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Rotary monthly theme: March: Literacy

This week

Generation Why Rotary?

Many service clubs and other organisations have declining membership, as they face difficulty in attracting the interest and participation of the next generation. So what's the secret of getting them to join in?



One man who has researched the problem and knows how to overcome it is speaker, social researcher and author Michael McQueen. At this week's meeting, Rob Hall will present a video of Michael's presentation to the recent District Conference, in which he explored the opportunity and challenges Rotary clubs face and proposed solutions they can implement.

Come along and join in the discussion of what our club can do to encourage younger people to become involved.

Busy Rotary Bees

Thanks to Bob & Gwen Ivey, Greg & Joy Newling, Graham & Judy Timms, Geoff & Patsy Hungerford, Graham & Anne Maslen, John Aitken, Michael Midlam, Lou Coenen and Rob Hall, who stuffed 1350 envelopes for the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic before last week's meeting. President Tony was so impressed that he called for more volunteers to stuff another 400 envelopes before this week's meeting. Well done to all our volunteers!.



Last week: guests & announcements

President Tony welcomed Past President Paul Rickard and Michael Robertson from the Rotary Club of Turramurra, Kate & Jackie Rudman, Nick Watt, David Lewis and Patsy Hungerford.

Tony thanked Chris Hoch, who sold 2 computers for \$400 and donated the proceeds to the club. Well done, Chris.

Rotary Leadership Institute

If there is anything you don't know or want to know about Rotary, the Rotary Leadership Institute is the place to find out. The Institute runs short programs which are **open to any Rotarian who wants to know more about Rotary.**



To encourage our members to attend the Institute, the club's board has decided to sponsor (i.e., pay for) any member of the club who attends the Institute. **Loïc Lacombe** and **Graham Maslen** have taken up the offer.

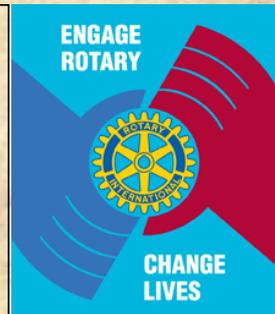
The next Institute course will be run over three Saturdays - on 12 July, 26 July and 2 August. The program starts at 8:30 for 9:00am and finishes around 4 pm. Morning tea and lunch are provided.

The course is held at the District 9685 office in Thornleigh.

To register email either Michael Schwarcz on mschwarcz@gmail.com or David Rands on dbrands@bigpond.com

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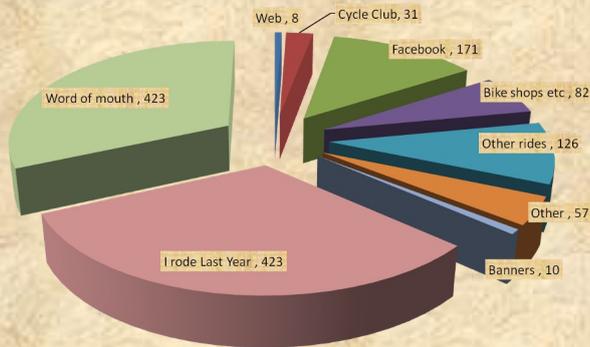
The club meets every Monday 6.30pm at West Pymble Bicentennial Club, 2 Prince of Wales Drive, West Pymble. Visitors welcome. www.kuringgairotary.org.au

Rotary International Theme 2013-2014

Bobbin Head Cycle Classic update

Peter Kipps presented an update on rider registrations and the effectiveness of marketing of 'The Bobbo'. The pictures tell the story: firstly the registrations to date and the forecast total and secondly the sources of riders.

	9 Mar	Forecast
104 km ride	841	1050
80 km ride	197	260
57 km ride	219	290
12 km ride	75	120
Grand Total	1332	1720



Last week's speakers



Kate Rudman Rotary Youth Program of ENrichment

Kate, a Year 10 student and talented singer at Ku-ring-gai Creative Arts High School attended RYPEN at Collaroy in late January. She told us that there

were 80 students from all over New South Wales, who were divided into 4 teams of 20.

Kate described some of the activities the students undertook during the weekend, including:

- 'Ice breaking' games to get to know each other;
- Indoor and outdoor leadership activities;
- An obstacle course for strategy and teamwork; and
- An 'eco' challenge, involving a mannequin on a stretcher.

In summary, Kate said that she now feels more confident about meeting people and taking on leadership roles and she had acquired useful life skills that will aid her in future.

Nick Watt

Rotary Youth Leadership Award

Nick has completed an International and Global Studies degree and is now in his second year of the Sydney University 'Juris Doctor', the post-graduate law degree.



He has done charity work with Rough Edges, a donated meals program at Darlinghurst and also been a volunteer at Fisher Road Disability School at Dee Why which is similar to Clarke Road School.

Nick reported to the club on his experience at RYLA, a one-week leadership training seminar (or, as some would have it, a camp, a conference or simply 'rehab') for young people held at Vision Valley in January. There were 80 participants aged 20 – 25 from all walks of life, including students and employees. However, by the end of the week they were close mates.

The week was mentally and physically exhausting, but very rewarding. Highlights included:

- Leadership training, with rigorous exercises to put classroom lessons into practice, followed by reflection at the end of each day about what they had learned and how they could use it;
- Inspiring speakers, including
 - Bianca Orsini from the Salvation Army, who talked about homelessness, adversity and resilience;
 - Police Superintendent Deborah Wallace, who spoke on leadership in crises and through adversity;
 - Corporal Shane Healey, an Iraq and Afghanistan veteran, who spoke about adaptability;
- An exercise in forming leadership structures to get people to work together;
- Crisis simulations, including a simulated bushfire evacuation of a retirement home;
- Some practical community service; and
- The social element, including dances and the end of week dinner, with entertainment provided by the participants.

Nick thanked our club for a fantastic experience and said that he would spread the word about RYLA, become involved in Rotaract and continue to do what he can for the community.



Bob Elsworth 10 on me

Age 0 to 12: Bob's paternal grandparents emigrated to Australia in April 1911 from Barnsley near Leeds in England. His maternal grandparents were second generation Australians. Both couples lived in Kogarah. Bob was born at Camperdown in 1949. His mother was a receptionist and his father was a travelling salesman for Slazengers. Bob grew up at Allawah with 2 sisters, one older by 4 years & 1 younger by 3. He went to Hurstville primary school. He had a very happy childhood.

Age 13 to 16: Being a somewhat wild child Bob's parents thought it prudent to send him to a boarding school in Lismore called Woodlawn College. He was not interested in sport, or for that matter academic studies, when he arrived. However, 4 years of compulsory rugby league and focused tuition turned him into an advocate for both. He also learned to play basic guitar and derived much pleasure playing at every chance. At sixteen he finally convinced his parents to let him return to Sydney to attend the local co-ed high school at Blakehurst.

Age 17 to 18: Two of the best years of Bob's life: a wonderful culture both socially and academically. Having all his hair and being in the 1st football team stood him in good stead with the ladies, which he seemed to

have capitalized on by having a steady girlfriend through his 2 final school years. At this time Blakehurst had inter-school visits with Tumut High and, although he did not know at the time, his future bride and now wife of over 40 years (then only 14 years old) was observing him from a distance.

Bob matriculated and chose to do a civil engineering degree at UNSW.

Age 19 to 25: Bob picked up a part time cadetship with Sydney Water and later a Commonwealth scholarship. After 7 years of university, he obtained a graduate degree in civil engineering and a post graduate Master degree in structural engineering. During this period on a visit to Tumut with a good mate, who Bob billeted during high school, Bob was introduced to his girlfriend's sister, Kathryn, his now wife. They married in 1973 and in 1975 bought their first home in Gordon (a renovator's nightmare). Having little money, and being keen to learn to build, Bob took it on.



Age 25 to 30: Bob rolled up his sleeves and turned the house from white ant effluent to a family home. Kathryn had their first child, Holly, in 1979. Bob left Sydney Water to work in the private sector, initially with a large English firm called Simon Carves in heavy engineering.



Age 31 to 55: Bob's second child, Kate, was born in 1982. Both daughters attended Gordon pre-school, then Mt St Bernard's, then Gordon East public. They then attended Ravenswood Girls School from 5th class through to Year 12. Bob renovated the family's current home in Mt William Street, Gordon, established his own firm and contracted/consulted for around 17 years. He completed an MBA degree at Macquarie University part time when his children were in their teenage years and became an engineering management consultant. He played regular family tennis, touch football, renovated and enjoyed family life generally. Tied of pushing "the proverbial" uphill, he rejoined Sydney Water as a senior manager at age 48 and retired from there aged 55 in 2004. Bob's father died at age 77 in 1991 and a poignant life moment for Bob was to have been holding his hand when he passed.

Age 55 to 65 (present): Bob spent time with his invalid mother until she died age 91 in 2008. Bob's daughter Holly married a delightful young man named Dave Bottomley and now has 3 lovely children, with another on the way. Bob replaced touch football with cycling, helped family, friends and private clients with engineering and building issues and had numerous overseas trips. His weekly routine now includes cycling 4 mornings, kayaking 1 morning, golf 1 morning, tennis 1 evening, Rotary 1 evening, property maintenance, coffee, movies and meals with family & friends and ideally 2 overseas trips a year.



Bobbin Head Cycle Classic briefing

Bringing forward the briefing for volunteers by one week, Paul Rickard explained what's new in The Bobbo in 2014 - in particular the new finish route through Turramurra. He acknowledged the work in preparation for the event done by numerous members of our club, including by Bob Ivey on the event website.



Michael Robertson gave a detailed briefing for marshals, including the following important points:

- Wear a high visibility vest (which will be supplied).
- Bring hot and cold/wet weather clothing, a chair and something to eat and drink.
- Be actively involved: look out for dangers. Marshalls can stop cyclists, but not other traffic.
- Beware buses on narrow roads making wide turns.
- No standing on Eastern Road.
- Keep cyclists to the left of all roads.
- There will be a one-way system in the national park - stop any cyclists going in the wrong direction.
- Come back to Karuah Oval to sell raffle tickets when no longer required to marshal. We need lots of sellers.
- More volunteer marshals are still required.

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Calendar of events

March	23	(Sunday) Bobbin Head Cycle Classic
	24	Bobbin Head Cycle Classic review
	31	Gareth Hall - Pros and cons of self-managed superannuation funds
April	7	Roger Cherry - Who are those people? The plaques of Circular Quay.
	14	TBA
	21	(Easter Monday) No meeting
	28	Alan Edenborough - Saving the James Craig
May	5	Club forum
	12	Annabelle Chauncy, David Everett and Tony Castley - School For Life meets SewAid
	15	(Thursday) Bobbin Head Cycle Classic presentation (St Ives)
	19	TBA
	26	Richard Field – Okavango: miracle in the desert
June	1 - 4	Rotary International Convention - venue: Olympic Park, Homebush
	3	Rotary International Convention Host Hospitality Night
	9	(Queen's birthday) No meeting
	23	Club Changeover

Club officers and committee chairmen 2013-14

Board of directors

President	Tony McClelland
Vice President	John Aitken
President Elect	Tony McClelland
Secretary	Geoff Hungerford
Treasurer	Graham Maslen
Director - Membership	Roger Desmarchelier
Director - Public Relations	Michael Midlam
Director - Club Administration	(Vacant)
Director - Service Projects	John Aitken
Director - Rotary Foundation	Graham Timms

Service committee chairmen

Club Service	(Vacant)
Vocational Service	Michael Midlam
Community Service	Ross Lambert
International Service	Greg Newling
Youth Service	Joy Newling
Bobbin Head Cycle Classic	Peter Kipps
Sergeant-at-Arms	Greg Newling

Club committees 2013-14

Bobbin Head Cycle Classic: John Aitken, Ross Egan, Peter Kipps, Tony McClelland, Michael Midlam, Adele Mitchell, Graham Timms

Club History: Malcolm Braid, Tom Jackson

Club Service/Club Administration: Geoff Hungerford, Graham Maslen, Michael Tyler (Koongga Editor)

Community Service: Lou Coenen, Gary Dawson, Roger Desmarchelier, Ross Egan (Daffodil Day), Bob Elsworth, Rob Hall, Chris Hoch (Red Shield Appeal), Geoff Hungerford (Markets) Caroline Jones, Nick Kenyon, Ross Lambert, Loïc Lacombe, Jack McCartney, Michael Midlam (Bowel Scan), Frank White (Markets)

International Service: David Forsythe, Graham Maslen, Adele Mitchell, Greg Newling, Peter Tang

Membership: Roger Desmarchelier, Dilys Geddes, Linda Lam-Rohlfs

Public Relations: Michael Midlam

Program: Rob Hall, Ross Egan

Rotary Foundation: Graham Timms

Vocational Service: Michael Midlam

Youth Service: Malcolm Braid, Emyr Evans, Greg Goodman, Bob Ivey, Tom Jackson, Linda Lam-Rohlfs, Joy Newling, Ted Price