I finished my MBA 1.5 year ago and I focussed on finance and strategy. It was an amazing experience for me with 42 people in my cohort and 20 different nationalities. That's really great just to stop working, to take time to think about the

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Tonight

David Rosenberg:
"Inside Pine Gap" (see Page 2)

Last Week:
President Roger Desmarchelier

Roger welcomed our guests Loic Lacombe, guest of Tony McClelland, Nick Kenyon, guest of Ross Lambert, Eunice Price, guest of Ted, and Geoff Nickson (RC of Ryde) - who advised that registrations to attend are very strong and encouraged us to register now for the coming **District Conference at Nowra.**

Roger: *"I want to thank Loic Lacombe for his very insightful talk at our last meeting. I also neglected to thank our other speaker that night, Emyr Evans, who gave us a look into his amazing career as a global music examiner. Whilst it is always good to have external speakers participate in our weekly meetings it is always interesting to hear our own members give talks on their business or other activities and interests. I am hopeful that we can have a member speaker participation once a month, so be prepared for that tap on the shoulder."*

District Conference

Final District Conference as District 9680

15-17 March 2013 at Shoalhaven

Have you thought of going? Why not join us for a weekend of inspiration and fun? Please see Joy or Greg for more details.

See some great photos of the venue at:
<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/9680/HTML/169309/Nowra-WhatToDo.pdf>

BHCC Volunteers

We need **every member, partner and friend to volunteer** for BHCC. Up to 2,000 riders are expected. Michael Tyler and Chris Hoch were first to offer.

For information about the event:
www.bobbinheadcycleclassic.com.au/

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world around us, to learn and to move on again somewhere you didn't expect to beforehand.

I am now working for my own company as a Senior Consultant. My company provides services in business strategy with a particular focus on extracting and analysing data.

For example projects delivery include:

- Modelling and improving the business model of companies
- Improving efficiency and financial performance
- Data and statistical analysis
- Decision making models

My background is mathematics. I wrote a thesis on the interest rates in 5 countries especially France and Germany as a part of a PHD in Mathematics.

As a Frenchman I did my military service and I was sent overseas in the French Marines. I discovered **Reunion Island**, which is close to **Mauritius** and worked there for 12 years. First as Finance project manager, and then asset manager in a property fund. My company provided financial accommodation solutions and customised relocation services for people coming from Europe.

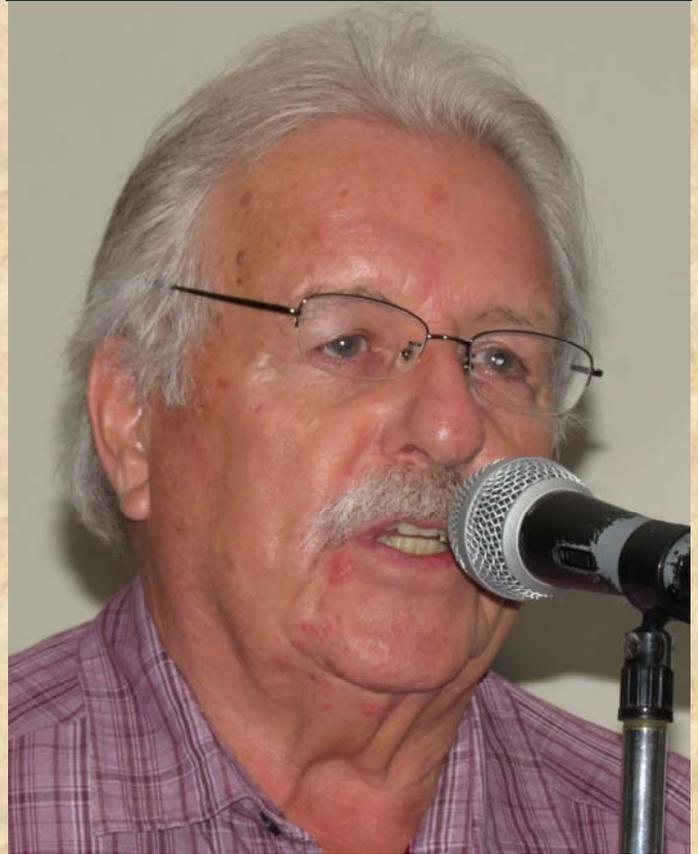
Then in 2008 I moved to another French Territory, Mayotte in the **Comoros Islands**, in the south of Seychelles. I was the Business Development Manager of my company and I was responsible for the day-to-day management of its property fund.

I also spent 15 years as a Part-time lecturer in financial mathematics and statistics at Sorbonne Business School and at University.

As you have understood I love numbers.

Thank you very much for listening to me. Have a great night.

Emyr Evans (Last week)



Emyr spoke about his work and what takes him overseas periodically. During the last occasion October until a few days after Christmas Day he spent time in The Maldives where amongst others he was given some quite sumptuous accommodation, he spent seven weeks in Sri Lanka renewing acquaintances and a fortnight in Goa both of which he'd visited previously.

He also spent some time in between work in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia where he was able to be looked after over Christmas by a Chinese Malaysian family that he's known for a number of years.

Emyr attempted to respond to some challenging questions from the floor and particularly from Lou Coenen and David Forsythe.

Tonight: David Rosenberg: *Inside Pine Gap*

David was employed as a civilian by the United States National Security Agency (NSA) for 23 years, completing his last 18 years with the Agency in Operations at the Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap in Alice Springs. When he left in 2008, he was the United States government's longest serving technical liaison officer in Australia. He became an Australian citizen in 2009.

David was trained in Electronic Intelligence (ELINT) and has over 20 years experience in the Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) community, evaluating the function, capabilities, performance, and vulnerability assessment of all types of radar, associated weapon systems such as Surface-to-Air Missiles (SAMs), ballistic missiles, and cruise missiles, and countermeasure techniques / tactics. He has 18 years experience with all aspects of satellite surveillance resources, assets, equipment, and recording techniques and over 20 years experience in the production and reporting of intelligence across the global Intelligence Community. On 27 June, Hardie Grant Publishers released his book, *Inside Pine Gap*, the first book written about Pine Gap by an individual who held the top secret security clearance that allowed him to work inside Operations. His book details the intelligence collection mission at Pine Gap and the partnership between Australia and the United States that has made Pine Gap the most important satellite ground site in the Intelligence Community.

Great News about: Katuuso School in Uganda

We can be proud of our part in getting electricity to the Katuuso Primary and Vocational School in Uganda.

We have contributed \$3201, the Rotary e-Club of Greater Sydney, and the Rotary Club of Mengo in Uganda, also contributed to bring the combined figure to \$15,854.

The Rotary Foundation, through District Funds and a Matching Grant contributed \$27,027.

The combined total of \$42,881 will provide solar power and a back-up generator which will help the school very significantly.

Katuuso is not only a primary school; it also produces chillies as a cash crop and as a way of helping local farmers learn better agricultural techniques.

Part of the first chilli crop.



Why not follow the link below to see more of this inspiring story?

<http://schoolforlife.org.au/>

Please pass on this story to others. We may introduce someone else to sponsor a child or make some other donation!

YOUR Club Website

Did you know?

Your new website includes a facility to **EMAIL ALL MEMBERS** by using just ONE special email address!

Send your email to this address and the system will automatically forward it to all members. It is that easy! There is also an email address to email club 'friends'.

(Your editor has not revealed the secret here, to prevent possible spam if the word gets out - so keep the secret to yourself please!)

Read about how to use it by logging in to the Member Forum area of the website - go to "Mass Email All Members": [Link to website](#).

...gone are the days of inadvertently omitting someone from your mailing - or having to ask someone else!!

RYLA Dinner



Rotary Youth Leadership Award Annual Dinner

On Tuesday, 15 January, Emyr, Greg and Joy attended the Annual RYLA dinner at the Dural Country Club. We were hosted by Karina Barrett, our participant at RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award).

With more than 70 young people, plus friends and Rotarians in the room, there was a real buzz and a lot of talking and laughter. Guest speaker, Kemuel Lam Paktsun, a former RYLarian, Rotaractor and now Rotarian, was very interesting. He is a member of the Australian Federal Police and had some fascinating stories.

The fine session was good fun and during the whole week of RYLA, they raised \$2,200 for Camp Breakaway on the central coast.

Karina will be coming to our Club to talk for a few minutes about her RYLA experience on 25 February.

BHCC Volunteers

REMINDER...

We need **every member to EACH find a few volunteers** to help out at the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic.

In addition to START/FINISH, Drink Stops and Help points, Marshals are required to assist with directions and safety at every TURN on the 112 km of routes.

SUNDAY 24 MARCH, various times from early, to ???

Meeting Schedule

<u>2012/13</u>	Calendar	
January	21	Club Forum Night
	28	Public Holiday
February	4	Speaker David Rosenberg — BM
	11	Pride of Workmanship (vocational)
	18	Dillon Lin & Sean Dawson – our participants in the National Youth Science Forum in Jan 2013
	25	BHCC Presentation - Peter Kipps & Karina Barrett, our sponsored RYLA attendee Jan 2013
March	4	BM
	11	Rotary Awareness Night
	18	
	24	BHCC
	25	
April	1	Easter
	8	BM
	15	
	22	Club Forum Night
	29	
May	6	BM
	13	
	20	Rotary Awareness Night
	27	
June	3	BM (Trivia Night 1 June)
	10	Queens Birthday public holiday
	17	
	24	Changeover Night