



# K O O N G G A

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## ***This week: Debate with Lindfield Rotary Club: Topic "That humans are too dependent on computers"***



Bravely putting the debating trophy that it won in perpetuity from the Rotary Club of Turramurra on the line, our club has challenged the Rotary Club of Lindfield to debate the proposition "that humans are too dependent on computers".

Lindfield will speak for the motion and our club against it. Come along and support your team!

## ***Last week's guests & notices***

### **President Graham:**

- Welcomed our guest speaker, Katie Miller-Crispe, Clara Barton, Andrew Marselos and Elizabeth Richardson;
- Announced that it is proposed that the distribution of the proceeds of next year's Bobbin Head Cycle Classic will be: 50% to Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury, 10% to Ku-ring-gai Youth Development Service and 10% to each of the participating Rotary clubs to donate to their respective chosen charities;
- Proposed that, as Eagles RAPS has now attracted substantial funding commitments from the Sargents Foundation, KPMG, Blacktown Council and 2 other Rotary clubs, our club should step back and refocus on carrying out its customary role of providing seed

### **Rotary monthly theme: Youth services**

money for other new projects; and

- Reminded members that next week's meeting will be the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic Presentation Night at the Pymble Golf Club on Wednesday, 18 May at a cost of \$42 for a 2 course meal and that partners are welcome to attend.

**Lindsay Forrest** outlined the interim Working With Children policy and manual adopted by the Board (see article below).

**Joy Newling** urged members to attend and help at the Comedy for a Cause night in support of Clarke Road School on Friday, 20 May; the school needs another \$38,000 for a new bus; \$22 from each ticket sold will go to the school, which is relying on our club; 70 tickets have been sold so far.

**Rob Hall** invited talented speakers to volunteer for the club's debating team and promised to nominate representatives if there were insufficient volunteers.

**Chris Hoch** called for and obtained 2 more volunteers to assist with the Red Shield Appeal on 29 May.

## ***Working With Children policy/manual***



The club's Board has adopted a draft Child Protection Policy, which is available to members on the club's website, as an Interim Policy/

Manual. It is a requirement for all Rotary Clubs to have a policy/manual for Working with Children, including how to deal with any breach of the policy.

District has forwarded us this draft, which was painstakingly prepared by the governance & legal minds of the Rotary Club of Lower Blue Mountains. While it is very long/wordy (at 15 pages) nonetheless it serves as an interim policy/manual for our club until we have finalised our own policy/manual (using this draft as a basis for completing that task, given that if we start from scratch/substantially reduce the document size, we will need to get our own governance & legal clearance).

The Board decided the job of completing this would be undertaken by Lindsay Forrest, Chris Hoch and Michael Midlam and should be completed/adopted by end of June.

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

To this end, the Board welcomes members' inputs and requests member to read the document and forward any comments, suggested inclusions/changes, etc to the 3 above members.

In the period until we adopt our own policy/manual, Lindsay Forrest & Geoff Hungerford will act as Verification Officers. For all club activities involving working with children, the member organising that activity must check with Lindsay or Geoff that every volunteer for the activity is cleared/verified and on our Club Working With Children Register. (One of the first such activities will be the Red Shield Appeal.)

### **Theatre night - 'Rumours'**

The very first production by Epic Centre Theatre in their new home at Ku-ring-gai Town Hall saw a full house. 'Rumours' was a cleverly constructed and funny story, played by what our table and those around us thought were very good actors. A fun night. If that is their usual standard, there will be many more to come.

Bob Ivey



## **Rotary alumni advance Service Above Self**

From the coastline of Costa Rica, to the sidewalks of Bangkok, to the jungles of Indonesia, we have been supported as individuals by The Rotary Foundation to make this world a better place; one where service comes before self. As a team of Rotary alumni, we have been able to pull together in pursuit of empowering grassroots social innovators around the world.

The three Rotary programs that have supported us: Courtney's Ambassadorial Scholarship at the University for Peace in Costa Rica; Hermes' global grant supported scholarship at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand; and Katy's Rotary Peace Fellowship at the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand; have been critical experiences in defining our work and the experiences that we create for our participants at [Designing for Social Innovation & Leadership \(DSIL\) Global](#).

At DSIL Global, we train social entrepreneurs from around the world using a combination of design tools, leadership development, and business frameworks. Above all of this, we weave in themes found when peace and conflict studies, sustainable management, and international development intersect; all skill that we developed as Rotary scholars and fellows.

In all three of our Rotary programs, we were encouraged to develop a network with local Rotary members who supported and mentored us through our times as Rotary scholars. They were there when we got sick or needed advice on the local bureaucracy. They provided a community for us to engage in service to better the places we lived and help the people we worked with. All three of our programs involve exchanging ideas and experience across diverse perspectives. We shared with and learned from scholars, fellows, and practitioners from over 80 countries. This would not have been possible without the support of Rotary and the global community of Rotarians, alumni, and support personnel.

Today, as friends and colleagues, we are using our experiences to continue finding innovation in daily dialogue and shared experiences. In partnership with the University for Peace, we select people who are ready to make a positive impact in their communities and bring them together to accelerate that impact. In the process, we are developing a global network of innovators who can lean on each other. Five times this year we will be facilitating our DSIL programs to bring grassroots innovators together in conversation and fellowship in a creative environment to seek solutions to challenges facing Southeast Asia.

Our lives would not be the same without the support of our clubs back home, our host communities, and the support of Rotary. We're looking forward to working with more Rotary alumni in the future to create an even greater impact. Rotary is empowering people to change the world, and we're excited to be a part of it. We're looking forward to providing new ways for Rotary members to apply Service Above Self, and we can't wait to bring DSIL Global to a community near you.

*Courtney Lawrence, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar 2009-10; Katherine Grennier, Rotary Peace Fellow 2016; and*

## Stars of the North - Dance for Cancer



**Address:** The Concourse, 409 Victoria Ave, Chatswood NSW 2067

**Date:** Saturday 4 June 2016

**Time:** 7:30 pm – 10:00 pm

**About:** Filled with fun, laughter and plenty of dancing, Stars of the North – Dance for Cancer is an inaugural fundraising event guaranteed to spark off a good time. Watch local community “Stars” with no dance experience team up with professionals to perform in the name of entertainment. These local heroes will fundraise and dance their way onto the stage in a bid to raise \$100,000 for Cancer Council NSW.

The competition will be fierce as they compete to take home the trophy for:

- Judges Choice
- People’s Choice
- Highest Fundraiser

Cancer Council NSW believes that we can and will beat cancer. There are things that we can all do every day to help make this happen.

Stars of the North is a fresh, fun way to raise valuable funds and join in the fight against cancer. We hope you will join us for a night of fun, dancing and entertainment!

**Price:** Tickets: Adult \$55 Youth \$45

<http://theconcourse.com.au/cancer-council-nsw-presents-stars-of-the-north/>

**Website:** <https://www.everydayhero.com.au/event/starsofthenorth2016>

**Facebook Link** – <https://www.facebook.com/starsnorthdance/>

### Last week: Katie Miller-Crispe: Creating Operantics

Young opera singer Katie Miller-Crispe toured Europe and saw many operas cheaply in opera houses everywhere. She saw amazing productions put on by young opera companies.

The contrast with Australia was enormous. Here there are just a few well-established opera companies, seeing operas is expensive and it’s very hard for young singers to get a start.

But Katie thought that Australian singers are better than their European counterparts, so she decided to set up her own opera company, Operantics. The aim is to ena-



ble talented young singers to gain performance experience and demonstrate their skills to other opera companies.

Operantics is very democratic: all the decisions are made by the participants, who (except for the conductor) are unpaid because the company has no funding. The first of its 3 productions to date took 6 months’ preparation, but now they have refined the process to 3 months.

There are many different voice types, which need to be carefully selected for particular opera roles. Operantics can provide opportunities for each of them to experiment.

No other opera company gives singers the same level of control, nor the opportunity for young singers to learn and practice in the original language of each opera.

Operantics’ first production was *Cos Fan Tutti*. Due to the lack of money, it was performed in modern clothing and with only a piano accompaniment. Four of the 6 cast members had had no previous opportunity to perform, but received offers from other opera companies.

Operantics now has a season in residence at the Independent Theatre in North Sydney. It has produced/is producing:

- Menotti’s *The Telephone*, a comedy of miscommunication in which Ben’s attempts to ask his girlfriend Lucy an important question are frustrated by the frequent interruptions of her telephone;
- Horowitz’s *Gentlemen’s Island*, a comedy of manners in which two British gentlemen, the sole survivors of a shipwreck, are unable to start a conversation because there is nobody to introduce them; and
- the Australian premiere of Dove’s *Mansfield Park*, based on Jane Austen’s novel.

Operantics currently has 16 cast members. It is seeking funding to start touring, e.g., to schools and to produce Australian operas. It will feature 20 singers this year and hopes to double that number next year.

Katie foresees a bright future for the company. Arrangements are being made to present *Così Fan Tutti* in Leichhardt and, with a full orchestra, in Penrith.

### Book Club

Judy Timms, Anne Maslen, Cathy Jackson, Peter Kipps, Gary Keating and Tony McClelland attended the book club on 3 May and discussed ‘All The Light We Cannot See’ by Anthony Doerr.

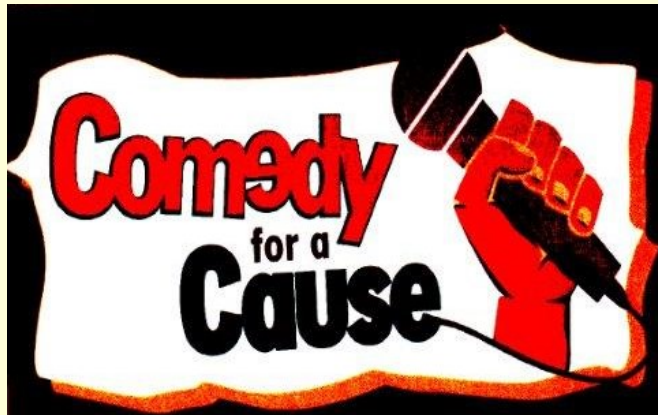
The next meeting is 31 May and the book for the month is ‘Coal Creek’ by Alex Miller.

### Next meeting (Wednesday, 18 May): **Bobbin Head Cycle Classic presentations**

Instead of our meeting on Monday, 16 May, our club will join the other 3 organising clubs at the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic presentations on Wednesday, 18 May at Pymble Bowling Club, Cowan Road, St Ives.

**Members must no later than Friday 13 May:**

- Register their (and their partners’) attendance **or non-attendance** at <https://goo.gl/WvLvzs>; and
- Pay \$42 per attendee by direct deposit to the club’s general account.



In Support of:

**Clarke Road Special School's**  
wheelchair accessible bus

8pm - May 20

**Pennant Hills Bowling Club**  
52 Yarrara Rd, Pennant Hills

Featuring comedians  
from Sydney & Melbourne  
International Comedy Festival

Tickets: \$35 at [comedyforacause.net/CR](http://comedyforacause.net/CR)

**Adults Only**



**DG Gina and DGE Bruce warmly invite you to**

# **ROTARY DISTRICT 9685 CHANGEDOVER**

**Saturday 25 June 2016**  
**6.00pm for 6.30pm**

**Hornsby RSL Club, 4 High St, Hornsby**

**\$50 per person incl. 2 course dinner**

RSVP Friday 17 June 2016

Register at [changeover.rotarydistrict9685.org.au](http://changeover.rotarydistrict9685.org.au)

Enquiries [changeoverregistrations@rotarydistrict9685.org.au](mailto:changeoverregistrations@rotarydistrict9685.org.au)



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## Calendar of events

May	23	Graham Timms: Grapes I have trodden
	30	Kathryn Goozee: Researching Alzheimers disease
June	6	
	13	No meeting (Queen's birthday)
	20	
	27	Club changeover
July	4	
	11	
	18	
	25	
August	1	
	8	
	15	
	22	
	29	
September	5	
	12	
	19	

## Club officers and committee chairmen 2015-16

### Board of directors

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

### Service committee chairmen

<b>Administration (Club Service)</b>	Michael Midlam
<b>Vocational Service</b>	Lindsay Forrest
<b>Community Service</b>	Roger Desmarchelier
<b>International Service</b>	Georgina Manning
<b>Youth Service</b>	Linda Lam-Rohlfs
<b>Social events</b>	Joy Newling
<b>Bobbin Head Cycle Classic</b>	Tony McClelland
<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>	Malcolm Braid
<b>Assistant Secretary</b>	Lindsay Forrest
<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>	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, Anil Fulwaria, Gary Keating, Chris Lewis, Matt Mahjoub, Joy Newling, Don Riddell