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Rotary monthly theme: August: Membership & extensions

New meeting venue

Welcome to Killara Golf Club

From Monday, 4 August, our club will meet at the Killara Golf Club, 556 Pacific Highway, Killara (Tel: 9498 2700).



Driving north on the Pacific Highway, the entrance is just after the Killara Garage (for those with longer memories: just after where The Black Stump used to be). Driving south on the Highway, you can turn into Fiddens Wharf Road, turn round at the first roundabout and drive back up the Highway to the Golf Club entrance. Or you can approach along Stanhope Road, Killara, turn right onto the Highway and immediately left into the Golf Club.

This week's speaker



Graham Timms Easter Island mysteries revealed

President Elect Graham has had a varied career as a free-lance journalist, house journal editor and in public relations before finding his metier in finance and ending as a winemaker. Over that time he and his wife, Judy, have travelled widely; in the early seventies overland through South East Asia, India and Nepal by kombi van and through Southern and Eastern Europe by Fiat 600. In the 1980s they travelled through Malaysia and Thailand by bus, taxi and train, staying in Chinese hotels. In the 1990s they drove through the newly free Balkan republics just before the explosion of Serbia and Croatia and across Canada in a battered Ford Tempo staying in Bates motels and eating at bar-and-grills. More recently they have become less adventurous and travelled in somewhat better circumstances through Spain and, this year, South America.

Graham became fascinated by Easter Island at the age of nine, when his grandfather took him to see a Thor Heyerdahl documentary, and has continued to read about and research the island, its people and its amazing statues ever since. Finally two months ago he had the opportunity to visit the island. He says that of all the places he has seen this may well be the most astonishing. This talk is about what he learned and what he saw.

Last week's guests & announcements

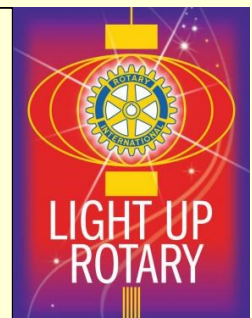
President Tony:

- Welcomed our guest speaker, Brett Odgers, Don Riddell and Adrienne Hall.
- Welcomed back Loïc, Lou and Lindsay (*The Three Travellers? - Ed*).
- Made a presentation of flowers to Leah of the West Pymble Bicentennial Club and thanked her for her years of service at the club's meetings.
- Circulated for comment a draft flyer prepared by Ross Egan for Lucy Hobgood-Brown's 'Women in Rotary' presentation on 15 September.
- Congratulated Linda Lam-Rohlf on donating a day of her time to helping Lifeline with computer security issues.
- Invited more members to attend the Lifeline Sapphire Gala Ball on Saturday, 13 September.
- Complimented Assistant District Governor Paul Rickard on running very interesting and useful zone meetings.
- Reminded members that our club will meet at Pymble Golf Club for the District Governor's visit to Upper North Shore clubs on Tuesday, 9 September, instead of meeting the previous day.
- Called for suggestions for an event to reflect the Rotary International President's theme for the year 'Light Up Rotary'.
- Proposed a debate between a local politician and a



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Rotary International
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journalist as a fundraiser for the proposed Hornsby women's refuge.

- Proposed a review of the club's five year strategic plan.
- Drew attention to St Ives Rotary Club's food and wine festival on Sunday, 1 March 2015.
- Reminded members of the call for volunteers to sell daffodils at Pymble Station on the morning of Friday 22 August.
- Announced the club's annual trivia night, to be held at Killara Golf Club on Saturday, 8 November (all funds raised to be donated for the proposed women's refuge).



Photos of club events

Remember to take your camera or smartphone to all Rotary events that you participate in, take lots of photos and send them to Koongga. They're needed not only for Koongga, but also for submission to District 9685 which wants photos of all its Rotary clubs in action.

Koongga needs photos in small .jpg file sizes (preferably not more than 300Kb).

Full details of District 9685's requirements are available at <http://rotarydistrict9685.org.au/sitepage/communications/club-photos/>

Alzheimers research: can you help?

My name is Michelle Edwards and I am a Masters student at Macquarie University.

I am undertaking a study interested in the behaviour of drivers with Alzheimer's disease with the aim of developing new therapies and maintaining independence safely for as long as possible. However, in order to do so, I first need to test a sample of normally ageing adults over the age of 65.

I was wondering whether the Rotarians of the Ku-ring-gai Club would be willing to participate. Members can choose to participate by getting in contact. It is an hour-long study. Participants will receive \$15 for their contribution, and are free to withdraw at any stage, without reason.

If this sounds like something your members would be willing to get involved with, I would be most grateful to hear from them.

Kind regards,

Michelle Edwards
(michelle.edwards@mq.edu.au)

(This was emailed to President Tony - which begs the question why - but if you can assist Michelle, please contact her directly - Ed.)

Dural Community Golf Classic

Dear Fellow Rotarians

Later in this edition is a flyer for our Rotary Club Annual Golf Day. We jointly do this each year with the Round Corner Dural Chamber of Commerce. Monies raised from the day are donated to four very worthy charities. This year we are supporting:

- Australian Rotary Health – Motor Neuron Research Pyjamas Foundation – supporting children in foster care with learning programs
- Operation Hope – Wesley Mission
- Giant Steps - Supporting programs for children & adults with autism

If you or your club would like to participate either as a team or as an individual we would love to see you on the day.

Should you require more information please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Allan Forno

President – Rotary Club of Dural

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Sunday afternoon entertainment

Looking for something to do on Sunday afternoons in August? Look no further:

**Roaring Twenties
on The Concourse**
Sunday afternoons
in August

**Live Jazz &
Outdoor 1920's Cinema**

Come and enjoy Sunday afternoons in August on The Concourse, celebrating music and film from the early 20th century. Enjoy a leisurely lunch at one of our fantastic restaurants listening to mellow jazz tunes and later relax while watching a silent film classic on our outdoor Urban Screen. The program will be running on Sunday 3, 10, 17 & 24 August from 12.30pm.

For more information regarding music, films and restaurants visit theconcourse.com.au

Australian Choral Grand Prix

Later in this edition is a flyer regarding the Australian Choral Grand Prix on 24 August being run by Sydney Cove Rotary and Sydney Eisteddfod.

The Pymble Ladies' College Junior School Chamber Choir has made it through all the qualifying sections to perform and compete) with 5 other choirs of varying ages (Adults, Secondary and Primary) including Waitara Voices from Wahroonga.

With two out of five schools from our district, it is worthy of support.

There is also a people's choice award.

World polio day

28 July 2014

Dear Rotarians,

I am happy to announce that we successfully met our fundraising goal for Rotary Year 2013-14. While it is important to celebrate our success, we recognize that we still need to raise funds and awareness for polio eradication.

World Polio Day: 24 October 2014

World Polio Day is quickly approaching on October 24th. This is a chance for Rotarians, clubs, and districts across the world to come together to fight polio. There are many ways you could mark the day. Dedicate your club meeting to focus on Rotary's work to end polio that week. Community fundraisers on/around World Polio Day are great a way to raise awareness of our cause in the general public. You could take the opportunity to remind government officials to support the global commitment to a polio free world- Rotary's top priority. On World Polio Day, wear your End Polio Now pin and encourage your friends and family to do the same. This year, an End Polio Now: Make History Today Livestream event, including a **global update on the current status of polio eradication**, will take place on World Polio Day - 24 October 2014 - at 18:30pm CDT and will be streamed live at endpolionow.org. I encourage your club/district to have a viewing party of the event, or incorporate it into your existing World Polio Day plans. The archived video will be available following the live program. Additional event details may be found at endpolionow.org.

Resources available

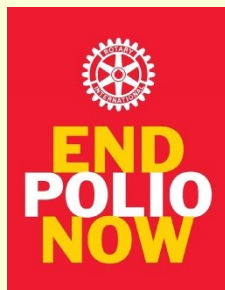
To help you with your planning for World Polio Day events, a toolkit is being developed and will be posted on endpolionow.org by 25 August. A message will be sent to all of you letting you know when it is available. I encourage you to spread the word about your World Polio Day activities. Please visit <http://www.endpolio.org/storytelling> to submit your stories and photos.

We promised the children of the world that we would eradicate polio, and Rotarians keep their word. We are **this close**, and getting closer every day. Thanks to you, we will **End Polio Now**.

Sincerely,

John F. Germ

Chair, International PolioPlus Committee



Credit for Rotary's contribution

Dear Graham Timms

I've spoken to thousands of Rotarians about polio and a comment that I frequently receive is that Rotary doesn't receive its fair share of credit and publicity for Polio-Plus. Time magazine has just published an [excellent article](#) that not only does a great job of focusing on the key issues that are putting eradication at risk, it also highlights the enormous contributions that have been made — and continue to be made — by Rotary. It is very much worth bringing to the attention of your members and your broader network. Please visit: <http://time.com/3051398/polio-pakistan-rotary/>

Regards

Rob Byrne

Rotary Club of Turramurra

Polio Chair

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Bus driver wanted for aged care facility

Pathways Aged Care ('PAC') is seeking a bus driver for its facilities in Killara and Northbridge.

This is a great opportunity for someone looking to enrich the lives of PAC's elderly residents.

PAC's weekly bus trips allow its residents to continue to enjoy shopping, the beach, parklands, concerts and many other exciting outings and venues.

The position is 2 days per week - Tuesday based at Killara and Wednesday based at Northbridge.

Applicants must have a current (LR) licence with a clean driving record, be willing to engage in conversation with PAC's residents, have a good sense of humour and a big smile.

Please email resumés to recption@killaragardens.com.au or phone (02) 9418 5200 for further information.

Sarah Osborne

Executive Manager



Killara Gardens

17 Greengate Road, Killara NSW 2071

Wrap With Love

The team from **Wrap with Love** ('WWL') has a surplus of warm wraps available for distribution

at its Alexandria Warehouse.

Information has been prepared by Meg Gervay from the Rotary Club of Sydney Cove, as her club is involved with WWL.

WWL would be greatly appreciative if we could find recipients, so here is an opportunity for our club to assist those in need in our local communities by collecting and distributing the surplus wraps.



Rotary across NSW already supports this great volunteer organisation, by assisting with delivery of the knitted wraps from within communities into the central warehouse in Alexandria and our Sydney Cove club is responsible for co-ordinating contact with more than 80 clubs across the state, making this an excellent intra-District project.

Last week's speaker



Brett Odgers Killer gear and no idea

Renowned professional photographer Brett Odgers gave the club a lively presentation on how to make the best use

of modern camera technology to produce first rate photographic memories.

Brett started by pointing out that, whilst digital cameras encourage users to take many photos and then edit them electronically later, it takes far longer to fix a photo in Photoshop or equivalent programs than to take a good photograph to begin with. So the most valuable software is in the photographer's head. The secret is in using the key features of the equipment effectively.

When photographs were taken on film and the results could not be seen until they were developed, it was vital for photographers to have a very good understanding of the effects of all the camera controls. Digital cameras with 'P' (program) buttons relieved users of the need to have that depth of understanding, but didn't necessarily program the taking of images in a way that resulted in good photographs - images that captured moods and memories effectively. To achieve that, one still needs to know how to manipulate the key controls on the camera and compose photographs.

Brett surprised the audience by saying that he takes most photos with an iPhone and even uses it to make movies for his clients, because the quality of the camera in an iPhone is so good. Even feature films are now being made on \$2,000 single lens reflex cameras, instead of the huge and cumbersome film cameras costing many times more that were used previously.

He said that there are 4 key areas that people need to know about in order to take good photographs:

1. How camera controls affect the look of images.
2. How light affects images.
3. How composition affects images.
4. How directing people affects images.

In the time available, Brett was only able to deal with some of those. He began by talking about shutter speeds and lens choices.

Shutter speed is important for capturing motion - at least 1/1000th sec for rapid motion.

In the era of film cameras, the 'ISO' rating of each film defined its ability to record images in low light. Low ISO film needed more light, but gave very sharp images. Higher ISO films worked in less



light, but resulted in 'grainier' photos. The higher the sensitivity of the 'chip' in a digital camera, the more 'noise' (graininess) will be seen in images.

Brett mentioned that the pixel rating of a camera (even in a smart phone) is no longer a matter of significance because they are so good, compared with film.

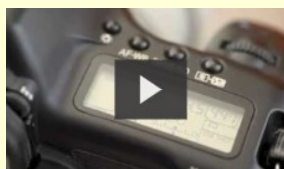


Wide angle lenses (e.g., 24mm) are ideal for scenery, including putting people into perspective against their surroundings.

Telephoto lenses are ideal for portraits - typically a 135mm lens is used.

Brett recommends not using flash unless absolutely necessary. Modern cameras produce very good results even in very low light conditions.

Aperture is used to produce different effects. Significantly, it alters the depth of field - i.e., how much of a photo is in focus. A lower 'f/number' reduces the aperture and shortens the depth of field (focus).



Brett's first top tip was to set a camera to 'A' (or 'AV' or 'AP') for aperture priority, instead of 'P' for program, and then vary the aperture ('f/number' or 'f/stop') to change the image.

Even simple fixed lens cameras and some smart phones allow the user to set them to aperture priority - e.g., by selecting 'portrait mode'.

Varying the aperture affects the shutter speed. Brett recommended keeping it above 1/100th sec for hand held photography.



Brett's second top tip was 'composition'. The first rule is to fill the frame with the subject, avoiding extraneous background.



The second rule is the 'rule of thirds' - dividing the image horizontally or vertically in thirds and placing the subject on one of the 'thirds' lines (see, for example, the boy on the trampoline).

A final tip was that 'colour dates' and, for timeless photography, black and white is more effective.

Rotary International webinars

Rotary International has begun running webinars on a variety of topics of interest to Rotarians, inviting participation from all over the world. On Wednesday, 13 August there will be a webinar on membership, starting at 10 am central American time. (Hopefully, future webinars will be conducted at more user-friendly hours for people on the east coast of Australia.)

Full details of upcoming webinars can be found on the Rotary International website.

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Australian Choral Grand Prix

Presented by Sydney Eisteddfod and the Rotary Club of Sydney Cove

Winning choirs from McDonald's Sydney Eisteddfod's The John Lamble Australasian Choral Championships will compete for top honours and a prize pool valued at \$28K.

Sunday, 24 August 2014, 2:30pm
The Concourse Concert Hall, Chatswood

TICKETS:

- Adult: \$44; • Concession: \$33; • Child: \$23; • Family: \$99 (+b/f)

BOOKINGS:

VISIT: The Concourse Box Office 9am-6pm Mon to Fri
Cnr Victoria Ave & Anderson St, Chatswood

ONLINE: www.ticketek.com.au

PHONE: Ticketek on 1300 795 012

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Rotary Club of
Sydney Cove



Sir David Martin Foundation
Helping young people to thrive

All proceeds will go to Sydney Eisteddfod's Scholarship Fund, the Sir David Martin Foundation and the Rotary Club of Sydney Cove.

FINALISTS:

Fort Street High School Petersham

Meriden Senior Singers Strathfield

PLC Junior School Chamber Choir Pymble

Shine Chorus Canada Bay

Sydney Conservatorium Of Music Sydney

Waltara Voices Wahroonga





The Rotary Club of Dural &
Dural and Round Corner Chamber of Commerce



Presents the

7th Annual Dural Community Golf Classic

Riverside Oaks Golf Resort Tuesday 14th October 2014



Golf & Lunch Package

4 Ball Ambrose Event includes carts Great prizes for winners in all categories!

Special Events include: Gambling Hole, Nearest to the Pin (2), Longest Drive, Helicopter Ball Drop, Straightest Drive & Buy a Mulligan!

Early Sausage Sizzle before tee off!

All prizes awarded and drawn at the Presentation Lunch.

All proceeds go toward:

- Giant Steps
- Pyjama Foundation
- Operation Hope – Wesley Mission
- Australian Rotary Health – Motor Neuron Research.

GOLD SPONSORS

Includes 4 players fees – \$1000

REGISTRATION

From 7.30am.
Shotgun Start 9am

For further information contact

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Calendar of events

August	11	Paul Adams - The glory that is chocolate
	18	TBA
	25	TBA
September	8	Meeting postponed for one day
	9	Venue: Pymble Golf Club - District Governor's visit to Upper North Shore clubs
	15	Lucy Hobgood-Brown - Women in Rotary
October	6	Public holiday – no meeting
	13	Joint meeting - Rotary clubs of Ku-ring-gai, St Ives and Turramurra
	20	Club forum
November	9	Trivia night
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	Graham Timms
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, Joyce Enos, Emyr Evans, Bob Ivey, Tom Jackson, Linda Lam-Rohlf, Joy Newling, Ted Price