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Rotary monthly theme: August: Membership & extensions

This week

John Aitken

Marine Rescue NSW

In 2007, the State Government undertook a wide-ranging review of the delivery of volunteer marine rescue services in NSW and realised that the cost of membership, operations and training, along with vessel and communication equipment replacement, was overtaking the ability of each organisation to recruit and adequately fundraise. The key recommendation of this report was the establishment of a single, consolidated marine rescue organisation.

The result was a new rescue service, Marine Rescue NSW, established with the support of the NSW Government, which officially took to the water on New Year's Day 2010. Marine Rescue NSW is backed by volunteers with decades of skill and experience. It is not a government agency but a not-for-profit, community-based organisation.

The organisation brings together members from three former marine rescue organisations that had long served our community with distinction - the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association (25 bases), Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol (17 bases) and Volunteer Rescue Association's marine fleet (14 bases) - into a single integrated service, with more than 3,000 members and 46 bases.

John is currently a member of two Marine Rescue bases - the Cottage Point (boat) base and the Terrey Hills (radio base) "Marine Rescue Sydney". He will talk about his involvement with MRNSW.



Linda Lam-Rohlfs Information Security



Linda joined her current employer in 2001 to work on the implementation of an internet banking system. Since 2008 she has specialised in information security, advising the bank both here and overseas.

In her talk, she will explain what's involved in protecting information and describe some simple steps that everyone can take to reduce the risk of unauthorised access to their private information.

Last week's guests & announcements

President Tony:

- Welcomed our guest speaker, Paul Adam, Georgina Manning, Don Riddell, Ken Sackville, Susan White, Judy Timms, Joyce Cribb, Eunice Price and Laurel Jackson;
- Presented an Honorary Member badge to Ivan Cribb;
- Congratulated Peter Tang on finishing in the top 17.1% of all finishers and 100th out of 1,375 runners (top 7.3%) in his age category in the City to Surf and raising funds for cancer research while doing so; and
- Thanked Geoff Hungerford for moving all the club's equipment to its new meeting venue.

Bob Ivey thanked Lindsay Forrest, Michael and Kerry Midlam, Bob Elsworth and Laurel Jackson for helping out at Clarke Road School.

Caroline Jones

reported that she attended the third Bradfield Comedy

Debate featuring Paul Fletcher MP and Peter FitzSimons, which raised \$20,000 for the proposed women's shelter in Hornsby. A building with 7 bedrooms has been found and approval processes are being undertaken.



Ross Lambert outlined his proposal to run an online



Abuse is such an ugly word, let's change it to care...

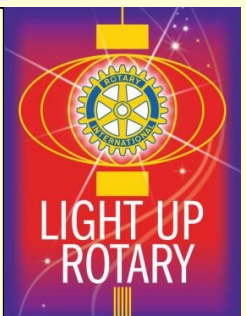
Help us make a difference to thousands of women suffering abuse, right here, right now?

Ku-ring-gai Rotary

'Art Union' raffle for a Mercedes Benz 'A' Class vehicle to raise funds for the women's refuge. He suggested this poster which he designed to advertise the raffle.

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The club meets every Monday 6.30pm at Killara Golf Club, 556 Pacific Highway, Killara. Visitors welcome (Tel: 9498 2700). www.kuringgairotary.org.au

Rotary International
Theme 2014-2015

Induction of new members

President Tony inducted 2 new members of the club. Starting out as a legal secretary, **Georgina Manning** went on to become, with her late husband Steve, a director of several businesses, including property development, pubs and various retail businesses. Currently she's an owner and director of The Barn Office Furniture in Granville. She lives in Wahroonga and has 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren.



Georgina's classification is 'Property Development'. Her interests include community service and youth service.



Don Riddell's early career as a corporate accountant took him from Durban, South Africa, to Amsterdam and to Liverpool and London in the UK. Following a spell with IBM, he established his own computer supply business in Sydney and one of his customers, Laura, became his wife. Don had a role running Kodak's Pacific region and then turned to supplying software for aged care facilities. He's a cyclist and tennis player.

Don's classification is 'Marketing'.
Welcome, Georgina and Don!

Australian Business Week



ABW

 ENTERPRISE
EDUCATION

Good Morning Kur-ring-gai Rotary,

I write regarding Australian Business Week (ABW), a coalition of State Departments of Education, universities and major businesses.

In 2014, Ravenswood Year 10 students will have the opportunity to participate in ABW in partnership with students from Knox Grammar School. The programme will run over an intensive week from Tuesday 16 September 2014 to Friday 19 September 2014, each day beginning at 8.30am and concluding by 3pm.

Australian Business Week provides our students with a greater understanding of business as they take over and run their own simulated company. Students are placed in groups of Ravenswood and Knox students. Guided by a mentor, students are responsible for making all management decisions necessary for the successful operation of their business in a competitive marketplace. Groups are required to make decisions which have real outcomes (based on a computer simulation). Australian Business Week provides the Ravenswood and Knox students with a greater understanding of finance and business strategy, marketing and operations. The skills fostered by student participation in the programme, include ethical decision-making, leadership, marketing, management and team work.

The success of the ABW programme relies heavily upon the contribution of business mentors. Mentors are a very

important part of the ABW team, acting as consultants to students and assisting groups of up to 10 students, to run their own simulated company and learn more about business. The support and guidance of the mentor is one that is rewarding and fulfilling and we welcome you to consider this role. Past mentors have found the programme to be one that engages students, enhances problem solving and promotes higher order thinking and creativity skills. Mentoring is a thoroughly enjoyable and rewarding experience and one that we welcome you to be involved in.

If you have experience gained in any facet of business or education and would like to be involved or have questions to ask, please contact me; your involvement need not be for the entire week (Tuesday to Thursday being the particularly important days). Mentors will be briefed prior to the commencement of ABW and details of this meeting will be available in early August. Further information about being a mentor can also be found at www.abw.org.au.

Alternatively, if mentoring does not interest you, you may prefer to address the students on a business related matter. Finally, if you are aware of colleagues who might be interested in mentoring or speaking, I would warmly welcome their involvement.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the school on 9498 9898 or via email

tnader@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au if you would like to know more about ABW.

Yours sincerely

Tony Nader

Social Science Coordinator

International projects seminar

If you have any interest in *International Service* then I would like to invite you to attend an International Projects Seminar on **Sunday 21st September** between 8am -12 midday at the 2nd Floor conference facilities at the Sydney Adventist Hospital, Wahroonga.

Why should you attend the International Projects Seminar? To find out more about and gain an understanding about:

- What is RAWCS and what does it offer?
- How the Rotary Foundation and RAWCS can work together
- Does RAWCS compete for funds with the Rotary Foundation?
- What donations/organisations get tax deductibility
- Volunteering
- Insurance
- Funding sources
- Ideas for projects and sharing
- Networking - common interests and sharing project ideas
- Government help

Please register at <http://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=6d95b9e9-082b-4512-9b26-3b2085844250> by **Monday 15th September 2014**
Theo Glockemann - International Director 2014-15

Last week's speaker

Paul Adam

The glory that is chocolate

Originating in France, Paul's father found his way via work as a chef in London to that of a labourer on the Snowy Mountains Scheme. His next ventures were running a general store and bakery in Cooma, before moving to Sydney and buying a block of units. Later on he established Petersens Chocolates, the beginning of what is now Du Plessy Praline & Otello Chocolates Patisserie in West Pymble Shopping Centre.

Paul gave us a wide-ranging commentary on chocolate of various qualities, their uses and his own company's processes and products. He illustrated his talk by circulating samples of both raw and finished products. Points mentioned included:

- Belgian milk chocolate is 44% chocolate.
- Paul uses Australian chocolate for cakes.
- He is trialling a new chocolate grown in Vanuatu.
- There's no such thing as white chocolate - it's made of by-products of chocolate.
- The best chocolate is produced in France by Valrhona - a 3kg block costs \$99. Australian chocolate is 'conched' (mixed and agitated) for 24 hours; Belgian chocolate for 32-38 hours and Valrhona chocolate for 48 hours.
- With good chocolate, your brain tells you when you have had enough.
- A 70% chocolate is too bitter.
- The moulds used for chocolates are now mostly plastic, but traditional metal moulds result in shinier chocolates.
- It takes 1.5 hours to produce 20 moulds of chocolates (each making multiple chocolates).
- Paul uses no preservatives except for the natural preservatives in flavourings such as Grand Marnier. The spirits he uses are produced containing salt, to stop people drinking them.
- Exotic chocolates that Paul produces include chilli chocolates and kava chocolates (specifically for Vanuatu).
- Paul tests cooking temperatures with his lips, not a thermometer.
- Paul's company produces the thinnest after dinner chocolates in the world. Competitors have tried to get his secrets.
- Chocolate should not usually be kept in a fridge, but if necessary it should be put in a vegetable crisper. The bloom that appears on chocolate kept in a fridge is not dangerous.
- Truffles are chocolates cooked in cream. Paul's company produces 22 different types of truffles.
- Paul buys raw chocolate buttons in 15-20kg bags.
- Australian butter is better than that from New Zealand, but Paul cannot get it large enough blocks. European butter is better still.



NSW Police Officer of the Year

This year's NSW Police awards event will be held on Friday 7th November at Shangri La Hotel, Sydney. We expect about 500 guests to attend and hope your club will have some representatives there to support a local officer should there be a finalist from your area.

Police Officers who win a local Rotary award in 2014 are automatically eligible for the State Award.

This is to ask your assistance in making this a highlight on the NSW Police calendar.

If you do not currently run a local Police Officer of the Year award I encourage you give some thought to starting one and join the many others we have running in NSW.

The Customer Service Award nominations are open to all Rotarians and the General Public. The on-line link to this can be found below. Please encourage your members to make some nominations.

The Customer Service Nomination link is: http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/services/customer_service_awards

The Booking Link is: www.sydneYROtary.com and click on The Events tab.

John Given PP RC of Sydney

Chairman Rotary Clubs of NSW Police Officer of the Year Awards

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The awards provide state-wide community recognition to sworn and unsworn officers for excellence in police service.

THE ROTARY CLUBS OF NSW
2014
NSW POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2014
THE SHANGRI LA HOTEL
176 CUMBERLAND ST, SYDNEY 7PM TO 12AM

The awards provide statewide community recognition to sworn and unsworn officers for excellence in police service.
2GB's Ray Hadley OAM will host the evening of entertainment and a wide range of food/beverages will also be served.
Visit www.sydneYROtary.com/policeawards for tickets.
Cost: \$95 per person or \$2000 per Corporate Table.
Book now and don't miss out.

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Calendar of events

August	25	Frank White: Kandos Cement plant demolition and land remediation
September	1	Rob McInnes - Innovation, intellectual property and start-ups
	8	Meeting postponed for one day
	9	(Tuesday) District Governor's visit to Upper North Shore clubs - venue: Pymble Golf Club
	15	Lucy Hobgood-Brown - Women in Rotary
October	6	Public holiday – no meeting
	13	Rotary Hat Day - joint meeting - Rotary clubs of Ku-ring-gai, St Ives and Turramurra
	20	Club forum
	25	(Saturday) Trivia night - venue: Warrawee Bowling Club
November	10	Tony Castley - Rotary Foundation
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

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