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This week

John Davis

Where will your energy come from in future?

John Davis is a chemical engineer, photojournalist, filmmaker, rock climber, teacher, broadcaster and video production company owner - amongst other things. He's also co-developer of the website 'Energy Without Carbon', a site devoted to collection of the technology needed to fix the problem of man-made climate change.



In this talk, John will survey the problems facing the world in relation to production of energy and explore the options available for provision of energy without carbon emissions. Whether you're a climate change believer or denier, the world's coal and oil won't last forever and nuclear power is proving to be hazardous, so you have a real interest in knowing what the alternatives are for us and future generations.

Last meeting: Changeover

President Tony's Changeover was always going to be different and full of surprises and Tony didn't disappoint. So far as we know, there was no disagreement with the incoming President about the program - or if there was, Tony undoubtedly resolved it in his own inimitable way.



Peter Kipps acted as Master of Ceremonies with great panache and his typical subtle humour.

Tony's first surprise was the toast to Australia, given by Roger Desmarchelier. His second was the toast to Rotary International, by Graham Timms. Something for the traditionalists after all.

Guests, apologies and acknowledgements

Tony welcomed our guests, the Mayor of Ku-ring-gai,

Councillor Jennifer Anderson and Jim Anderson, the Chief Executive Officer of Lifeline Harbour to

Hawkesbury, Wendy Carver, the co-founder of the School For Life Foundation, David Everett, Past President Paul Rickard from the Rotary Club of Turramurra, Lindsay Forrest, Frances Forrest, Georgina Manning, Mark Houghton and the spouses and partners of the members present.

Apologies were received from the Member for Ku-ring-gai, Barry O'Farrell, Graham and Di Blackman and Sharna Philips.

Thanking Roger Desmarchelier for organising the event and Jannet Pendleton for the table decorations, President Tony said there would be no further formalities. He was kidding.

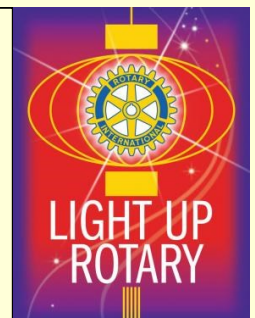
Annual report

Claiming that he had done nothing during the year, as everything had been done by the members, and that there was no annual report to present, Tony nevertheless expressed his great appreciation of:

- The Bobbin Head Cycle Classic which, in association with the Rotary Clubs of Turramurra and St Ives, raised \$135,000 for charities.
- The Gordon Markets which, in association with the Rotary Club of Turramurra, raised \$40,000 for projects.
- The club's members, who achieved everything they undertook.
- The club being the fastest growing club in the Universe. (*Some poetic licence there - Ed.*)
- The members' collective passion and willing involvement in the club's activities.
- The exceptional work of the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic committee members and volunteers, particularly David Lewis, John Aitken, Ross Egan, Peter Kipps, Bob Ivey, Nicky Dawson, Caroline Jones, Jack McCartney, Michael Midlam and Chris Hoch.
- The members' volunteering for and their work at the Neringah Hospital working bees.
- The members' involvement in running Gordon Markets.

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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 2014-2015

- The support for the Dinners For Eight program.
- The members' contributions as Rotary Centurions.
- The Rotary International Convention, for which he surprised himself by hosting a visiting District Governor.
- The members who attended the Convention - even Tony was glad that he went to it.
- Most efficient Secretary Geoff Hungerford and fantastic Treasurer Graham Maslen.
- The Koongga Editor, whose worst edition (he said) was better than any in the previous 15 years when Tony was editor.
- Jannet Pendleton for her support throughout the year.
- David Forsythe for nominating Tony to be president for 15 years and for acting as auditor for the club.
- Greg Newling for his organisation of club meetings and his Sergeant's fine sessions.
- Peter Tang for his involvement with Rotary International.
- Rob Hall for arranging guest speakers and other events.
- Bob Ivey for his tireless work on the club's website and the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic website.
- Loïc Lacombe for his organisation of the Christmas party.
- Ross Lambert for organising the Neringah Hospital project.
- Graham Timms for international fundraising.
- Ross and Helen Egan for arranging and running the trivia night.
- Ross Egan and Malcolm Braid for negotiating with Killara Golf Club.
- Linda Lam-Rohlf for a variety of initiatives.
- Joyce Enos for assisting Jack McCartney with the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic website.

President Tony also spoke of:

- His intention to increase the club's membership to 60 in the new Rotary year.
- Continuing focus on the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic as the club's major project.
- The club's aim of developing a plan to establish a Women's Refuge in the Hornsby area.

Outstanding contributor trophy

At this point, President Tony presented the club's trophy for 'Outstanding contributor for the year' to the surprised Koongga editor (who quickly scurried back to his notebook).



Induction of the President

Peter Kipps took over to conduct an audit of President Tony, noting:

- His family values - most of his family were speakers at the club's meetings.
- His criminal record - his mind cannot be changed even by being arrested.
- His stubbornness - illustrated by him challenging a kick-boxing sparring partner to kick him harder, resulting in a broken rib. Peter said you cannot change

- Tony's mind, as he doesn't know when he's beaten: he can't feel the pain.
- His mental health - (*you'll have to ask Peter about this one - Ed*).
- Tony was the first of the club's members to become involved in the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic.
- His focus on membership - Tony has brought in more members to the club than anyone else - 8 in the 2013/14 year - making the club a more vibrant club with much more potential.

With that introduction, Peter assisted President Tony to induct new President Tony, becoming Past President Tony (and possibly continuing as President-Elect Tony) in the process.

New President Tony then unfurled the banner bearing incoming Rotary International President Gary C K Huang's theme for 2014/15: "Light Up Rotary".



Joy Newling presented Past President Tony with a gift from the club in appreciation of his achievements for the year.

Presentation to Lifeline



In his capacity as Project Manager of the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic, Paul Rickard presented a cheque for \$64,600 to Wendy Carver for Lifeline.

Wendy responded by expressing Lifeline's appreciation of Rotary's support and the assistance of the Mayor and Council

of Ku-ring-gai, which provides Lifeline's premises. She related some of Lifeline's statistics for the past year:

- 70,000 calls on the crisis line.
- 4,000 hours' personal counselling.
- 3,000 hours' financial counselling.
- \$90,000 financial support.

She said that preventing suicide in Australia is everyone's responsibility.

Presentation to Blackman's Bicycles

President Tony acknowledged Blackman's Bicycles' great support of the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic from its inception. He said that he would deliver a certificate of appreciation to the company.

Presentation to the School For Life Foundation

International Service Committee Chairman Greg Newling presented a cheque to David Everett for the School For Life Foundation. David thanked the club for its support, which he said had assisted the Foundation to:



- Build a primary school for 200 children in Uganda, including classes for those with special needs;

- Install a solar power system, enabling:
 - Use of computers in the classrooms;
 - Refrigeration of fresh food for 3 daily meals for the children;
 - Night-time security;
 - Night-time classes for adults in financial literacy;
 - Night-time sewing classes (quadrupling the women's income); and
 - Use of televisions and DVDs to broaden students' knowledge of the world; and
- Grow cash crops, pigs and goats both for teaching purposes and to raise income for the Foundation.

David said that the Foundation is planning to build a second primary school and a secondary school.

Induction of a new member

In what may be another innovation on Changeover night, President Tony inducted Lindsay Forrest as a member of the club.



Lindsay has a background in sales and marketing and general management of a company specialising in consumer health products. His Rotary classification is 'Health Care Consumer Products'.

In his former corporate role, Lindsay was previously closely involved in supporting Save the Children Fund. (The 'Lindsay Forrest Golf Classic' is an annual fundraising event for the charity.) He is a volunteer driver for the elderly.

President Tony also welcomed Lindsay's wife, Frances, who is on the board of the Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre and volunteers one day per week at the Sydney Adventist Hospital.

In accepting his induction, Lindsay said that on retiring he had no intention of joining a service club. However, while playing golf with members of the club, he had been impressed by their passion and enthusiasm for Rotary's work, which changed his mind and made him want to become involved.

Paul Harris Fellow recognition



President Tony presented a second Paul Harris Fellow recognition to Joy Newling for her very caring, organised and meticulous leadership of the Youth Service Committee, which had achieved a great deal during her tenure, and her continuing involvement with Clarke

Road School. Tony referred to Rotary Leadership Youth Awards as one of the many ways that Rotary impacted positively on young people.

President Tony also presented Paul Harris Fellow recognition to Graham Timms, whom he described as a quiet achiever who had served on numerous service committees, always responded to requests for help and got the job done and



had achieved an enormous amount during his time in the club.

Finally, President Tony presented a fourth Paul Harris Fellow recognition to Peter Kipps for his outstanding work on the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic. Tony said that Peter was an outstanding achiever who had worked on the project for 3 months solid - more than anyone else in the 3 clubs involved.



Introduction of the new board

President Tony introduced the 2014-15 board of directors, pictured here:



Acknowledgements

The evening concluded with thanks to:

- Peter Kipps for acting as master of ceremonies.
- The staff of Avondale Golf Club for the service provided for the event.
- Jannet Pendleton for the table arrangements.
- Mark Haughton for his photography.

Sydney City Rotaract Changeover

Recently President Tony, Malcolm and Margaret Braid, Ross Lambert and Bob Ivey attended the Sydney City Rotaract Club (and Rotaract District) Changeover function at The Rocks. The club is a very active club with about 60 members. Nearly 100 people attended the dinner, including the Rotary District Governor from the southern Sydney Rotary District, representatives from city Rotary clubs and other Rotaract clubs.

Rotaract Vice-President-Elect Ben MacNevin welcomed the Ku-ring-gai Rotary members very warmly and explained that, to get maximum exposure between us and their members, we were to be distributed to a number of tables.

The retiring President gave an inspiring and impressive briefing on just some of the projects their Rotaract club had undertaken during the year – so impressive that our President Tony invited him to come and be a speaker at our club!



Bob Ivey



It was a most inspiring evening last night. We can learn so much from these young leaders. It fascinates me how Rotary Leaders refer to Rotaractors as Rotarians of tomorrow, almost as though they are in training and should aspire to being Rotarians. The reality is that they are Rotaractors of today and we should feel honoured that Rotaract is a formidable part of the Rotary movement.

Malcolm Braid mentioned last night that the key word that was mentioned on numerous occasions was 'engagement'. He said that 'engagement' was one of the keys to success of pretty much anything. If we ever want Rotaractors to join Rotary when they turn 30 (and are no longer eligible for Rotaract), we need to engage them now, and provide almost a neural pathway into Rotary, as though they were always there, and they are just continuing their journey.

I think we have many lessons to learn, the biggest of which, is that our wisdom doesn't extend to their current generation, as it is very different from when we were in their position.

Ross Lambert

Youth Service Committee report

Recently we have received recognition and gratitude for donations for Youth Projects from:

Youth Insearch – donation of \$1500 to assist young people attend weekend camp gratefully received and acknowledged in their latest newsletter.



Operation Hope – donation of \$1250 to cover the cost of one young person attending a 5 day wilderness camp. From an email from Jess Triebe, Operation Hope Coordinator: "Thank you so much. I will also arrange to have a letter sent after the event to document the success of the program

for a certain student. For your information I will allocate your donation to support 'Emily' on the wilderness camp (changed name due to privacy). Emily comes from a single parent home with 7 brothers and sisters, she does not attend school that often and struggles with anger issues. I am hoping this camp allows her to learn how to express her emotions in a safe environment and give her the inspiration to attend school and deal with home life. Once again myself and the students that come through Operation Hope really appreciate the support that you have provided."



Camp Breakaway – "On behalf of our campers, volunteers & Board of Directors, we wish to thank you and your fellow members for your wonderful

donation of \$3100 towards a Sibling Camp and to sponsor a High Needs Child. We are thrilled that your support will assist Breakaway to enhance the lives of children and adults with disabilities." Denise Pastor, Fund-raiser Coordinator.

Joy Newling

Giving young people hope

A recent survey of young people attending Eagles RAPS showed that 80% of the group did not know the function of the "+" and "x" symbols on a calculator. These people were of high school age and only 2% of them have learning disorders.

One boy, signed off by the local high school as having completed year 8, could not spell his own name. He has a three letter name!

What chance of a sense of self-worth?
What chance of acceptable social skills?
What chance of employment?

"72% of the kids we have are self-referred. They are young people who are not attached to another service in any way and therefore they have been truly disengaged. Many of these have not attended school for more than 2 years and many have not been educated beyond year 6 or 7."

Our club does a lot of good here where there is very little outside support.

We should be proud of what we have done where other support is missing

Greg Newling

Umoja Orphanage Kenya

Do you want to experience the REAL AFRICA while helping at a RAWCS PROJECT?

We are seeking specific skills for our 4th volunteer tour in September 2014

Join a fully guided tour with experienced Tour Guide and Orphanage founder, Cathy Booth. You'll be in the company of like-minded volunteer, Rotarian and be participating in the perfect combination of community work and pleasure. You'll love the authentic safari experience and enjoy plenty of cross-cultural interaction with local African people.

You will see first hand why it is imperative we assist the many innocent child victims of poverty, AIDS and neglect. To see what we do [Read about our 3rd volunteer tour in April 2014](#)



Our [June Newsletter](#) is packed with what is happening at the project and what we've been up to to raise further funds. Our [gala dinner](#) is in 2 weeks - get your tickets ASAP so you don't miss out.



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Calendar of events

July	14	Anna Brzeska - Updating your cardiopulmonary resuscitation skills
	21	Joint meeting with Sydney City Rotaract Club (TBC)
	29	TBA
August	4	Empowering women in Rotary
	11	TBA
	18	Restaurant evening - venue: TBA
	25	TBA
September	8	District Governor's visit to North Shore clubs
October	6	Public holiday – no meeting
	20	Club forum
November	10	Restaurant night - venue: TBA
December	22	No meeting
	29	No meeting

Club officers and committee chairmen 2014-15

Board of directors

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

Service committee chairmen

Club Service	Joy Newling
Vocational Service	Michael Midlam
Community Service	Ross Lambert
International Service	Roger Desmarchelier
Youth Service	Greg Goodman
Bobbin Head Cycle Classic	Bob Elsworth
Sergeant-at-Arms	Malcolm Braid

Club committees 2014-15

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

Club History: Malcolm Braid, Tom Jackson

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

Community Service: Ross Lambert, 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, Loïc Lacombe, Jack McCartney, Michael Midlam (Bowel Scan), Frank White (Markets)

International Service: Roger Desmarchelier, David Forsythe, Graham Maslen, Greg Newling, Peter Tang

Membership: Greg Newling, Dilys Geddes, Linda Lam-Rohlf

Public Relations: Michael Midlam

Program: Rob Hall, Ross Egan

Rotary Foundation: Graham Timms

Vocational Service: Michael Midlam

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