



# K O O N G G A

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## This week

Rob McInnes

### Innovation, intellectual property and start-ups

Rob McInnes is an intellectual property lawyer who specialises in structuring and negotiation of patent licences, collaborative research agreements and other contracts for the development and commercialisation of innovations.

In this talk, Rob will describe the major issues confronting inventors of new products and ways to protect their intellectual property, particularly when engaging with others to commercialise their inventions. He will focus on start-up ventures in particular. This talk will be of interest to anyone involved in development of new products.



## Last week's guests

President Tony welcomed Ken Sackville, Susan White and Lucy White.

## Daffodil Day – addendum

President Tony, Emyr Evans and Michael Midlam also participated in Daffodil Day, reported last week. Well done, fellows!

(Koongga depends on project participants to supply it with comprehensive reports and photos of club activities, so if you want to be acknowledged, either write the report or make sure you're in the photo!)

## Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter



The Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter has

issued its second newsletter. Some of the highlights are:

- Negotiation of a long-term lease of a 7 bedroom house.

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## Rotary monthly theme: September: New Generations

- Incorporation of HKWS – soon to gain Deductible Gift Recipient status for tax purposes.
- A black tie fundraising ball to be held on 25 October at Hornsby RSL Club.
- Accounts of other fundraising events that have been held recently.

Full details appear on the HKWS website at [www.hkws.com.au](http://www.hkws.com.au)

## Hornsby Hub 'Safe Talk'

Lifeline is offering a community workshop called 'Safe Talk'. It is the second in a series of 3 on suicide awareness training and intervention and is suitable for anyone in the local community who is concerned about how to help someone who may have suicidal intentions.

The workshop will be run by two very skilled, trained and experienced Lifeline volunteers, who have delivered the workshop to many other services, including Mosman Council, with excellent results.

It is a great way for those without prior knowledge and skills/training to become more aware and confident of their own ability to help someone showing signs of suicidal thoughts.

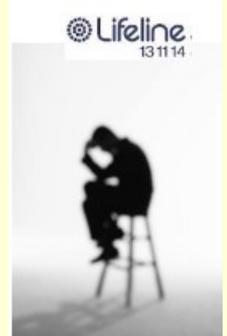
The workshop will be run **from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at the Hornsby Hub, 1 Coronation Street, Hornsby.** The cost is \$20 per person.

The workshop is suitable for staff, students, volunteers or anyone in the local community who wishes to attend.

All participants receive a manual, local helpful contacts and a certificate on completion.

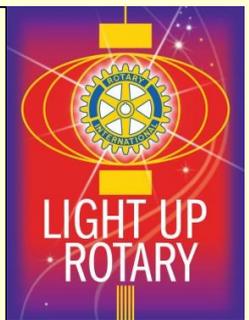
There is a limit of 30 attendees at the workshop, which is not suitable for someone recently bereaved by suicide or under 16 years.

Prior booking and prepayment are essential. Call 9498 8805 or email [admin@lifelineh2h.org.au](mailto:admin@lifelineh2h.org.au) to book. Payment can be made by credit card directly to Lifeline.



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

Rotary International Theme 2014-2015



## Rotary Club of Port Vila, Vanuatu

A fun thing to do in Rotary is a 'make up' at another Rotary club, whether it's in Sydney, interstate or overseas. You get to meet other Rotarians, learn about what other clubs are doing and swap ideas. Last week Koongga had the pleasure of visiting the Rotary Club of Port Vila ('RCPV') in Vanuatu.

RCPV meets at 1145 for noon each Wednesday at L'Houstelet Restaurant, a well known French restaurant about 5 minutes' drive from the Port Vila waterfront.

Koongga was warmly welcomed by President Richard Purdy, about 10 other RCPV members and three other visitors - a Rotarian from Gladstone, Qld, and the widow of a former Brookvale Rotarian, accompanied by her new husband.



The private room in which RCPV meets was decorated with the banners of other Rotary clubs, as used to be the case with our own club. The meeting cost is 1,800 vatu (about \$20), which includes a choice of 2 main courses and a glass of wine. Members get a complimentary door prize ticket, but visitors pay 200 vatu for one.

The meeting was conducted as a formal, working meeting, going rapidly through an agenda which included correspondence received and reports on the status of all the club's current activities. The club only has a guest speaker occasionally.

The first item was the receipt of absent members' apologies, which was followed by toasts to the President of Vanuatu and to Rotary International. Next came the drawing of several door prizes. (Later it became apparent why this is done early in the meeting.)



President Richard inducted 2 new members. Whilst much of his induction speech was familiar, it was interesting to note that it included a statement of the Rotary Four Way Test and emphasised 'Service Above Self', the friendship to be found within Rotary and the welcome that the newcomers will receive at every other club they visit.

Then the real business of the meeting commenced. Some of the key points mentioned and/or discussed were:

- Construction of a storage building for 3.9 million vatu, with technical assistance from members of the Rotary Club of Tekapuna, NZ.
- 3 members of RCPV are going to another island to commission an existing, but disused water supply system, on which they will install filters to keep mosquitos out.
- An architect from the Rotary Club of Wellington, NZ, visited RCPV, heard that the blood bank needed two machines – and subsequently sourced 5 machines free of charge in NZ.
- Engineers Without Borders needed a quote to ship some equipment to a water project on another island. One of the RCPV members undertook to arrange it.
- RCPV is holding a ball in October and needs 17 tables of 10 in order to break even. Tickets cost 10,000 vatu (about \$100) each.
- A letter was received from the Rotary District promoting International Polio Day on 24 October.
- A design for simple desks for schools which need to be manufactured was circulated. RCPV is undertaking this project so that children don't simply sit on the floor.
- A request was received from a former Rotarian who runs a women's association and sought funding for 3 sewing machines. RCPV will invite her to come and speak to the club.
- RCPV is delighted that a group of Korean doctors and dentists will visit to carry out operations on the outlying islands (instead of going to Ethiopia, as originally planned). They are working with the Vanuatu government.
- The members were asked to spend an hour or two on Saturday, sorting 22 boxes of books for children into age groups, with assistance from the Peace Corps.
- Some modification was required to RCPV's airport collection box. *(When departing from Vanuatu, Koongga noted that Rotary's small, solid-sided box stands next to a much larger Kiwanis glass case filled with departees' surplus currency. The Rotary box seemed largely ignored.)*
- A request from a gifted student at a local college for financial assistance was referred to the club's education committee.
- 30 – 40 people turned up at the previous Saturday's working bee at a disability centre. The centre is RCPV's 'flagship' project. The government provided land and a building, but evidently does not provide money for running costs. RCPV is gradually upgrading the building.
- There was discussion of a dental bus and shipping of equipment from NZ.
- RCPV is raising funds for repair/replacement of anti-malarial equipment.
- The water committee reported difficulty contacting an official that it needed to speak to about a project. 17 attempts had been made so far and efforts would continue. (This is evidently a common problem.) Supply of

safe, secure drinking water is one of RCPV's main concerns, as well as sanitation and education.

- Obtaining dictionaries for all schools in Vanuatu, most of which do not have libraries. RCPV would also like to supply tablet computers, so that children can become familiar with their use. (*Incidentally, even the poorest people seem to have mobile phones in Vanuatu – Ed.*)
- Fundraising through the 'Birdman Rally' – a gathering of anyone and everyone with any supposed means of flight, to be tested by leaping off a pier and trying to avoid falling in the water. Photos circulated included a variety of 'Supermen' and people with strap-on wings or whole 'aircraft'. The member who was promoting the event enthusiastically urged the other members to share it around the Port Vila community through their Facebook pages. No other method of publicising it was mentioned.
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Next the visitor whose late husband had been in the Rotary Club of Brookvale described how, as a nurse specialising in aged care, she had treated an elderly lady in Vanuatu who had a badly infected foot, which prevented her getting out and mixing freely with her family. The nurse had tried to obtain a wheelchair for her patient from Sydney, but her patient died before she could find one.

The RCPV members said that Vanuatu receives wheelchairs, walkers and other aids from overseas and distributes them, but they are rarely returned when no longer required. The idea of requesting a small bond was discussed, but one member said that another service

organisation had that policy, but it still did not result in equipment being returned.

Like Koongga, the Rotarian from Gladstone had come to find out what RCPV is involved in. However, he described some of his club's activities and mentioned that the club has corporate members – i.e., companies which prepay for a given number of staff members to attend the Rotary club, on the basis that who actually attends will change periodically.

Koongga took the opportunity to talk about 'the fastest growing club in the known universe', but was told that the Gladstone club has doubled in size from 26 members in the past year. Your correspondent described our principal projects and the growing success of the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic. This elicited some interest in the possibility of establishing a 'Round Efate' cycle ride, which could attract riders from Australia and New Zealand. (Efate is the island on which Port Vila is located. The road round the island is 85km of good tarmac.)

The meeting concluded with the Sergeant's fine session. First he went round collecting in an empty container the members' door prize tickets, on which each member had written fines to be levied against other members. Then he proceeded to draw and read out the fines, starting with 'arrival tax' for the new members, another 'tax' for missing the working bee and the inevitable rugby-related fine for the Kiwis present. Visitors were not spared from the fine session.

## School For Life Foundation

Join us for an elegant evening in the breathtaking Newmarket Stables at Randwick on Saturday, 13 September. Enjoy an array of drinks and food, and live entertainment – all in the name of a good cause! Tickets are just \$120 each or 10 for \$1100 which includes entry to our afterparty at Fringe Bar.

Looking forward to updating you on all the latest news from Uganda!

Annabelle Chauncy & Dave Everett  
Founding Directors



## Last week's speaker

Frank White

### Kandos Cement Works demolition and land remediation



Coal and limestone mining has been occurring in the Kandos region since the 1910's, with the first limestone lease established in 1912 and the first coal lease established in 1913. The site appears to have been used for cement production from as early as 1912. The town of Kandos was established at the same time to house the plant and quarry workers.

The cement manufacturing operations at the site were expanded with kilns being installed in 1916, 1918, 1922, 1923, 1925 and 1962. Ropeways connecting the site to the various mines were installed in 1914, 1920 and 1990.

In 1929, a dam was built about 36km from the plant in Wollemi National Park. A wooden pipeline was installed to convey water to the plant for the power station and process. This was later replaced by first an asbestos pipeline, and finally a plastic line.

The original area mined, known as the No. 1 Mine, was gradually phased out of limestone production with the opening of the No. 2 Mine in 1952. The No. 2 Mine operated continuously since that time. The No. 1 Mine remained the site for the Cement Australia's administration, processing and despatch-related activities.



In 1975 the lime plant was closed and demolished. In 2011 Cement Australia announced the Kandos Cement Works was to be closed, which signalled the cessation of limestone mining from

the No. 2 Mine.

The main reasons for closure were low efficiency, old technology and a vanishing market.

Many employees were offered places at other plants and the rest took redundancy. Manufacturing operations progressively ceased, the Kandos Cement Works was closed that year and in 2012 ancillary items on the site were auctioned.

Cement Australia is now preparing for closure of the site. Whilst a full mining closure plan is currently in preparation and will be submitted for approval prior to the commencement of mine closure and rehabilitation



works, Cement Australia is planning the precursory demolition activities to occur concurrently with demolition of the Kandos Cement Works.

Cement Australia has DA approval to demolish the cement production plant, and subsequently intends to remediate the site.

Activities completed so far are heritage studies of all facilities, ground scans and probing to determine any contamination, sales of all town-based houses and properties, complete histories of plant, collieries and quarries and preparation for the centenary celebrations of Kandos town to be held in October.

## Travellers' tales

A note from London:

No, the Newlings haven't disappeared - just really enjoying a long holiday in France and the UK. We have been catching up with family and friends, exploring new places, enjoying great food and wine, seeing beautiful scenery, learning more history and having fun.

Seeing Le Tour arrive in Lille from a front barricade position was fun - they flash by so fast! Visiting Fromelles, Villers Bretonneux and the Last Post Ceremony at Menin Gate were emotional times. Monet's garden was beautiful.

Cheering for Australia at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow was fun and singing our national anthem three times in one night at the swimming gave us goosebumps. We bravely waved our flags but were completely outnumbered by the Scottish and English colours. Watching our men's and women's hockey teams play and win was also special for us - and as you probably know both teams won gold medals, the women in a nail biting finish with England.

Since then we've visited the Isle of Mull and Iona, had a fantastic night at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, visited Blenheim Palace, learnt more about Winston Churchill and had laughs at the Dad's Army Museum in Thetford.

There have been many other great times along the way and now we are in London where we have already seen Big Ben having his face cleaned, the myriad of ceramic

red poppies in the lawn around the Tower of London, some of the amazing collections in the British Museum and today we are visiting the



National Portrait Gallery. There is so much to see and do here I don't think you would ever cover everything.

On Monday we start the journey home via 3 days in Dubai, another different experience. See you on Monday 1<sup>st</sup>, with folding money for fines!

Cheers,

Joy and Greg

## Calendar of events

September	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
	22	Phil Morley - Preparing rally cars
	29	Chris Gollis - Emotional intelligence
October	6	Public holiday - no meeting
	13	Rotary Hat Day - joint meeting - Rotary clubs of Ku-ring-gai, St Ives and Turramurra
	20	Annabelle Chauncy - School For Life update
	25	(Saturday) Trivia night - venue: Warrawee Bowling Club
November	10	Tony Castley - Rotary Foundation
	17	Suzy Ogelsby – Fitness for cyclists and golfers
December	15	Christmas party chez Tyler (last meeting in 2014)
	22	No meeting
	29	No meeting

## Club officers and committee chairmen 2014-15

### Board of directors

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

### Service committee chairmen

<b>Club Service</b>	Joy Newling
<b>Vocational Service</b>	Michael Midlam
<b>Community Service</b>	Ross Lambert
<b>International Service</b>	Roger Desmarchelier
<b>Youth Service</b>	Greg Goodman
<b>Bobbin Head Cycle Classic</b>	Bob Elsworth
<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>	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 (Koonga 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