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### New Homes

Doug Miller and Marieken van Ewijk-Miller are very happy after the move to their new home and report that it is just what they wanted. They are relieved they purchased from an ethical seller who was offered more money after they verbally agreed.

Linda Lam Rolfs can't stop smiling after her move to the her home

### Gordon Markets

Linda Lam Rolfs advised she introduced Music for the first time to the Gordon Markets and Linda wants the singers to return in December

In November there will be a cooking presentation

### President Michael thanked

Geoff Hungerford for arranging the BBQ at the Pool

To Ross Egan and others for the movie night which raised \$1746.00.

And your editor for the Koongga

### Tennis reminder

Just a reminder that tennis is on at Lindfield today starting at 9.30

Details were sent to all by email this week

### Chris Steptoe guest speaker

Chris is Registrar at Hornsby Local Courts Chris started as a trainee and progressed to Registrar. At the end of his first day he was asked to call a name (unpronounceable) on the Pacific Highway and the Magistrate has to hear the call inside. (much mirth)  
When he goes from Court to Court the demographics are different and with that experience he is better able to deal with the clients.



They handle minor matters including traffic matters and family issues. Some of the matters progress to the High Court. They operate as a children's court twice each month. They can get out of hand. They also deal with domestic violence. Council can issue infringement notices.

Individuals can approach the registrar with issues.

Many matters are now controlled by written submissions.

Small claims debt are referred to a mediator

Witness power of Attorney and enduring guardian, but they do not provide legal advice

He is also a Marriage celebrant.

He receives and approved/rejects search warrants

He can initiate a crime scene

Statement of claim for the first process of debt recovery.

Vote of thanks John Aitken

## 90 Seconds with Petra LeCompte

My earliest memory is ....on a ski lift with Dad and upset because Mum wasn't there

My most memorable school event or achievement is ....coming first in Science

I don't like to talk about ....nothing much – I'll talk about anything

My most treasured possessions are ....my photos

My mother's favourite exhortation was ....I don't smoke, drink or gamble !

I wish I had ....more energy ! to do everything

I wish I hadn't ....too late -I did

My most humiliating moment was ....spelling Principal wrong in front of the Principal

The happiest time in my life was ....when I realised I don't have to feel guilty

My guiltiest pleasure is ....eating and sleeping

My last meal would be .... anything with potatoes

If I could change one moment or event in my life it would be .... Not having that 4<sup>th</sup> gin and tonic

When I was a child I wanted to be ....an angel

The book that changed my life was ....The Alexandria Quaret

Even though it's not fashionable I love .... My track pants

If I could live anywhere and afford it I would live ... anywhere where I can be useful.

My best trait is .... Trying to be positive

My worst trait is .... Impatience and Latin temper

If only I could ....speak more languages

The hardest thing I have ever done is ....have to say goodbye

I relax by .... Listening to music

What I don't find amusing is .... Cruelty to animals

If I wasn't me I'd like to be ...."one of my cats" -hard life

My worst job was .... Working in a cake shop – too many temptations

I often wonder .... What would have happened if we had taken the refugee boat to Canada instead of Australia ( not for me but my parents)

## Next week Speaker Ann Howard

"A Ghost, a Murder and Other Dangar Tales" by Ann Howard

This is a history of this unique island in the Hawkesbury. It covers the early years, the coming of the Europeans, the Dangar family in residence, the building of the Hawkesbury River Bridge, subdivision, the world wars and interviews with islanders from the 50s to the present.

Ann, originally from London, has two masters degrees. She has lived in both hemispheres and has travelled extensively - from rock climbing in Tahiti to going on a small ship along the Alaskan coast. Last year in Indonesia, she climbed the lower lava slopes of Anak Krakatoa while it was erupting, and rode elephants through the jungle at Bukit Lawang, after helping bathe them in the Bohorok River.

We welcome her tonight to talk about her 16th book, A Ghost, a Murder & Other Dangar Tales. Les Murray, leading poet and one of the greatest contemporary poets writing in English, wrote to Ann of this book:

'I greatly admire your history of Dangar Island - thanks for it. I've been dipping into it ever since it arrived a day or two ago and I get captivated by all the rich detail. Old Deerubbin, the Hawkesbury, truly is a magical kingdom.'

Apart from her writing, Ann helps children with special needs for the HSC part time and teaches creative writing with U3A at North Sydney. Her list of publications is impressive, including nine short stories published in *Quadrant*. Her special interest is grass roots history. Ann paints in oils and has held successful exhibitions. Ann enjoys all the good things of life, especially her garden on her Dangar Island home, the company of her friends, grandchildren and dogs and a good single malt, not necessarily in that order.

Books can be purchased on the night and be signed by Ann.

## Membership Awareness Mornings

**Membership Awareness Mornings - 8.30 to 12.30**

Saturday 23 October – West Lindfield Shopping Centre

Saturday 13 November – West Pymble Shopping Centre

This is a great opportunity to let the public know of our Club and its activities and hopefully encourage interested people to come to a meeting with the view to membership.

We need a team of 4 at each centre. I will circulate a list on Monday for members to nominate if they can attend for either 2 or 4 hours.

Many thanks .....Malcolm

## International Night 1st November 2010 6.30 for 7.00pm until 10.00pm

1. Entry charge: \$40/head, no "free entries."

2. Entertainment: Participation in all entertainment inclusive in entry price. The idea is that apart from entry no money is to change hands on the night. Entertainment will be:

(a) Melbourne Cup Sweep - on arrival attendees will draw "blind" a horse or blank. First place will be a case of Toms Waterhole 2007 Shiraz, second place a bottle of Toms Waterhole Vintage Port, third place will be a bottle of Waterhole Blend red or white. Prizes to be available at the next Rotary meeting.

(b) Blind wine tasting - five masked white wines will be available for tasting. Each taster will receive a form and will have to nominate the varieties and regions for marks out of 10. The winner will receive a case of Toms Waterhole 2007 Shiraz. If there is more than one winner the case will be split equally amongst the winners. Prize(s) to be presented on the night

(c) Golf pitching competition - Plastic golf balls to be pitched from the lawn into a target floating in the swimming pool. Those succeeding will win a masked "museum" wine from the Timms cellar to be selected on the night.

(d) McClelland Cycle Classic - Tony McClelland will compete for five minutes with one other club member on an exercise bike. Entrants will be required to nominate the difference in theoretical distance between McClelland's five minutes and his competitors. If the entrant thinks Tony will beat his competitor the distance will be "plus", other wise minus. The winning entrant will be the one who most closely nominates the distance. The prize will be a case of Toms Waterhole 2007 Shiraz. If there is more than one winner the case will be split equally on the night.

3. Management of Entertainment:

- Melbourne Cup Sweep - Door team
- Blind wine tasting - David Forsythe
- Golf pitching competition - Tom Jackson
- McClelland Cycle Classic - Greg Newling

4. Food and drink: Red and white wine and water will be supplied. Those attending will need to bring and other drinks including soft drinks, beer, mixers etc.

Food will be supplied by club members. There will be no free entry for food supply **but** the cost of ingredients will be reimbursed if required.

Agreed food so far:

- Chicken and prawn sate - Tony McClelland
- Fish Curry - David Forsythe
- Pasta - Adele Mitchell
- Chili con carne - Greg Newling
- Massaman curry - John Aitkin
- Fruit and rice - Graham Timms

We need at least three more main courses, two starters, salads, desserts and cheeses. Last year Margaret Tang provided an excellent main course and Dilshad Krishnan a superb entrée and the Cribs provided a fruit plate.

5. Infrastructure: We will require at least thirty additional chairs and appropriate tables. Greg Newling can supply 10 stackable chairs and three tables to seat around 15. Bob Ivey can supply two long trestle tables and chairs to seat around 14. To be on the safe side we still need enough tables and chairs for an additional 10 people. These may be available from Ross Egan.

For cooking/food preparation and heating we will have the Timms barbecue and wok burner, hot plate and rice cooker and use of the kitchen plus Tony McClelland's Webber. This should be sufficient.

As for previous years plastic glasses, plates, knives forks and spoons will be provided as well as, this year, tasting glasses for the blind wine tasting.

6. Set up and clean up. In past years we have received assistance from Bob Ivey and Tom Jackson. Both may be available this year in addition to Greg Newling.

Graham Timms 16 October 2010

## Rotary Foundation Thought for The Week

14) This week's Rotary Foundation Thought is about the generosity and dedication of our Foundation Alumni.

Former Rotary World Peace Fellow from Norway Gert Danielsen, out of a desire to give something back, pledged to donate US\$1,000 every year for the rest of his life to the Rotary Centres program and challenged other peace fellows to do the same. Inspired by Danielsen's generosity, Peace Fellow Scott Lang of the United States took up the challenge and also pledged \$1,000 annually. *"My challenge and support reflects a keen desire to give back to the Rotary family now that I am able to do so,"* Danielsen says. *"Giving a gift annually that I know will inspire Rotarians and others to give more and provide peace-building opportunities for even more people is a huge privilege to me."* The commitment made by these two Foundation Alumni is a true testament to the quality of the Peace Fellows and the Rotary Centres program.

Note that RI President Ray Klinginsmith is a Foundation Alumni having been an Ambassadorial Scholar.

## Rotary Acronyms

<b>Council of Governors</b>	A District committee - Past DG's who convene to give advice to the current DG on programmes, policies and procedures
<b>Council On Legislation</b>	The legislative body of Rotary International - Composed of one delegate from each Rotary District that meet each 3 years to consider proposed changes to the Rotary Constitution and Bylaws
<b>DDF</b>	<a href="#">District Designated Funds</a> <a href="#">Back to top</a>
<b>DG</b>	District Governor - Directly responsible to the Board of Rotary International (RI) for the supervision of clubs within a designated district

## Guest Speakers

18 Oct	Author Ann Howard
25 Oct	Catherine Zuill, North Shore Times and Marieken – Youth Insearch
1 Nov	International dinner
15 Nov	Lindsay May
22 Nov	Mal Booth
29 Nov	Nuli Lemoh and Laurie Facer for the presentation on Bo Children's Hospital.
6 Dec	AGM
13 Dec	Xmas Party

## Market roster

Time	14 November		
<b>Signs &amp; Banners</b>	Timms, Graham Hungerford, Geoff		
<b>Morning Set up</b>	White, Frank Thompson, John		
<b>0800 – 1030</b>	Forbes, Wally Houghton, Judy		
<b>1030 – 1300</b>	Braid, Malcolm Fletcher, Rebecca		
<b>1300 – 1530</b>	Egan, Ross Eleanor Filewood		

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

## Door team

Duty	October	November	December
<b>Greeter</b>	Malcolm Braid	Peter Kipps	John Aitken
<b>Team</b>	Bala Krishnan, Linda LamRohlf	Rebecca Fletcher Chris Hoch	David Forsythe Howard Fletcher

**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 October 2010

Birthdays	
Michael TYLER	4-Oct
Ross EGAN	22-Oct

Anniversaries	
Lou & Rita COENEN	7-Oct
Ted & Eunice PRICE	14-Oct

## 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-attendance the Club must pay for your meal and you will be asked to reimburse the Club.

## 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".