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This week: Bobbin Head Cycle Classic briefing



Malcolm Braid, John Aitken, Margaret Braid & Michael Midlam packing volunteers' bags in the Egans' garage

There are only 2 weeks to go to the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic. It's time to get all participants in its organisation and management on the day together for a thorough briefing about the arrangements for the event. There are changes since last year, so as many as possible need to attend to learn what's new and get a refresher on everything else. Bring your family and friends!

Last week's guests & notices

President Graham welcomed our guest speaker, Edwina Throsby, Anil Fulwaria, Neelam Fulwaria and Dipankar Fulwaria.

Lindsay Forrest:

- Called for a substitute for Peter Kipps as a marshals' team leader for the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic; and
- Said that, for regulatory purposes, it is essential that every marshal attends one of the following briefings:
 - Monday, 7 March at Killara Golf Club from 7.30 – 8.30 pm (or from 7 pm if having dinner); or

Rotary monthly theme: Water & sanitation

- Wednesday, 16 March at Lifeline, 4 Park Avenue, Gordon from 7 – 8 pm.

If a marshal can't get to either of those sessions, the second best alternative is to be briefed by someone who did, watch the marshal instructions video on the volunteers' website: <http://www.bobbinheadcycleclassic.com.au/content/volunteers/gjidmw> and confirm to the organisers that the marshal has done so.

Tony McClelland:

- Reported that registrations for the Bobbo had reached 1,550, so the total expected is 2,250; and
- Called for volunteers to stuff 2,500 envelopes on Monday afternoon, 7 March.

Malcolm Braid circulated the sign up sheet for Dinners for 8 again.

Geoff Hungerford called for a substitute sign poster for the Gordon Market and Ross Egan volunteered.

Board meeting postponed

The Board meeting scheduled for Monday, 7 March has been postponed to Monday, 14 March.

Induction of Anil Fulwaria

President Graham inducted Anil Fulwaria to membership of our club and welcomed his wife Neelam.



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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

Anil works in information technology, managing large databases (e.g. those of banks). His Rotary classification will be 'Information technology consultant'.

He has been invited to choose which Rotary Avenue of Service committee he will join. His past community work providing clean water and community lunches in India incline him towards the International Service Committee, but there is also a vacancy on the Youth Committee.

Anil has also been involved in organising community events (e.g., for a temple and a church) and he has catered for the Hare Krishna temple in North Sydney.

Anil enjoys watching cricket (of course!), playing tennis and bushwalking. Anil's and Neelam's son, Dipankar, is a pharmacist. They also have a married daughter, Ritcha.

Welcome to the club, Anil and Neelam!

Cross Egypt Challenge



Dear Rotarian friends ,

The board and members of the Rotary Club of Alexandria Cosmopolitan - District 2451 – Egypt are happy to invite you and the members of your prestigious and respectful club to learn more about and share our Rotary organized initiative, "**Cross Egypt Challenge**" that aims to promote tourism to Egypt and world understanding.

Cross Egypt Challenge is a series of international cross-country motorcycle and scooter rallies conducted throughout one of the most mysterious and fascinating countries of the world, Egypt. Participation is not only open to Rotarians or professional athletes and riders, but also open to average riders and their accompanying spouses or friends from around the globe.

This amazing Rotary project started in 2011 and the first season was a 9 days rally from the shores of the Mediterranean Sea in the north of Egypt to the temple of Abu Simbel, on the southern borders of Egypt with a total distance of over 1700 km. The following 4 seasons had participants from over 35 different countries many of which were Rotarians and witnessed different routes throughout the River Nile valley, eastern and western Egyptian deserts and the Red Sea mountain range where the riders enjoyed riding between the most exotic oases and sights of Egypt and the North African Sahara. The past 3 seasons witnessed what we believe was the first ever arranged "Sahara Rotary Meeting" where riding Rotarians along with Rotaractors from our organizing team from the 4 corners of the globe conducted an official Rotary meeting in the Egyptian Desert, a practice that we happily repeat at each new season.

This year marks the 6th season of Cross Egypt Challenge that will start on October 20, 2016 and will last for

10 days. This season, the challenge will include a fascinating and challenging route of 3,080 km that begins from the Mediterranean's largest seaport city, Alexandria, then head west to the coastal city of Marsa Matrouh en route south, then east to explore two of the Egyptian western desert oases: Siwa and Bahariya on the edge of the great sand sea of the North African Sahara. The challenge will then head to Minya on the shore of the River Nile, where it will ride the Nile valley south to reach the ancient city of Luxor, the world's largest open air museum city and the capital of Ancient Egypt.

From Luxor the challenge will head further south to the fascinating city of Aswan, the gate to Egypt's water reserve, then head further east to cross the Egyptian eastern desert, one of the most difficult deserts on the surface of the planet due to its rock formations and mountain range, to reach the shores of the Red Sea and stop at the beautiful diving city of Marsa Alam.

From Marsa Alam, the challenge will head back north by the Red Sea Riviera to make one last stop at the upscale resort city of El Gouna, before the last stage of the 2016 season of Cross Egypt Challenge takes place between El Gouna and Cairo, to end the new season under the Great Pyramids of Giza.

Cross Egypt Challenge provides a very rewarding and challenging experience for participants from around the globe as it combines the best of adventure travels and extreme sports. The 2016 season of Cross Egypt Challenge will include the longest route in the history of the challenge and will pass through many of Egypt's finest spots including modern cities, coastal resorts, historical sites, Egyptian western and eastern deserts and Egypt's Nile Valley.

I invite you, your club and the members of your club to support our initiative by:

- Registering for the rally and riding or joining one of your fellow riders in our chase vans this October in Egypt, and enjoying a once in a lifetime experience. (A motorcycle and scooter rental option is available for international participants).
- Sharing the news about Cross Egypt Challenge with your fellow members and inviting interested Rotarians to ride in this season's rally.
- Spreading the news out to your local community and local press to promote this Rotary initiative, and the image of Rotary worldwide.

For more information or to register, please visit our website: www.CrossEgyptChallenge.com and LIKE our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CrossEgyptChallenge Direct link to the registration application is: www.crossegyptchallenge.com/registration.html

We look forward to hearing back from you, welcoming you as a rider in Cross Egypt Challenge 2016 and hosting you in the fourth Sahara Rotary meeting.

For any more information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Ahmad Elzoghby, PHF, Board Member

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Dinners for 8

I am finalising the allocations for the Dinners for 8, which will occur on Friday 8, Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 April.

Many thanks for our hosts for this event, who are as follows:

Friday 8 April evening - Bob and Gwen Ivey
Tony Mc Clelland and Janette Pendleton

Saturday 9 April evening - John and Sue Aitken
Michael and Louise Tyler
Margaret and Malcolm Braid

Sunday 10 April lunch - Graham and Judy Timms

Once the allocations are finalised I will advise the hosts, who will decide on the menu (taking into account dietary requirements) and then contact the guests to organise their contribution for the dinner/lunch.

It promises to be a great opportunity to get to know other members and partners over a meal and a glass of wine.

One of the other duties for the host is to take a few photos of the gathering and send them to the Koongga editor with suitable captions.

Malcolm Braid

Last week: Edwina Throsby: Creating TEDx

Edwina Throsby is a graduate of the Australian Film, Television and Radio School. She has been a film maker, director and producer specialising in documentaries. For her PhD she researched swinging voters.

TED ('Technology, Entertainment, Design') Talks were started by graphic designer and architect Richard Wurman in 1984. For many years they were invitation only events held in Monterey, California, before transferring to Long Beach, California and, most recently, to Vancouver, Canada.

In 2001 Chris Anderson bought the conference, with a view to increasing its reach. In 2006 video streaming enabled the talks to be broadcast online and soon they had been viewed more than 1 million times.

All TED talks are 10-18 minutes long and are intended to inspire viewers to go and look for more information.

In 2009, in response to requests to hold TED conferences in other countries, the organisation authorised 'TEDx', which are independently organised events held under licence. They must conform to TED principles – e.g., approved by TED, not for profit, speakers paid only expenses, no connections with tobacco companies and the like and no plagiarism.

The Sydney licensee is Remo Giuffré, a long time 'TEDster'. He formed a partnership with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation to bring TEDx to a wider audience. At the time, Edwina was running 'Big Ideas' on the ABC. However, she left that to become the TEDx curator.

In a city like London, there are many small, strictly local TEDx conferences. In Sydney it's a very large event,

which uses all the theatres in the Opera House, presenting different programs which appeal to different audiences. The Sydney TEDx is the largest in the world in terms of number of participants and number of online views.

The key factors in organising TEDx are speakers, performers and the food program. (2 years ago, lunch was 'crowd sourced', with participants growing the meat (2 cows) and vegetables especially for the event.)

When selecting speakers, Edwina looks for:

1. Australians, so that TEDx can celebrate local talent. (Edwina referred to the success of other events using local speakers, such as the Sydney Writers Festival, the Festival of Dangerous Ideas and IQ Squared.)
2. The ability to present a 10-18 minute speech to a large audience. (Designers are not good speakers.)
3. Topics of general interest. What is interesting is very subjective. Edwina uses the 'New Yorker' test (after the magazine of that name): will the topic engage the interest of someone who had absolutely no previous interest in it?

Each TEDx needs 16 speakers. It's very challenging finding them and it's amazing that they can be found year after year. Edwina showed extracts from the talks given by three of them:

- Paul Pholeros, an architect who was applying architectural principles to improve the lives of people in remote communities, who spoke about the effect of houses having no water, toilet or power.
- Judy Sharp and her severely autistic son, Tim, whom Judy was advised to put into care. Through his obsessive drawing, Tim found a way to communicate, show love and become an internationally renowned artist. (Judy's book 'A Double Shot at Happiness' tells the story.)

TEDx Sydney has 5 or 6 curators (all former journalists) who are constantly on the look out for speakers.

This year's event will be held at the Opera House on 25 May, with a satellite program streamed live on the internet.

(Lou Coenen provided this link to a summary of some of the TED Talks relating to business:

<http://www.howardrecruitment.com.au/re-energise-ted/>)

Next week: Graham Wilcox: The struggle for unity - a story of the federation of Australia

Graham Wilcox is a genealogist and family historian who has spent much of his life tracing back all his ancestral family names. In each name he was able to build a line of ascent for hundreds of years, finding ancestors in England, Ireland and France. As he did so he built a giant family tree that amounts to several thousand people.

His research produced so much detail that he started writing stories to share with his extended family.

He has now published a book which tells how his great-grandfather Sir Arthur Rutledge actually brought Queensland together with the other colonies to ensure it became a state of Australia, and not a separate country.

The book is entitled *The Struggle For Unity - A Story of the Federation of Australia* and will be the subject of Graham's talk.





Lindfield Rotary Club
FUNRUN



This very popular family friendly community event will blast off from Roseville Park, Clanville Rd, Roseville, on **Sunday 3rd of April 2016**

5 km run/walk starts at 8am - 10 km run starts at 8.15am

Enquiries: lindfieldrotaryfunrun@hotmail.com
For more info and to register online, visit
www.lindfieldrotaryfunrun.org.au

Calendar of events

March	11	(Saturday & Sunday) District Conference, Canberra
	14	Graham Wilcox: The struggle for unity - a story of the federation of Australia
	20	(Sunday) Bobbin Head Cycle Classic
	21	Neil Howie: The Rotary Foundation (Also: Bobbin Head Cycle Classic report)
	28	No meeting (Easter Monday)
April	4	Michael Harvey: The creation of Action Stations
	8	9 & 10 (Friday - Sunday): Dinners for 8
	11	Billy Cantwell: Editing the North Shore Times
	18	Ken Zulumovski: Gamarada Universal Indigenous Resources
	25	No meeting (Anzac Day)
May	2	Katie Miller-Crispe: Creating Operantics
	9	
	16	No meeting (meeting deferred to Wednesday 18 May)
	18	(Wednesday) Bobbin Head Cycle Classic presentations
	23	
	30	
June	6	
	13	

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	Roger Desmarchelier
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: Roger Desmarchelier, Gary Dawson, Ross Egan (Daffodil Day), Chris Hoch (Red Shield), Nick Kenyon, Ted Price

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

Membership: Tony McClelland, 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, Stan Glaser, Gary Keating, Chris Lewis, Matt Mahjoub, Joy Newling, Don Riddell