



K O O N G G A

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Rotary monthly theme: (none designated)

This week: Darcy Sharpe: Living with a guide dog

Darcy has had low vision issues since childhood (myopia and nystagmus). With shaky vision and severe short sightedness, school years and later work place with vision impairment was a daily struggle. Darcy received some basic training to use the long cane to find his way around.



He later underwent 2 eye operations which improved his vision for about 15 years. During this period he worked for a number of state and federal politicians in their electorate offices. Darcy was surprised to find that the job had less to do with politics and more about dealing with peoples' problems and the skills he learnt there have served him well in his retirement.

He moved to Queensland after retirement and, despite deteriorating vision, became involved in various activities and contributed to several community organisations. It was during one of his volunteer activities that Darcy came into contact with a field officer from Guide Dogs Queensland, who recommended that he begin working with a Guide Dog.

Oregon, Darcy's current Guide Dog is a perfect match for Darcy's personality and his active and busy lifestyle. Never one to sit still, Darcy has spent many hours in front of a microphone on community radio stations. Utilising his extensive experience as a volunteer, Darcy currently works once a week with Diabetes NSW.

As a public relations and motivational speaker for Guide Dogs NSW/ACT, Darcy and his Guide Dog Oregon regularly visit schools, clubs, seniors and other community groups to talk about Darcy's own experience with vision issues, how he manages his life, living with a Guide Dog and the many different ways anyone with vision impairment can be assisted by the organisation to live an active and independent life.

Darcy's Guide Dog "Oregon" will accompany him and members/guests are asked to refrain from

patting, feeding or distracting the Oregon during their visit.

Last week's guests & announcements

President Graham:

- Welcomed our guest speaker, Assistant District Governor Theo Glockemann OAM; and
- Invited members and their partners to make up a table at the Gala Dinner to raise funds for the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter on Saturday, 15 August (see the advertisement in last week's Koongga).

Theo Glockemann presented to the club the following District Awards for 2014-15:

- A Membership Growth Certificate of Achievement (on the first evening for a year or more when Immediate Past President Tony McClelland wasn't present to receive it!); and
- A Website Commendation Certificate (deservedly received by Past President Bob Ivey - pictured with Theo).



Ross Egan:

- Said that he will be seeking volunteers to sell daffodils to raise funds for the Cancer Council of NSW on Daffodil Day, Friday, 28 August;
- Thanked the members who assisted with the Lifeline Book Fair and reported that it had raised \$161,000; and
- Reported the establishment of a partnership with Roseville Cinema to raise funds for charitable purposes. The first event will be an exclusive premier of 'Last Cab to Darwin' on Wednesday, 5 August (the day before its official release in NSW) to raise funds for Ku-ring-gai Youth Development Service. The director of the film (which is thought to be a candidate for Australian Film of the Year) will speak to the audience before the showing.

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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 **'Be a gift to the world'** is the Rotary International President's theme for 2015-16

Books In Homes

District Community Service is taking on Books In Homes for 2015-16.



The Rotary Club of Penrith Valley has supported a number of local schools through the Books in Homes Program over the past several years as it believes that reading and literacy will play a major role in further enhancing the communication skills of today's youth.

Your support will enable to continue this important path. The goal is modest. Can you or our club help? See more at <https://booksinhomes.secure.force.com/Fundraise/54HoleGolfChallenge2015/RotaryDistrict9685>

Motor cycle fundraising ride

The Sydney to Siam Reap Motor Cycle Fundraising Ride has already departed, but it's not too late to make a donation to Cambodian Kids Centres and prostate cancer research (see advertisement later in this issue).



Giant book and record fair

Rotary Club of Galston

17th GIANT BOOK & RECORD FAIR

Friday 24th July 10am to 5pm

Saturday 25th July 8am to 5pm

Sunday 26th July 9am to 5pm

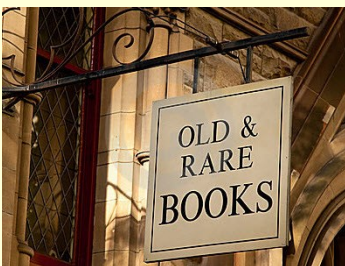
GALSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

37 ARCADIA ROAD, GALSTON

CAFÉ & BBQ LUNCH AVAILABLE on the 25th & 26th

The Rotary Club of Galston 17th Annual Giant Book and Record Fair attracts buyers from all over Sydney and many kilometres around. We have over 55,000 books displayed in over 50 categories.

In our general area all the books are in good condition and there are many bargains. All the books in this area are sold by the inch, measuring the thickness.



We have many special and rare books in the section marked "Quality, Collectors and Silent Auction" all at well below trade prices. Books include a rare 12 volume set of The Official History of Australia in the War of 1914-18, a 1897

edition of The Dog in Australia, an 8 volume set of Ion Idriess, several excellent books on Australian Parrots and other birds, The Great White Whale (SS Canberra) Goes to War and many other excellent books, some of which are in the Silent Auction section which closes at 5pm on the Saturday.

Children's books are on the stage where the family can browse at its leisure. There is a large collection of vinyl records, CDs and DVDs sorted into several categories. The ever popular jigsaw puzzles and games are displayed in a separate area.

Top Quality Books at Bargain Prices

A Clearance Sale starts at 3pm Sunday

The Book and Record Fair is the major fundraising event for The Rotary Club of Galston to enable it to assist the local Community as well as national and international projects and disasters.

For further information contact Kathryn Dickinson on 0410 530 691 or Harley Newham
Email: newhamh@iprimus.com.au

International service seminar

Come and be part of the exchange of information, ideas and expertise that can shape your 2015-16 International Service: Topics include:

- How can I as an individual Rotarian contribute to International Service
- Why and how my club should be involved in International Service
- Explore ideas for International Service
- Why I should know about the Rotary Australia World Community Service
- What opportunities exist to join existing international projects including volunteering overseas
- Where in the world are D9685's International Projects

Date: Saturday 1 August 2015

Time: 9.00am – 4.00pm

Venue: Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children, 361 North Rocks Road, North Rocks

Register at seminar.rotarydistrict9685.org.au

Contact: District International Chair – David Mylan
0411 878 854

- See more at: <http://rotarydistrict9685.org.au/stories/international-seminar-2/#sthash.JtYi9YC0.dpuf>

District 9685 Conference 2016

Bookings are now open for the District Conference, to be held in Canberra on 11 & 12 March 2016.

**ROTARY DISTRICT 9685
2016 CONFERENCE**

GAME ON
2016 CONFERENCE
DISTRICT 9685

**11th & 12th MARCH 2016
CANBERRA**
AT THE CONVENTION CENTRE AND
AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT

The purpose of the District Conference is to provide opportunities for networking, inspirational addresses, and discussions on Rotary-related matters. The event recognises the service programs, projects, and public relations achievements in our District in order to inspire Rotarians to become more involved in service.

The conference also gives Rotarians and clubs a vision of Rotary beyond the club level and provides a memorable fellowship experience. Many Rotarians have said that they were never truly enthusiastic about Rotary until they saw an inspirational presentation at a District Conference.

See more at: <http://rotarydistrict9685.org.au/SitePage/district-conference#sthash.YFuW6A5N.dpuf>

Last week: Theo Glockemann: Rotary Australia World Community Service

Assistant District Governor Theo Glockemann is District 9685's Rotary Australia World Community Service ('RAWCS') coordinator.



RAWCS is one of those organisations that many Rotarians have heard of but have not encountered and don't know what it does or what it's for.

RAWCS is the successor to Fourth Avenue in Motion ('FAIM') which began in 1964. FAIM assisted Rotary clubs to send groups of their members overseas to carry out 'hands on' projects, such as building schools. The focus has now shifted to sending Rotarians overseas to train local people to set up organisations and carry out projects themselves.

RAWCS can establish links with local government and Australian diplomatic offices, arrange insurance and assist with travel arrangements. It keeps a register of volunteers working overseas (and may be the only organisation that can trace them in times of political disturbance or natural disaster).

Advice, assistance and training in building, construction and commercial operations (for example, assistance in obtaining microfinance) are also provided by RAWCS to support developing communities in establishing themselves. It provides a forum for Rotary clubs to exchange information with and learn from others who have carried out similar projects.

RAWCS is now a big undertaking. It's a registered charity with a turnover of \$35million per annum. Last year it sent out 1,100 volunteers in 149 teams. Currently it's involved in 417 projects - 179 organised by east coast clubs (70 from District 9685).

RAWCS has had to adapt to manage the growing scale of its operations. Since the administration is largely carried out by volunteers, only 3% of corporate donations is applied for administrative purposes. In other words, 97% is applied directly to projects (which appeals very much to corporate donors). No part of donations by Rotary clubs or their members is applied for administrative purposes. (There is an online donation facility at RAWCS' website.)

A division of RAWCS is 'Donations In Kind' ('DIK'), which receives and distributes overseas goods such as medical equipment (e.g., CAT scan machines and hospital

beds), school furniture and smaller items (e.g., T shirts, shoes, even name tag lanyards) that are unwanted in Australia (e.g., due to upgrading) but are still useful elsewhere.

DIK needs serviceable equipment. In practice it has to send a lot of what it receives to the tip - e.g., because it's in dubious condition and the recipients would not be able to maintain or repair it.

DIK has a large warehouse at Minchinbury, as well as others throughout Australia. It's an interesting and worthwhile project for groups of Rotarians to spend a Saturday morning loading containers for export. 20 containers were despatched overseas last year.

DIK needs money for its operational costs - e.g., warehouse maintenance, forklift running costs, etc. It costs \$6,000 to send a container to Vanuatu. Whilst donating funds to cover the cost is not a headline-grabbing project, DIK is very grateful to those Rotary clubs that do so.

RAWCS has established the Rotary Australia Benevolent Society ('RABS') to assist Rotary clubs and Districts to respond to needs within their own communities and to gain tax deductibility for donations made to their particular project. RABS is a public benevolent institution (PBI) with full Australian Taxation Office certification.

Under the ATO's current determination, donations are tax deductible if they are for development projects or relief activities. 'Development' means something that improves the recipients' capacity to fend for themselves - e.g., training. It may include provision of building materials. However, donations for welfare activities (e.g., Rotarians constructing a school) are not deductible.

Theo described the introduction of the Rotary Youth Leadership Award ('RYLA') and Rotary Program of Enrichment ('RYPEN') programs to Timor Leste. (Theo was one of the prime movers of the project and President Graham and Caroline Jones of our club travelled to the country to assist prepare and run RYLA.)

Starting with very basic plans, but with the enthusiastic involvement of the local youth and the support of RAWCS, both programs have grown enormously and are now fully run by local people (essentially, young people who want to help their country grow). In addition, there are now 6 Rotaract Clubs in Timore Leste.

Even bigger than RYLA and RYPEN overseas is Rotarians Against Malaria ('RAM') (to which our club has contributed regularly). When Theo proposed distributing anti-malarial bednets in Timor Leste, he discovered that over 1 million of them had been distributed already. Taking into account RAM's activities elsewhere, it's huge.

Theo concluded by saying that it's fun to go and work with people in third world countries. RAWCS is there to help people to do so.

Next week: Stan Glaser & Gary Keating: '10 on me'

Our two most recently inducted members will talk to us about their respective backgrounds, upbringing, families, careers, achievements, ambitions - and anything else that they think we need to know about them. This is an opportunity to start getting to know them better and perhaps discover how they can contribute to fulfilment of our club's aims.



Rotary



CLUB OF DEE WHY WARRINGAH

District 9685 • Chartered 10 June, 1952 • ABN 13 271 805 708
PO Box 100, Dee Why NSW 2099 Australia

Tuesday Meetings: Level 4, Dee Why RSL, Pittwater Rd, Dee Why

Level 2, 6:00pm Dinner for 7:00pm

Sydney to Siem Reap Motor Cycle Fundraising Ride



Donate at
donscharity.com

All proceeds to be distributed by the board of The Rotary Club of Dee Why Warringah



Departs July 6, 2015, 12 Noon
Collaroy Surf Club Car Park.
Farewell by Mayor Michael Re
Rotary President Glenn Booth
Superintendent Dave Darcey
Other local dignitaries to be advised.

C.H.O.I.C.E



Charitable Humanitarian Organization In Cambodia by Expats

Proceeds to Cambodian Kids Centres And Prostate Cancer Research



Be a gift to the world

9000 Km motorcycle ride across 5 countries.

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TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday
29th August

Cherrybrook Community Centre;
Shepherds Drive

6.30pm for 7pm start

\$20 pp

Bring along your friends to make a
table of 8.

Light supper provided, BYOG & nibbles

To Book: ph 0468 330 667
E mail: wphc.rotary@gmail.com

Proceeds go towards;
Shine for Kids ~ Books in Homes Australia ~
Violence Against Women-



Calendar of events

July	27	Stan Glaser & Gary Keating: '10 on me'
August	3	Angus Robinson: 'Creating a vision for Australia'
	10	Archie Law: 'Action Aid'
	17	
	24	District Governor Gina Growden's visit (combined meeting with Rotary Club of Lindfield)
September	31	
	7	
	14	
	21	
October	28	
	5	
	12	
	19	
	26	

Club officers and committee chairmen 2015-16

Board of directors

President	Graham Timms
Vice President	John Aitken
Immediate Past President	Tony McClelland
President Elect	Michael Midlam
Secretary	Geoff Hungerford
Treasurer	Graham Maslen
Director - Membership	Tony McClelland
Director - Public Relations	Roger Desmarchelier
Director - Club Administration	Michael Midlam
Director - Service Projects	John Aitken
Director - Rotary Foundation	Peter Tang

Service committee chairmen

Administration (Club Service)	Michael Midlam
Vocational Service	Lindsay Forrest
Community Service	[Vacant]
International Service	Georgina Manning
Youth Service	Linda Lam-Rohlfs
Social events	Joy Newling
Bobbin Head Cycle Classic	Tony McClelland
Sergeant-at-Arms	Malcolm Braid
Assistant Secretary	Lindsay Forrest
Assistant Treasurer	Chris Lewis

Club committees 2015-16

Administration: Michael Midlam, Geoff Hungerford, Rob Hall (Program), Bob Ivey (Web and social media), Graham Maslen, Michael Tyler (Koongga)

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

Club History: Malcolm Braid, Tom Jackson

Community: [Vacant], Gary Dawson, Ross Egan (Daffodil Day), Greg Goodman (Bowelscan), Chris Hoch (Red Shield), Nick Kenyon, Ted Price

International: Georgina Manning, Roger Desmarchelier, Emyr Evans, Dilys Geddes, Rob Hall, Loïc Lacombe, Graham Maslen, Greg Newling

Membership: Tony McClelland, Caroline Jones, Ken Sackville

Public Relations: Roger Desmarchelier, Linda Lam-Rohlfs, Georgina Manning,

Rotary Foundation: Peter Tang, Lindsay Forrest, Chris Hoch, Greg Newling

Social Events: Joy Newling, Ross Egan, Dilys Geddes, Georgina Manning,

Vocational: Lindsay Forrest, Lou Coenen, David Forsythe, Peter Kipps, Michael Tyler

Youth: Linda Lam-Rohlfs, Joyce Enos, Stan Glaser, Bob Ivey, Joy Newling, Don Riddell, Graham Timms