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This 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.



Last week's guests & notices

President Graham:

- Welcomed Paul Rickard and Michael Robertson from the Rotary Club of Turramurra, Howard Poon from the Rotary Club of Lake Cargelligo, Bobbin Head Cycle Classic volunteers Michael Coorey, Jule Mahairas, Theo Mahairas, Doug Reid and Ben Taylor and Frances Forrest, Patsy Hungerford and Gwen Ivey; and
- Thanked John Aitken, Susan Aitken, Nicky Dawson, Geoff Hungerford, Patsy Hungerford, Bob Ivey, Gwen Ivey, Julie Mahairas, Graham Maslen, Annie Maslen, Tony McClelland, Michael Midlam, Joy Newling and Judy Timms who, accompanied by himself, stuffed about 3,000 envelopes for the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic on Monday afternoon. (See photo above right.) He predicted a repeat performance on Wednesday afternoon.

Rotary monthly theme: Water & sanitation



Envelope stuffers and stuffed envelopes

Help needed at Karuah Oval



Hello Michael,

Could you please run an appeal for raffle ticket sellers for the Bobbo?

We need people at Karuah Oval, Turramurra from the time the first riders return until 2.00 pm. Volunteers for all or part of that time will be very welcome.

Rita Coenen will be on duty again; Joyce Cribb will be operating the raffle tent and Ivan will again be Folder In Chief.

This is a great way for people in each volunteer team to stay in touch with the event when they finish marshalling.

Please ask them to email me with name and mobile no.

It is not a hard sell and raises about \$3,000 for our charities, but we need more help to reach all our potential customers! The more volunteers we have, the more tickets we can sell. The riders are very willing buyers.

Best wishes,

Greg Newling Tel: 9487 2338 / 0408 116 697

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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

Board meeting Monday 14 March

All members of the club are welcome to attend the club board meeting at 5.30 pm on Monday, 14 March. This is your opportunity to see the board in action and hear what's discussed.

ShelterBox appeal for Fiji



Cyclone Winston, the strongest cyclone ever to make landfall on Fiji

Some 120,000 people are estimated to need urgent humanitarian shelter assistance following Cyclone Winston, the strongest cyclone ever to make landfall on Fiji. As a result of strong winds and multiple tsunami-like storm surges, which hit Fiji on February 20, 2016, up to 90% of structures have been destroyed in the hardest hit areas and shelter is an immediate priority.

ShelterBox response to Cyclone Winston

ShelterBox has been working with Sea Mercy to deliver aid to affected islands. ShelterBox response teams are currently distributing 100 tents and 82 ShelterBoxes in the most hard-hit villages, and 208 more ShelterBoxes and 2000 solar lights are en route for Fiji. However, this number is only scratching the surface, and the operations team has identified a large number of additional households who are in desperate need of shelter. The team plans to send 2000 ShelterBoxes to meet this shelter challenge.

Why are ShelterBoxes the best solution for families displaced by Cyclone Winston?

At present, there is a lack of ready-to-use lumber and shelter building material on the islands. This means that the distribution of shelter kits would encourage unsustainable cutting of timber that would result in environmental degradation and lead to decreased disaster risk resilience. ShelterBoxes are therefore the best current solution to support families displaced by Cyclone Winston as they enable rapid distribution and are not dependent on the provision of further materials. The tents will ensure that families have access to safe and secure shelter as quickly as possible and will help them to resume livelihood activities.

We need to raise \$2 million to provide shelter for 2000 households in Fiji.

In order to support the 2000 households who have lost their homes, ShelterBox needs to raise an additional \$2 million. ShelterBox's support will enable families whose homes were destroyed in the cyclone to move into secure, dry shelter and return them their dignity. The 2000 solar lamps will provide light, protect vulnerable families

from threat and enable them to resume livelihood activities.

Are you able to help meet this need?

Does this disaster resonate in your club? Do you have donors who'd be interested in supporting this response? The closer we can get to \$2 million, the more shelter we are able to provide to families who lost their homes in the cyclone.

If you are able to contribute to this total, it would help us to reach more families whose lives have been devastated by this storm. To contribute, go to <http://www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au/library/downloads/SBA-Donation-Form-2011.pdf>

We really appreciate everything that you do and want to thank you in advance for making an extra push for families displaced by Cyclone Winston. Together we can give safe shelter to 2000 homeless families.

Thank you for considering our request.

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Golf in your pyjamas



We're embarking on our second (now annual) golf tournament in May. This is a form of golf which can be played without having to wear funny clothes or turn up on a rainy morning to play 18 holes in soggy shoes.

The Rotary Satellite e-Club of Ryde embarked on this project in 2015 and, as far as we know, an untried method of fundraising ... Golf in your pyjamas. It's an eSatRyde brainchild. Monday 30th May 2016 is the "day"; starting at midnight and concluding at midnight. Yes a whole day of virtual golf – 18 holes of golf played with your mouse!

Drinks are provided by you, from your own kitchen. And you can also have as many breaks in the game during the day as you need – just keep the game open on your computer.

Registration to play is open and the only way to book is by www.trybooking.com/KLTK. The cost of a game is \$30 per person (plus booking fee), so why not enrol your family as well. If you register now and later discover more people you'd like to pay for, add a new registration.

We're looking for SPONSORS

Tournament sponsors receive a space for a banner adv-

ertisement on the web-page as well as a similar visual in each of the mailouts we'll send to our "golf list". These little ads can have a hyperlink back to your website. If they sign on as the major sponsor, this comes with complimentary games.

Our beneficiaries represent local, national and international organisations –

- Brighter Futures, West Ryde (Benevolent Society)
- Indigo Foundation (an extension of the prior commitments of the core club)
- The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia

Please support this initiative.

You don't have to be a wiz at golf or a technical genius. If you can load a web-page and use your mouse and keyboard then that's the primary qualification.

www.e-golf.org.au

David James

Tournament Manager

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Last week: Bobbin Head Cycle

Classic briefing

In opening his presentation, which was focussed on event marshalling, Paul Rickard acknowledged the substantial contribution of Rotarians involved in many other capacities organising and running the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic ('BHCC').



Paul emphasised that rider and volunteer safety is the highest priority in the BHCC. This year there is an improved emergency response plan, with extra medical support teams from St Johns First Aid and the SAN at Wahroonga.

Traffic management has been improved with new descent protocols at Bobbin Head and West Head and a slight route change in St Ives.

New features this year are:

- 6.30am start time (it will be dark!).
- Road closures in Turramura (Karuah) start at 5.00am.
- St Ives deviation to eliminate Mudies Road dip .
- New drink stop at Thai Terrey Hills.
- 40km speed limit on McCarr's Creek Road (between Liberator General San Martin and West Head Road).
- Rider cut off times earlier.
- Training video for volunteers.

The following road closures will occur:

- National Park at North Turrumurra – 0615 to 0915 – traffic diverted to Mt Colah. Motorists must travel in same direction as riders (clockwise).
- National Park at Cottage Point Road – 0730 to 1230 – traffic diverted to West Head Road entry. Motorists must travel in same direction as riders (anti-clockwise). Access to Cottage Point not impacted.
- Karuah Road, Turrumurra Avenue, Warrimoo Road, Woodbury Road (all part).

There will be multiple rest stops providing water, light food, toilet facilities and basic first aid, including:

- Toolang Oval St Ives (57, 80, 104 km rides)
- Kinka Reserve at Terrey Hills (57, 80, 104 km rides)
- West Head - 104km ride
- Thai Terrey Hills (near Mona Vale Road) – 80 & 104km rides

Cut off times and places (after which riders must surrender their numbered 'bibs' and will no longer be part of the event if they continue riding) will be:

- National Park Gates at Mt Colah – by 8.15 am, all rides, surrender bib or return to Turrumurra.
- Toolang Oval St Ives – by 10.00am, mainly 57km ride, surrender bib or return to Turrumurra.
- Terrey Hills (Booralie Road) – by 10.00 am, 80 and 104km rides, surrender bib or return to Turrumurra.
- West Head turn-off – by 9.50 am, 104km, surrender bib or return to Turrumurra via Akuna Bay.

Bibs are colour and number coded for different rides, as follows (note the first digit of each number series):

- 104 km 10001 to nn **Blue**
- 80 km 8001 to nn **Green**
- 57 km 5001 to nn **Yellow**
- 27 km 2001 to nn **Pink**

Michael Robertson explained the printed instructions for each marshal and the following general instructions:



- Start Times: 104 km at 6.30am; 80km at 7.00am, 57km at 7.10am and 27km at 7.20am.
- Make sure you have your team leader's mobile phone number.
- Mobile bike mechanics will be available on the route.
- Plan and dress for the event – hat, water, some food etc.
- The event will go ahead regardless of weather.
- You can't stop traffic, except in an emergency. Keep riders to the left, no more than double file.
- Be courteous to motorists.
- Don't leave your point unattended.
- Notify your team leader if you need assistance.
- Sweeper vehicles will follow the event and collect cyclists unable to continue for any reason; bikes returned to Karuah.
- A motorbike will follow the last rider and confirm that you can stand down from your position.

A marshal training video is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gRr1ofxyUW0>

Next week: Neil Howie: The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation is 'Rotary's charity' - one of the largest charitable foundations in the world. It applies its resources to projects ranging from the worldwide eradication of polio to local water and sanitation projects in third world countries.

Our Rotary District is both a leading contributor to and a major user of the Foundation's Funds. Neil Howie, our District Foundation Zone Representative, will tell us how it works.

Calendar of events

March	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	No meeting (Queen's birthday)
	20	
	27	Club changeover

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