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Club Membership Growing By One Per Month

Induction of 2 new Rotarians

Last week President Tony McClelland inducted 2 new members of the club.

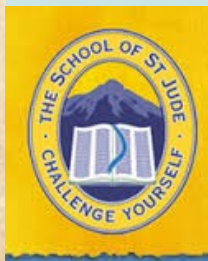
Jack McCartney has the classification 'Financial Services' and joins the Community Service Committee. Jack is a keen cyclist, who told us that he had been looking for a way to put something back into the community. He looks forward to assisting with the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic in particular.

Greg Goodman has the classification 'Human Resource Services'. He joins the New Generations (Youth) Committee. Greg said that he already has a connection with Lifeline through his wife, who is a volunteer with that organization. Consequently he had been thinking about joining Rotary when he was invited to join our club.

Welcome aboard Jack and Greg! With the induction of Loïc Lacombe in July, the club has made a great start to achieving President Tony's aim of inducting 12 new members during his year as president. Members: keep up the good work of inviting your family, friends and business associates to our meetings.



Thanks To The Club



School of St Jude, Tanzania

Greg Newling read out a touching letter of thanks from a student at The School of St Jude, thanking our club for its contributions, which include funds for construction of dormitories and to support individual students' attendance at the school.

Bobbin Head Cycle Classic

At Vice President John Aitken's request, Ross Egan, Chris Hoch and Jack McCartney volunteered to undertake the task of contacting cycle clubs and teams that participated in the Sydney to Gong Ride, to invite their participation in the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic. Well done, fellows!

John said that the BHCC committee would be encouraging entrants to seek sponsors to raise additional funds.

Inaugural District 9685 Conference

The first District 9685

Conference will be held at Chatswood Concourse for a single day on Rotary's birthday - 23rd February 2014. Don't miss this unique event. Put it in your diary and book now! Early bird pricing applies until 30 November 2013.



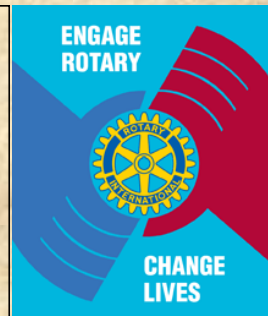
Rotary Against Malaria

Greg also announced receipt of a certificate of thanks from Rotary Against Malaria, listing the villages in Papua New Guinea which have been provided with mosquito-repellant bed nets with funds provided by our club.



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The club meets every Monday 6.30pm at West Pymble Bowling Club, 2 Prince of Wales Drive, West Pymble. Visitors welcome. www.kuringgairotary.org.au

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Theme 2013-2014

This Week's Speaker

Annabelle Chauncy Update on Katuso School



Annabelle is the co-founder of The School For Life Foundation, which established Katuso School in Uganda with the support of our club. She will bring us up to date on progress at the school, future plans and the benefits of the solar power unit we helped to fund with the Rotary Foundation. Come along and hear about the extraordinarily rapid progress that the Foundation is making with this school.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award Call For Nominees



*An inspiring personal
development seminar for
young people
aged 18 - 25 years*

RYLA is a one-week leadership training program for young adults 18-26. Next year it will be held at Vision Valley, Arcadia from Sunday 12 to Saturday 18 January 2014.

RYLA commenced in Queensland in 1959 and has spread throughout the Rotary world.

It started in our District in 1970. Many young people who have attended RYLA have described it as a life-changing experience. It has benefited them as leaders in their local community, volunteer activities and in their careers and business dealings. It is a powerful and valuable program.

Our District 9685 is looking for 85 participants and our club will be sponsoring one. The cost of each sponsorship is \$815, which includes 6 days accommodation, meals, presentations, workshops and activities in behavioural analysis, negotiation and conflict resolution, public speaking, self-motivation and goal setting, group dynamics and team building and community service.

We are looking for applicants! Would you like to nominate someone who meets the following criteria?

- Between the ages of 18 and under 27 at 1.1.2014, and has left school for at least one year.
- Currently involved, or anticipates being involved, in some form of local community youth leadership – in groups such as scouting, guiding, sporting clubs, church groups, government agencies, local business and emergency services.

To date we have not received any nominations, so your Youth Committee needs help from club members and others to nominate potential RYLA participants. We need to receive nominations and conduct interviews this month!

If you would like more information or would like to put forward a nomination, please contact me.

Joy Newling

Love Food Hate Waste

Want to know how to reduce your waist-line and your household waste at the same time?



Ku-ring-gai Council is promoting a series of four free 2 hour workshops hosted by a registered nutritionist and sponsored by the Environmental Protection Authority. Find out more about healthy eating and food sustainability, including:

- Planning healthy seasonally-based menus
- Serve sizes
- Shopping to a list
- Using leftovers
- Storing food correctly
- Getting to know food labels

Date & Time: Tue 10 Sept 6.30-8.30pm

Venue: Gordon Library, meeting room 2

Last Week's Speaker



Sara Mehrabi Coal Seam Gas Mining And Its Expected Impacts

President Tony's daughter-in-law, Sara Mehrabi, a groundwater engineer with over 10 years industry and research experience, gave a fascinating talk, focusing on the basic facts on coal seam gas (CSG) mining in NSW.

CSG is methane, which is non-toxic and occurs naturally in the air we breathe. Underground, it is trapped in cracks in coal and kept in place by water pressure. 'Fracking' (hydraulic fracturing by injection of high pressure water) is only required when a coal seam does not have enough interconnected cracks. The 'footprint' of CSG mining is small by comparison with other types of mining.

Fracking does not use toxic chemicals in NSW. The mixture used is 99.5% sand and water. Chemicals are used to lubricate drill heads. NSW has strong regulations to prevent contamination of good quality water aquifers.

Water pumped out of coal seams is very saline (but not as much as sea water). Use or disposal of it is one of the biggest issues facing the industry. Reinjection to the coal seam is the best method of disposal.

Sink holes are not caused by CSG mining because no solid material is removed. Some slight subsidence might be caused. Longwall mining presents a much greater hazard.

CSG mining only occurs at depths at which coal extraction is uneconomic. If the community rejects CSG mining, energy costs will increase. On the other hand, CSG mining will be unnecessary if more effective batteries are developed to store electricity generated by solar or wind power.