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Guest Speaker last week

PAUL FLETCHER MP, Member for Bradfield

Paul Fletcher was elected as the Liberal Member for Bradfield at the by-election on 5 December 2009. Paul is aged 45 and married to Manuela. They have two children, step-son Gabriel aged 14 and son Hugo, aged nearly two.

Paul was pre-selected as the Liberal candidate after a rigorous process involving 17 local candidates. There were 22 candidates for the actual bi-election in Dec 09, however for the coming General Election there are three candidates - Liberal, Greens and Labor.

Dr Brendan Nelson held the seat for 15 years and Paul is the 5th local member. Paul tries to avoid using the term 'safe' Liberal seat, as the term gives the wrong impression.

Paul spoke to a few issues that affect us locally:

Overdevelopment

While development is the responsibility of a state government, we currently have the situation of the removal from local council of the ability to make planning decisions. A Planning Panel has been installed. The target of 10,000 extra dwellings in Ku-ring-gai by 2032 imposed by the Panel is already half way there. The fundamental problem is that while there is population pressure, the capacity to make decisions has been taken away from Council. If Barry O'Farrell is elected that part of the Act will be repealed.

Population growth has emerged on the Federal agenda recently, because many Australians are seeing the effect of population growth without proper planning. The Liberal Party are not opposed to growth—just the lack of planning.

Education

Paul has visited most local schools and was impressed to see excellence, motivated and keen students, parents and teachers. All schools in the area have that mix. However too many smart people go overseas to further their education. We are not competing with the rest of the world and we need to make significant improvements in higher level education management.

Broadband

The political claim is that \$43b is the way to go. However, Labor in 2007 promised to spend \$4.7b on a fibre to node policy. This policy would replace the copper wire with fibre from the exchange to a node in each neighbourhood, and leave copper wire from there to the home.

That would provide a speed of 12 MB/sec, be relatively economic and would provide a modest speed increase over the current ADSL and wireless service provided to most homes (on average the speed for the current user might be in the vicinity of 3 MB/Sec or less). (Editor: To put this in perspective, the old 'dial-up' Internet was a verrrrrry slow, say HALF a MB/sec speed.)

However, in 2009 Labor changed their plan and now plan to spend \$43b, on a system that will increase the speed to 100 MB/sec - and no cost/benefit analysis has been done.

A significant issue is: 'Is it a good idea to spend \$43b by Government, rather than the private sector. The private sector is likely to seek a return of say, 15% to offset the significant risks with such a venture. The Government is expecting a return of only 6% or 7%.

In response to a question from the floor as to how the private sector could compete when Telstra held a monopoly over the existing copper wire distribution Mr Fletcher declined to comment.

Provision of broadband is important - but we must weigh up the cost / benefit.

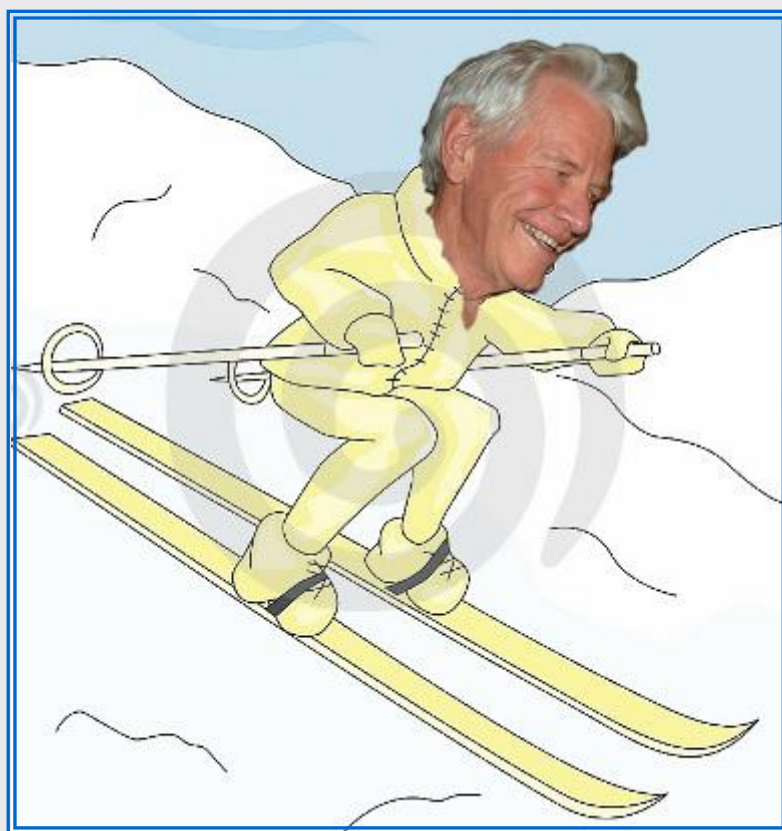


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Welcome back to our Editor!



...and here is a contribution by past president Brian Jessep who we were pleased to see again last week. (Ed: ...don't ask!)



Sydney Male Choir



Songs of Celebration

**11th Annual City of Sydney Concert
The Sydney Town Hall
2pm Sunday 12th September**

**A Fond Farewell to Retiring Maestro Alan Thrift
Also Featuring—The Bathurst Panorama Chorus**

Tickets from www.sydneymalechoir.com.au

Premium Reserved Seating	\$45 (concession \$35)
General Reserved Seating	\$35 (concession \$28)
Groups of 20 or more	\$25
Students & Children	\$20
Enquiries to Brian Ellis 9966 4994	



21ST AUGUST 2010

MASONIC HALL, ROWE ST, EASTWOOD

6.30PM FOR 7PM START

ROTARACT MQ'S

BOUNDED
TRIVIA NIGHT

PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS

NEXT YEAR'S INTERNATIONAL

HUMANITARIAN PROJECT

\$10 STUDENT (ENTRY ONLY)

\$15 STUDENT (INC. CAKE, TEA/COFFEE)

\$20 ADULTS (INC. CAKE, TEA/COFFEE)

BYO DRINKS AND NIBBLIES.

TABLES OF 10 PEOPLE / RSVP TRIVIA@ROTARACTMQ.ORG

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Guest Speakers

9 August	Mark Wallace (District – Director of PR) presentation on the Growth of Membership, and '3 on Me' by Marieken van Ewijk-Miller
16 August	PLC speakers on MUNA
23 August	Andrew Thomas & Jesse Buckingham (Uganda)
30 August	Pam Pritchard - PolioPLus

Market roster

Time	8 August	12 September	
Signs & Banners	Timms, Graham Hungerford, Geoff		
Morning Set up	White, Frank Thompson, John		
0800 – 1030	Miller, Douglas van Ewyk-Miller, Marieken		
1030 – 1300	Coenen, Lou Ivey, Bob		
1300 – 1530	Desmarchelier, Roger Krishnan, Bala		

MARKET DUTIES: You must initiate changes & advise Geoff Hungerford. Third Shift returns signs & bins to St George Bank

Door team

Duty	August	September	October
Greeter	Eleanor Filewood	Caroline Jones	Malcolm Braid
Team	Judy Houghton Michael Midlam	Evans, Emyr, van Ewijk-Miller, Marieken	Bala Krishnan, Linda Lam-Rohlf

NOTE: The door team is responsible for welcoming visitors and guests, recording payments and issuing copies of the record to the President, Secretary and Bulletin Editor. Please arrange your own replacement.

Happy days August 2010

Birthdays

Reg Barlow	1-Aug
Sharna PHILIPS	8-Aug
Ross Goodman	17-Aug
Eleanor FILEWOOD	18-Aug
Gerry HOY	21-Aug
Greg NEWLING	23-Aug
Graham Fletcher	25-Aug
Carolyn Fletcher	28-Aug

Anniversaries

Club awards

Winner District Governor's Shield - Best Large Club for 2004-05
Presidential Citation - for excellence and exemplary achievements 2005-06-07-09
District Governor's Membership Growth Award (Large Clubs) 2006-07
District Governor's Membership Growth Award for Large Clubs 08-09
Rotary International Award for Membership Development Initiatives 08-09

Apologies & Guests

Members are booked in to attend every regular meeting of the Club, if you cannot attend a meeting or wish to book in a guest/partner please access the WEB at <http://www.rotarynews.info/Club4219/r.i> before 3.30pm on the day of the meeting. An apology for the next week may be entered after 5pm. If you do not apologise for non-

The 'Koongga' Message Stick

The Emblem of the Rotary Club Of Ku-ring-gai

It is appropriate that the emblem of the Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai should be the "KOONGGA", which is a message stick used by the Australian Aborigines. The pattern of markings burnt into the surface of a "Koongga" is not a form of writing. The bearer delivers the message orally and the "Koongga" is a guarantee that he is telling the truth.

Bearers of message sticks sometimes travelled long distances, often through the territories of hostile tribes. The messages they delivered were to arrange a corroboree, a trade meeting, exchange of information and other tribal matters.



The colours and symbols on a "Koongga" vary with each tribe. The ones chosen by the Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai and incorporated into our banner are representative of the tribes that lived in the Ku-ring-gai area many years ago. Additionally, the Banner of the Rotary club of Ku-ring-gai bids to all who receive it, a friendly "Karl tandi", a friendly welcome. Indeed, the Club's "Koongga" and "Karl tandi", banner reflect in their own unique way, the ideal of "Rotarians united in service, dedicated in Peace".