

# K O O N G G A

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Rotary monthly theme: January: Rotary Awareness

## ***This week - club business meeting***

Happy new year to all our readers!

Our first meeting in 2015 is a time to pick up the threads from last year, review where we have got to with our projects and plan completion of what remains to be done before 30 June.



It's also a good opportunity to propose new projects that the club might undertake in the new Rotary Year commencing on 1 July. So put your thinking caps on and come along prepared to participate with renewed enthusiasm after the Christmas/New Year break.

## ***Last meeting - Club Christmas party***

The pictures tell the story! (More later in this issue.) Thanks to everyone who contributed.



## ***Bobbin Head Cycle Classic T shirts***

Congratulations to Bob Elsworth on his initiative in having T shirts promoting the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic made up. He sold half of them before our Christmas party and did a roaring trade at that event. Get your order in soon if you don't want to miss out!



## ***Benefic Awards***

Malcolm Braid writes:

I attended the 46th Annual Award Ceremony at Killara High School on Tuesday 16 December 2014 on behalf of our Rotary Club.



It was a pleasure to present the Club's perpetual trophy for the Benefic Award and an individual trophy and cheque to Natalie Haddad, a Year 9 student.

According to her Year Advisor, Natalie is an outstanding young lady who displayed all the attributes required, namely 'the values of responsibility, care, consideration and selflessness to their work, their involvement in the

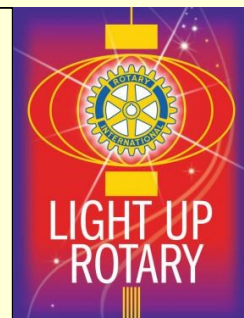
life of the school and their service to others and through these set a worthy example to their peers'.

In her address, the new principal, Mrs Jane Dennett thanked the community leaders and in particular the local Rotary Clubs for their ongoing involvement and support for the school.

A lovely morning tea was prepared by the students from the home economics class and it provided a good opportunity to meet with teachers and other community representatives.

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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](http://www.kuringgairotary.org.au)

Rotary International  
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Bob Ivey made a similar presentation at Ku-ring-gai Creative Arts High School, whose principal sent this letter of appreciation:

Mr Bob Ivey

Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai

Dear Mr Ivey,

On behalf of Ku-ring-gai Creative Arts High School, I would like to sincerely thank you for your kind donation.

It is with donations like yours that we can continue to encourage, support and acknowledge our students' continuing efforts throughout the year.

The award was presented to the recipient at the school's Presentation Day. Thank you for sharing in the achievements of our school community on this special day.

Kind regards

Terri-Anne Kamasz

Principal

## Rotary Friendship Exchange



Expressions of interest are sought by mid-January for the proposed Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) to Vancouver and Seattle in June 2015. This is a great

opportunity to travel to a very pretty part of the world and enjoy the warm fellowship of Rotarians in North America. You will also have a chance to reciprocate during our summer in 2015 and continue the friendship.

Contact Shankar Sankaran (North Ryde, 0406 137 325, [shankarandgita@gmail.com](mailto:shankarandgita@gmail.com)) or Graeme Davies (Kincumber, 0416 275 363, [gradav@ozemamil.com.au](mailto:gradav@ozemamil.com.au)) for more information and to register your interest **by mid January 2015** for them to know the numbers and help you to book tickets.

One of the hosts of the proposed exchange writes as follows:

I suggest that your group start the RFE on Monday June 1. If your group arrives in Vancouver on May 31 or earlier, you will travel by BC Ferry to Vancouver Island on June 1 and be met in Nanaimo by your first hosts. Your group will stay with six different Rotary clubs for three days each. Three will be on Vancouver island and three in Washington State. We will transport your group from hosts to hosts in Canada and the USA. For travel from Canada to the USA we will get you to the MV Coho ferry that travels from Victoria BC to Port Angeles Washington, where you will be met by your first American hosts. At the end of the RFE, on June 19, we will transport the group to Seattle WA from where you may go any place you choose.

The night before the official start of the RFE (May 31) I suggest you all meet at a hotel near the airport. I can give you suggestions of reasonable rate hotels that offer airport shuttle. I can also give you information on a reasonable shuttle to the BC Ferry terminal with service to Duke Point (Nanaimo).

While you are in District 5020 you will most likely get to four to six Rotary meetings. Our meetings are informal. Generally you will not need jacket and tie. However, if any club has a different custom you will be advised be-

fore you leave home.

We will give you the Royal Tour of our part of the world.

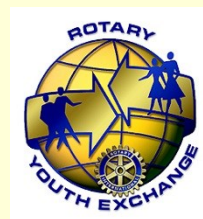
Rotary regards, Jeff

## 2015 Youth Exchange welcome home dinner

The 2015 Youth Exchange Welcome Home Dinner will be held on Friday 13th February 2015 at Muirfield Golf Club.

The host Rotary Club, Carlingford, has changed the venue of the dinner and this has allowed it to reduce the cost to \$40 per person. **If you would like to attend the dinner and meet some of the extremely talented young representatives of Australia, RSVP and make your payments by Friday 23rd January 2015.**

If you have any enquiries about the Youth Exchange Welcome Home Dinner, please contact Rod Jolly on 9484 2087 or [YEdinner@RotaryCarlingford.org.au](mailto:YEdinner@RotaryCarlingford.org.au)



## Film night: The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

Thanks to 20th Century Fox and the efforts of Ross Egan, the club will have a private showing of The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel on Monday, 2 March, as a fundraiser for PolioPlus. Start inviting your family, friends and acquaintances now. Further details in due course.



## Rotary International Convention



Brazil is home to many former Rotary Scholars, Youth Exchange students (e.g., Gabriel de Rosa who was hosted by our club) and Group Study Exchange team members. The 2015 RI Convention in São Paulo offers a wonderful opportunity for you to reunite with people our club or district has hosted, while you experience all the excitement of a Rotary Convention. Like Rotary,

São Paulo is notably diverse. In its many ethnic neighbourhoods, you'll feel the influence immigrants from your country have left on this South American metropolis, and – according to the organising committee – you may even discover a long-lost branch of your family tree.

## School For Life Foundation

The School For Life wants your support for its work in Uganda. It offers many low-cost options:

### Goats

A goat costs \$30 and contributes to our growing goat farm on our new block of land, Bujuuko. We already have 30 goats with more kids arriving every single day! Goats breed at least twice annually and provide meat and an income to sustain the operations of our rapidly growing school.





### Piglets

Not only do piglets provide revenue for the school, they also provide food and a learning resource for the students. We employ all local staff to care for our animals, helping to break the cycle of poverty.

Piglets cost just \$40 and help lift a community out of poverty.

### Fair trade, Ugandan made bathrobes



Our tailoring students have been hard at work producing handmade, fair trade beautiful and unique garments. These bathrobes are a very popular gift and cost just \$40.

### Student educational packages

Purchase exercise books for an entire class for just \$80. We have 40 students per class, with two teachers, and our students are provided high quality learning resources - some of the best in Uganda!



We also have a range of less expensive options, including pencils and paints for \$20 and educational packages for \$50

Help our children obtain excellent academic results.

### Food for the students



We feed our students 3 nutritious meals daily to help grow and increase their concentration levels. Every Thursday they are fed meat, which in Uganda is a very rare and special meal, usually only consumed on Christmas day due to poverty. None of the Katuuso kids are sick on Thursdays.

### Fair trade, Ugandan made aprons

These are the perfect unisex gift for the chef at home. When you purchase an apron, you are supporting a woman to receive income and employment who otherwise would never have the opportunity to learn and provide for her family. Studies show that when you provide a woman with employment, she reinvests 90c of every dollar she makes back into her children's education and the community.

There is a range of unique and beautiful fabrics.

### Sponsor a child

Please sign up to sponsor a child for \$50 per month or \$600 to make a long lasting difference to a child's future



in Uganda!

Sponsorship will provide your sponsored child with full tuition for one year, uniforms, three meals a day and access to clean drinking water. For more information on buying any of the items above or sponsoring one of our students at Katuuso, please visit our website <http://schoolforlife.org.au/>.

### More club Christmas party photos



## Calendar of events

January	19	Joint meeting with Crosslands Rotaract Club
	26	Australia Day – no meeting
February	16	Pride of Workmanship
March	2	(Roseville Cinema) The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (in aid of PolioPlus)
	16	Bobbin Head Cycle Classic club briefing
	29	(Sunday) Bobbin Head Cycle Classic
April	6	Easter Monday – no meeting
May	14	(Thursday) Fundraising night: Pymble Players: a Hercule Poirot whodunit
	17	Meeting postponed 3 days
	20	(Wednesday) Bobbin Head Cycle Classic presentation to charities

## 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>	[Vacant]
<b>Bobbin Head Cycle Classic</b>	Bob Elsworth
<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>	Malcolm Braid

## Club committees 2014-15

**Administration:** Joy Newling, Geoff Hungerford, Rob Hall, Graham Maslen, Michael Tyler (Koongga)

**Bobbin Head Cycle Classic:** Bob Elsworth, Graham Timms, Tony McClelland, Ross Egan, John Aitken, Michael Midlam, Emyr Evans, Dilys Geddes, Geoff Hungerford, Jack McCartney, Linda Lam-Rolfs

**Club History:** Malcolm Braid, Tom Jackson

**Community:** Ross Lambert, Michael Midlam (Bowel scan), Lou Coenen, Linda Lam-Rolfs, Gary Dawson, Roger Desmarchelier, Chris Hoch (Red Shield), Caroline Jones, Nick Kenyon, Loïc Lacombe, Ross Egan (Daffodil Day)

**International:** Roger Desmarchelier, Graham Maslen, David Forsythe, Peter Tang, Georgina Manning, Lindsay Forest, Loïc Lacombe, Emyr Evans, John Aitken

**Membership:** Greg Newling

**Public Relations:** Michael Midlam

**Rotary Foundation:** Graham Timms, Peter Tang

**Vocational:** Michael Midlam

**Youth:** Joy Newling (acting), Bob Ivey, Malcolm Braid, Tom Jackson, Ted Price, Joyce Enos, Greg Goodman, Linda Lam-Rolfs, Jack McCartney