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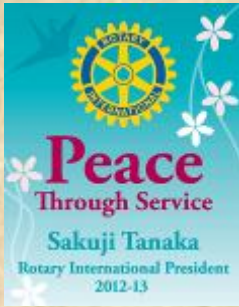
# KOONGGA



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[www.kuringgairotary.org.au](http://www.kuringgairotary.org.au) The club meets every Monday 6.30pm at West Pymble Bowling Club



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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

**David Rosenberg:** *"Inside Pine Gap"*

## Pride of Workmanship

Next Monday we are giving 5 pride or workman ship awards one for Clarke Road School and 4 for Police

This is a significant evening and we are expecting over 40 for the meeting.

## Meeting fee and Apology

The meal price for our meeting has increased to \$32.00 effective immediately.

**Please note, if you do not apologise and do not attend a meeting you will be sent a request to deposit \$32.00 in our general account**

## Lifeline

Lifeline sent a letter of appreciation for the Christmas Hampers

## Tonight

*Pride of Workmanship*

## Ross Lambert—The LAB

Ross Lambert Communiy Service

The Lab is a project that started in Victoria for children suffering from Asperger's.

The Lab is run 2 afternoons each week and the weekend.

They often struggle at school and they are often intelligent.

This an opportunity for the children and also respite for the parents, who can get together for coffee at the Lab.

There are 40 families on the waiting list.

## 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/](http://www.bobbinheadcycleclassic.com.au/)



## David Rosenberg Guest Speaker



Source—SMH

There are many secret, inscrutable things in the vastness of the Australian outback, but few are so determinedly and actively unknown as the small technical encampment more than a dozen kilometres outside Alice Springs called Pine Gap.

For 41 years, the joint US-Australian intelligence facility - officially known as the Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap - has remained protected by a seemingly impenetrable wall of government secrecy.

But in 2008, and after 18 years of service, one of the men who worked there walked out of the desert and set about writing a book detailing his time at the super secret base.

Protesters at Pine Gap.

What makes the effort so remarkable is that not only was the American-born electrical engineer-turned-technical spy David Rosenberg one of the longest-serving and most experienced officers at Pine Gap, he is also a 23-year veteran of the US's most secretive intelligence agency, the National Security Agency.

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"They will never let you write this book, let alone publish it," were the comments Rosenberg received from his colleagues.

Three years later, Rosenberg has proved them all wrong. Despite a long and frustrating struggle with the NSA - whose function is so secret it is jokingly referred to as No Such Agency - over the contents of the book, in several days a description of life inside one of the world's most secretive spy bases will be available for sale.

Titled *Inside Pine Gap: The Spy Who Came in From the Desert*, Rosenberg's book discusses the role of Pine

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Gap from 1990 to 2008, and it details his life and work across four Australian prime ministers, three American presidents, numerous wars in the Middle East, Europe, Africa and Asia as well as the end of the Cold War and the 2001 terrorist attacks in the US.

Through all that, Rosenberg sat in a large dark room in the centre of Australia, watching and listening.

"We weren't publicised, our role was wasn't well known, and some of the stuff that we did at our facility and also what happens at other facilities was quite remarkable," Rosenberg says from his Sydney home. He became an Australian citizen after leaving Pine Gap and now works for a NSW government department

He remains under a lifetime onus not to reveal classified details of his work, but he can say that he was trained as an analyst of "ELINT", or electronic intelligence.

"I was initially trained in the analysis of foreign radar emissions, electronic warfare, weapons testing methodologies for various military systems, and that included surface-to-air and ballistic missiles."

When asked to describe what Pine Gap does, he points to a statement made by the former prime minister Bob Hawke in Parliament in 1988: "Pine Gap is a satellite ground station, whose function is to collect intelligence data which supports the national security of both Australia and the US. Intelligence collected at Pine Gap contributes importantly to the verification of arms control and disarmament agreements."

The chief role of Pine Gap is to monitor and report upon the existence and modification of weapons systems, particularly nuclear stockpiles and ballistic missiles, of countries of concern to the US and Australia. Via its satellites, Pine Gap absorbs a massive spectrum of communications, telemetry signals and radar emissions and funnels them to analysts on the operations floor for monitoring and examination.

For more than four decades it has played a vital role in the signals intelligence collection capability of Australia and the US. As Professor Des Ball, Australia's leading academic expert on the base, writes in his foreword to Rosenberg's book, "Pine Gap is one of the largest, most important and most secret US intelligence collection stations in the world."

Ball also describes being "amazed" that the NSA allowed Rosenberg to publish the book.

"He does not disclose technical detail ... but he does relate a litany of activities that would previously have been regarded as being beyond 'top secret'."

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Ultimately, Ball writes, the book may have been allowed to be published because it is a "great success story" regarding the US-Australian partnership and the achievements its unassuming intelligence analysts have racked up since the base began operations in June 1970.

Rosenberg takes the reader into his first day inside Pine Gap's "secure building", past the entrance where a pair of Australian and US flags are displayed and into the open-plan operations floor.

"The entire operations floor was dimly lit as the analysts needed low light to help them see details on their computer monitors," Rosenberg writes. "I saw signs above the various work areas indicating the type of activities being performed by these highly specialised operators." Later: "For an operator/analyst, a day on the operations floor was a mix of the routine and the sometimes surprising ... Depending on world events at the time, Pine Gap focused on various 'hot spots' of military interest."

Rosenberg describes - sometimes in frustratingly scant detail - searching for weapons systems before and during both American wars in Iraq, scanning for rebel leaders in Somalia, intercepting Serbian leaders communications during the 1998 Kosovo conflict, monitoring North Korea's emergent nuclear facilities and even hunting for Osama bin Laden.

"Because of the level of secrecy at the NSA, it's very, very difficult for anyone to conceive of writing a book," Rosenberg says. "It's something that I had to consider when I was writing, because I knew that a lot of what I was going to write would be taken out."

He was right. After spending six months writing the book, he submitted his manuscript to the NSA's pre-publication review board in 2009, hopeful he would get a response within 30 days.

In the end, it took more than a year, although Rosenberg was ultimately surprised by the amount of sensitive information the board allowed him to retain.

Those expecting revelations of malicious government spying will find the book a disappointment, however, as Rosenberg remains a committed advocate of the role he says the spy base plays in securing the interests of Australia and the US.

"Australians share the load at Pine Gap, they share the leadership and the information and Australian security interests are certainly addressed at Pine Gap," he says. "It's one of the things that helps keep the Australian and American partnership working as well as it does and Australians should be aware it's also there to help keep Australian citizens safe."

## Polio Plus Update—Rob Byrnes

Hello Members (Turramurra)

I mentioned at last night's meeting that there had been no cases of polio so far this year. Unfortunately, it has just been reported that we did in fact have our first case a few days ago in Karachi, Pakistan, which is disappointing but obviously not unexpected. To make the case even more tragic, the little boy's parents had repeatedly refused vaccination.

The other major news is that, yesterday afternoon, the Islamic Development Bank announced approval of a loan to Pakistan of \$251 million for their polio eradication activities over the next three years. This, as well as funding of \$49 million from the Pakistani government, will go a long way towards filling the funding gap in Pakistan. The biggest danger however is in Nigeria and neighbouring countries where many vaccination initiatives have been scaled back or cancelled due to lack of funds. Let's hope a funding breakthrough emerges there as well.

Regards

Rob



## Volunteers BHCC

### Volunteers for Bobbin Head Cycle Classic

		6am to 2.30pm	
<b>Sunday 24th March</b>			
John	Aitken	2	
Malcolm	Braid		
Lou	Coenen	2	
Ivan	Cribb	1	Joyce
	Desmarcheli		
Roger	er		
Scott	Drake		
Ross	Egan	4	
Emyr	Evans		
Wally	Forbes	0	Unavailable
David	Forsythe	0	Unavailable
Dilys	Geddes	2	
Chris	Hoch	1	
Judy	Houghton	1	
Geoff	Hungerford	2	
Bob	Ivey	1	
Tom	Jackson	1	
Caroline	Jones	1	
Nick	Kenyon	1	
Peter	Kipps	1	
Ross	Lambert	2	
Linda	Lam-Rohlf	1	
Graham	Maslen	2	
Tony	McClelland	2	
Michael	Midlam	1	Video
Adele	Mitchell		
Greg	Newling		
Joy	Newling	1	
Ted	Price	1	
Peter	Tang	1	
Graham	Timms	0	Unavailable
Michael	Tyler	2	
Frank	White		
<b>Total</b>		<b>33</b>	



## Movie Evening

# JOIN US FOR A ROTARY FUNDRAISER FILM NIGHT

**Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai Inc.**

*Having fun supporting our community*

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February at Roseville Cinema**

6.30 pm Enjoy drinks & nibbles in the foyer

7.30 pm Film (130 mins)

Tickets \$25

Group booking – **limited number of tickets available.**

To avoid disappointment, tickets must be pre-purchased. Contact:

Ross: 0417 225 612

Email: [ross.egan@chubb.com.au](mailto:ross.egan@chubb.com.au)

Reserve your tickets & pay/collect at the door

## Film: Anna Karenina - An epic story of love

Nominated 6 BAFTAS incl: **Outstanding British Film**

Nominated 4 Academy Awards incl: **Best Cinematography**

Nominated for **FOUR OSCARS** including Cinematography, Costume Design and Music

In late 19th-century Russia, socialite Anna Karenina (Keira Knightley) marries government official Karenin at the age of 18, despite the fact that she doesn't love him.

While at a ball, she finds herself attracted to the wealthy Count Vronsky, who professes his love to her. Despite her feelings for him, she refuses his attentions. When he continues to pursue her, her willpower is tested and her husband's government career is put at risk.

Based on the classic novel by Leo Tolstoy.

### Industry Review by Peter Travers:

*It could have weighed a ton. That can happen when you film an 1877 classic by Russian novelist Leo Tolstoy. But thanks to director Joe Wright, Anna Karenina lifts off into the wild blue of his imagination.*

*The surging romantic tragedy of a woman who dies for love is still there in Tom Stoppard's screenplay. Anna (Keira Knightley) leaves her dull husband, Karenina (Jude Law, so good he makes virtue worth investigating), and their beloved son to experience unbridled passion with studly Count Vronsky (Aaron Taylor-Johnson, the definition of dashing). The story has been filmed many times, but never with this kind of erotic charge. Knightley is glorious, her eyes blazing with a carnal yearning that can turn vindictive at any perceived slight.*

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## Chatswood Rotary

Funds raised to bring children orphaned by Japan earthquake and tsunami to Sydney

AT least four children who lost parents when Japan was hit by an earthquake and tsunami in 2011 will travel to the north shore in August as part of a Rotary Club of Chatswood International project.

Around 1500 children lost a parent and 200 children lost both parents when a magnitude 9 earthquake struck off the coast of Japan on March 11, 2011, triggering a deadly tsunami.

Chatswood-based Rotarians have raised money for an Aussie holiday for a handful of children aged 12-15 years from Fukushima district.

HAVE YOUR SAY: What do you think of the gesture? COMMENT BELOW.

Rotary Chatswood International project director Yoshi Matsunaga said the orphans of Fukushima needed to be comforted and know 'that there is still love in the world'.

"We need to bring the orphans of Fukushima who had not only lost their homes but their parents as well to comfort and console them that there is still love in the world," he said.

For information, sponsorship or donations, contact Joyce Lewis on 0426 281 878.

## Hills Rotary Forms Trust For Local Fami-

.The Rotary Club of Norwest Sunrise (Bella Vista) Inc, along with support from Rouse Hill Rotary Club recently established the Lincolne Innis Trust. The Trust's main focus is to support the Innis family from Kellyville. Lincolne Innis, one of Grant and Sharon Innis' six children, suffered a devastating surfing accident in January 2012 which turned him into a quadriplegic. Lincolne was air lifted to a local hospital and spent three weeks in intensive care. Eleven months of gruelling and painful rehabilitation then took place as Lincolne courageously fought to regain motor skills such as holding a utensil or moving a small object.

Lincolne returned home to his family just before Christmas – there would be no better Christmas present in the world for the Innis family. He needs specialist medical equipment to help him manoeuvre around the family home, plus high level care 24 hours a day. Lincolne and his family are forward looking, gracious, and grateful. Family life as they knew it was shattered just over a year ago but hope, determination and local community support are allowing some pieces to be rejoined.

The Rotary Club of Norwest Sunrise (Bella Vista) Inc was proud to have Sharon and Grant as guest speakers – they are truly amazing parents.

If you would like more information about the Lincolne Innis Trust or like to make a donation, please contact Debra Manson on 0433 227 601.

Debra Manson from the Rotary Club of Norwest Sunrise (Bella Vista) Inc presenting a cheque to Grant and Sharon Innis.



## 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	
February	11	Pride of Workmanship (vocational)
	18	Dillon Lin & Sean Dawson – our participants in the National Youth Science Forum in Jan 2013
	25	Theatre Night. Roseville
March	4	BM BHCC Presentation - Peter Kipps & Karina Barrett, our sponsored RYLA attendee Jan 2013
	11	Rotary Awareness Night
	18	
	24	BHCC
	25	Speaker. Fran Killaway. The Frasil Technology
April	1	Easter
	8	BM Speaker Alan Maclean. Australian History
	15	
	22	Club Forum Night
	29	
May	6	BM
	13	
	20	Rotary Awareness Night
	27	
June	1	Trivia Night 1 June
	3	BM
	10	Queens Birthday public holiday
	17	
	24	Changeover Night