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Rotary monthly theme: **March: Literacy**

This week



Gareth Hall

Pros and cons of self-managed superannuation funds

Gareth Hall is a financial planner and owner of Lifestyle Financial Services in Chatswood. Lifestyle looks after over \$750 million in assets for around 500 personal clients and over 100 corporate superannuation clients.

Lifestyle deals with clients in all walks of life, and specialises in superannuation and retirement planning.

There are lots of misconceptions about the pros and cons of SMSF's, and there is some concern that they are not always being used appropriately. There is also increasing scrutiny from the Tax Office and the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority.

Gareth will present his opinion of the benefits and drawbacks of managing your own super fund and issues he has identified amongst his own clients, as well as answering whatever questions you may have.

Last week: guests & announcements

President Tony:

- Welcomed guests Robert and Joyce Enos, David Lewis and Patsy Hungerford;
- Announced that funds raised by the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic are expected to be about \$140,000; and
- Thanked John Aitken, Bob Elsworth, Peter Kipps and Ross Egan for their leading contributions to the success of the event.

District Assembly

Greg Newling reminded the members of the 2014/15 board of directors and committee chairman that the District Assembly will take place at Abbotsleigh School on Saturday, 12 April, commencing at 8.30 am.

The purpose of the District Assembly is to prepare

incoming club leaders for their year in office and to build their leadership team. It also gives the incoming District Governor, and the incoming Assistant Governors and District Team the opportunity to motivate club leadership teams and build their working relationship.

Participants can register online at <http://assembly.rotarydistrict9685.org.au>

Induction of David Lewis



President Tony inducted David Lewis as a member of the club, with the classification 'Defence Engineering'. He will join the Community Service Committee.

David is a Lieutenant Commander in the Royal Australian Navy, to which he transferred after initially serving in the Royal Navy. He is a weapons electrical engineer.

David was introduced to the club by Bob Ivey, who met him at last year's end of year awards ceremony at Ku-ring-gai Creative Arts High School, where David was presenting an award on behalf of the Defence Department.

David is a keen cyclist and in his spare time he manages the under 7 team at the St Ives Rugby Club. He is married to Jaime and they have 4 children under 14. We look forward to meeting Jaime, who was unable to attend David's induction, as she was looking after their children.

David had responsibility for managing one of the teams of marshals for the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic. He said that he was impressed by the organisation of the event and the initiative shown by the marshals, which made his job easy. He looks forward to being involved in other club projects.

Tick awareness - update

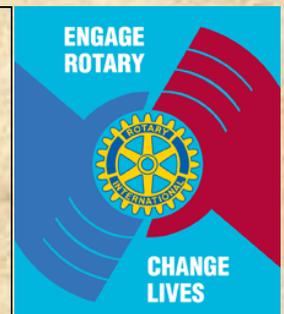
After Assoc Prof Sheryl van Nunen's talk to the club on tick induced allergies and our decision to provide some level of support for her tick awareness campaign, Rob Hall was asked to come back to the club with a proposal for the nature and scope of the support we might offer.



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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

Rob has been working with Sheryl on the redesign of her brochures and is currently exploring the feasibility of various ways of distributing them up and down the eastern seaboard. He anticipates coming back to the club with a proposal in the next couple of weeks. Any members who would like to join in the deliberations is most welcome.

School For Life Foundation



It's been another productive few months at Katuuso. The students are all settling in well and have this week been campaigning for leadership positions at the school. It's exciting to see how much they are growing and how strong the community of Katuuso Primary and Vocational School is becoming. Big changes are happening!

We are proud to be working with Disney's The Lion King for this year's Sydney Black Tie Fundraising Ball and the event is shaping up to be our biggest and most unique yet. [If you haven't bought tickets, get in quickly as they are selling fast!](#)



Equally as important for our fundraising endeavours is the Mazda 3 car raffle. If you can't attend the Sydney Ball, you can still win a prize, please [help us reach our goal of raising \\$50,000 by purchasing tickets here.](#)

Lastly, we are conducting some research to better understand the ways we can best engage with our donors. [If you could please spare 2 minutes to complete this short 10 question survey,](#) it would be very beneficial to us!

Annabelle Chauncy and Dave Everett

Bobbin Head Cycle Classic review



In opening the club's review of the Bobbo, President Tony said that 2007 riders participated in the event.

Peter Kipps said that the marketing of the event had demonstrated the power of Rotary. 40 people were involved in the process, using banners, the website, Facebook and numerous other methods. Completely

unpredictably, there were 130 rider registrations on the weekend of the event. Peter was confident that the Bobbo is 'on the map' and will continue for a long time. He will be seeking feedback from everyone involved.

John Aitken questioned whether the event has outgrown Karuah Oval and should move to St Ives Showground, but the feeling of the meeting was that the present site is still appropriate and has room for growth. There was discussion of specific aspects of the arrangements at the oval. John complimented our members for their initiative in getting involved in the clean up after the event. 2 potential Rotarians were identified during the day. Former club member John Thompson expressed interest in developing the 'Friends of Rotary' concept.

Ross Egan reported on the very early morning set up of drink stations and packing up afterwards and thanked all involved for their excellent teamwork. He reported that the quantities of bananas and muesli bars provided were exactly right. The King of the Mountain timed section had created great interest and should be repeated – with a separate 'Queen of the Mountain' list. He also emphasised the popularity of the 12km ride and the family atmosphere it created for the event, which is especially good for local community participation. The pride of children receiving ribbons for completing the ride was immense.



Bob Elsworth completed the 104km ride and suffered cramping afterwards. He commented on a few dangerous sections which require more warning (but noted that there had been no accidents in those areas). The comments he received from other riders were that the event was very professionally organised. It was a very good advertisement for Rotary and would make people want to join Rotary.

David Lewis noted some congestion in Akuna Bay and 'one hill too many' for many riders on the 104km route. He said the radio communications were good and the 5 accidents that occurred were all caused by cyclists, rather than cars. However, considering that the 2007 cyclists had ridden 100,000km between them during the event, that was a very low accident rate and spoke well for the organisation.

Bob Ivey commented on the successful use of Google tracking of volunteers during the event.

Greg Newling reported very positive feedback from people he spoke to. The raffle raised \$1,686 (which could have been more if there had been more ticket sellers). He thanked Joyce and Ivan Cribb, who sold tickets for 5 hours and others including Angela Wood, Helen Egan, Rita Coenen, Linda Lam-Rohlfis and Jack McCartney.

Emma Bagley sourced 15 raffle prizes. Greg also complimented President Tony, who ran the registration process and was treasurer for the Bobbo. Finally, he mentioned that, through marketing the event to bike shops in the Blacktown area, Martin Wynn of Eagles RAPS had made contact with 'Lifestyle and Leisure' of Schofields, which entered a team and took a stall at The Bobbo and is now discussing how it may help Eagles RAPS.

Ideas that came out of the discussion following the organisers' reports and will be taken into account for The Bobbo 2015 included suggestions for:

- More publicity about the ShelterBox displayed at Karuah Oval.
- A video presentation at the oval.
- More communication with local residents, who were very interested in being told about the event when it was on.
- Handing out information about Rotary and inviting all participants and local residents to visit a club with a view to joining.
- Getting 'Friends of Rotary' going.
- A 25 - 30km ride to bridge the gap between the 12km and 57km rides.
- Notes for riders about the particular risks of riding in the bush, such as leaves on the road.
- A briefing for riders about risks before they set off.
- Several safety improvements along the route of each ride.

German Evening

Saturday the 26th of April 2014
At the German-Austrian Club, 73 Curtin Street, Cabramatta



If you like a bit of dancing, this is for you

Full Alpine band

Just \$75pp *Try all dishes, full smorgasbord*

Patrolled car-park

Funds to Australian Rotary Health - 9685 project Cararoo & 9675 project GinPRA



Century Challenge Cycle Ride Sunday 18th May 2014

THE BIGGEST CYCLE EVENT ON THE NSW CENTRAL COAST

Now in its 14th year, Century Challenge attracts everyone with an interest in cycling and keeping fit – elite riders, social & family riders and children. Last year approximately 600 riders registered.

What: Cycling challenge for Children, Beginners (20k), Intermediate (50k) and Elite riders (100k)

When: Sunday, 18 May, 2014

Where: Start at Mount Penang Parklands and cycle through lush hinterland

Why: Great exercise, fresh air and support for Coast Shelter and local charities. Receive recognition for completing the challenge and enjoy free refreshments along the way

Registration: Register your team and online sponsors at www.centurychallenge.com.au

Early bird registration by 11 May, 2014 and be in the draw for an iPad-Mini



Next week's speaker

Roger Cherry

Who are those people? The plaques of Circular Quay



Set in the pavement around Circular Quay, from the Opera House to the International Passenger Terminal are metal plaques which celebrate the lives and works of writers. It's the Sydney Writers Walk, which honours not only Australian writers but also foreigners who lived in, or visited, Australia, such as D H Lawrence, Rudyard Kipling and Mark Twain. Come along next week and enjoy a 'guided tour' of the plaques.

Rotary International Convention

There are only 2 months to go to the highlight of the Rotary year in Sydney - your own hometown International Convention. Have you registered for the following yet?



- Attendance at the Convention - discounted registration until 31 March
- Convention volunteering
- Homestay hosting for visiting Rotarians
- Host Hospitality Night on Tuesday, 3 June. Don't leave your run too late!

Calendar of events

April	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-Rohlf

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-Rohlf, Joy Newling, Ted Price