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Irene Kennedy

We were fortunate to receive a visit from Irene Kennedy who has moved to Australia from New Zealand.

Irene is a Specialist Dentist and works in the city. She was a Rotarian in New Zealand

Graham Timms International Night

Graham advised details of the International Night and asked for volunteers to bring food. **Details for night Page 2**

Guests

President Michael welcomed Joyce Cribb and Ann Howard Robert Bickerstaff Helen Egan Sue White and Irene Kennedy from New Zealand .

Garden Festival

Roger Desmarchelier advised a sponsorship committee has been formed with a goal for \$50k for sponsorships or the garden festival. Please advise Roger if you have a prospective sponsor.

Guest Speaker Ann Howard

A Ghost, a Murder & Other Dangar Tales
A Ghost, a Murder & Other Dangar Tales, a history of Dangar Island, Volume I, by Ann Howard, was launched at The Pavilion, Dangar Island.

The lavishly illustrated book covers the early years, the coming of the Dangar family and the building of their property, the construction of the Hawkesbury Railway Bridge, when American workers leased the island and built their own village, the effect of the World Wars, the Depression and cultural shifts of succeeding generations. Rare historical photographs are included amongst the many shots from family albums.

Ann Howard, a well published writer, restored The Pavilion, the remaining part of the original Dangar property. 'When I bought it there were birds flying around inside it', she remembers. She has lived on Dangar Island for 37 years. Her three sons enjoyed a wonderful life there, running free and barefoot on the subtropical island and learning to get on with many different kinds of people.

'The more I travel, the more I appreciate Dangar Island,' Ann says. 'I have collected so many stories and photographs that I have started a second book, Ten Dry Pies, with many humorous anecdotes of river life'.

A great-great-great grandson of Henry Dangar, Bill Dangar, launched Ann's book. 'My father was so keen on our family history that my three brothers and one sister were inclined to react against his fondness for the past,' he said, 'I am therefore most grateful to Ann Howard, for rekindling my interest by setting out the family's part in the history of the island and bringing it all to life. I know this book will be read and treasured by all those who have had an association with the island and many others interested in the history of the Hawkesbury region of New South Wales'.



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

Graham and Judy Timms

5 Kedumba Cres, NORTH TURRAMURRA 2074

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

90 Seconds with Joy Newling

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My earliest memory is....playing with my twin baby brothers.

My most memorable school event or achievement is.... becoming a school prefect.

I don't like to talk about.... spiders and snakes.

My most treasured possessions are.... my photo albums.

My mother's favourite exhortation was.... to wish me "clear thinking" at exam time.

I wish I had....practised more when I was learning to play the piano.

I wish I hadn't....ignored the chance to buy cheap land at Dural in 1970!

My most humiliating moment was....not being completely ready for the removalists.

The happiest time in my life was....holidaying with our children when they were young.

My guiltiest pleasure is....French Champagne and macarons.

My last meal would be....as above preceded by camembert, smoked salmon, lobster and a Hunter Semillon.

If I could change one moment or event in my life it would be....to never own a mobile phone!

When I was a child I wanted to be....a primary school teacher.

(Change "book" to "trip") The "trip" that changed my life was.... my very first visit to the UK in 1996 with Greg.

Even though it's not fashionable I love....lemon delicious pudding.

If I could live anywhere and afford it I would live....in a luxury apartment overlooking Lavender Bay.

My best trait is....always wanting to help people.

My worst trait is....forgetting where I hide things, especially Christmas presents.

If only I could....travel for 6 months of the year.

The hardest thing I have ever done is....sit with my Dad as he was dying.

I relax by....putting my feet up and reading something light.

What I don't find amusing is....having to listen to crude language.

If I wasn't me I'd like to be....a very rich philanthropist.

My worst job was....as a young secretary for an ungrateful boss.

I often wonder....why do we need to iron?

Tribute to Peter Perry

The Rotary Club Of St. Ives

invites you and your partner to join us for

"A Tribute to PDG Peter Perry, OAM"

a celebration of his 48 years as a Rotarian

on Wednesday 10th November 2010

at Pymble Golf Club
Cowan Road, St Ives

att 6.30 for 7.00pm

Cost: \$30pp

RSVP: by 6th November

PDG Brian Coleman, 50 Dalton Road, St Ives

Email: bcoleman@unwired.com.au Tel: 9440 2311

Romac

Please, would you distribute this email to your members to keep them informed of our RI-approved, multi-district humanitarian project run entirely by Rotarian volunteers.

May we take this opportunity to request you to consider making a donation for these underprivileged children whose lives are frequently changed and, even in some cases, saved by ROMAC.

If you can, please don't wait till the end of the financial year because many of these children can't wait to have their life-saving operations.

Additionally, if your donation is \$1,000 or more your club will be entered into our 'win a luxury holiday' lucky draw.

For more information, please visit our website www.romac.org.au

Yours in Rotary Service.

Richard Groom
ROMAC Board Secretary

Membership Survey

Personal Experience

Feel welcome in our Rotary Club—100%

Feel welcome sharing concerns with club leaders—92%

Satisfaction level of our club's involvement –

Local service projects 92%

International service project 96%

Fellowship 100%

Your involvement –

Local service projects 64%

Fundraising 48%

Fellowship 52%

Your level of satisfaction with your participation in club activities –

Very satisfied 38% Satisfied 54% - Total 92%

Cost Factors – Reasonable

Club dues 92%

Weekly meeting 80%

Club fines 100%

Voluntary contributions 96%

Club Meetings

Length: 100%

Program organisation 97%

Meeting Facilities – Unsatisfactory

Meal quality 56%

Meal cost 20%

Changes would improve our club meetings

Better speakers 36%

Increased variety of program topics 40%

Fellowship activities

96% right amount

Communication – Web site & Newsletter

Useful 32%

Informative 48%

Responses from spouse / partner / family

72 % Feel proud of my involvement

Changes you would like to see

More frequent reporting on what project the club is doing.

Improve food quality

More effective, regular updates on the web site

Keen to be actively involved in projects

More members

Membership Awareness Mornings

Membership Awareness Mornings - 8.30 to 12.30

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 thanksMalcolm

Wahroonga Rotary

WORLD WAR II EPIC TALE EAST TIMOR & AUSTRALIA'S FIRST COMMANDOS

Australian journalist Paul Cleary has meticulously researched and retold the gripping story of a small force of Australian Special Forces commandos in Timor, who launched daring hit and run raids on a far superior Japanese force for most of 1942. These Australians were the men of the 2/2 Australian Independent Company – a special commando unit. Declared “outlaws” by the Japanese, recruits drawn mainly from the bush were selected for their ability to operate independently and survive in hostile territory.

Paul will discuss his new book “The Men Who Came Out Of The Ground” the story of their epic guerrilla war at the Rotary Club of Wahroonga on December 8th.

The Rotary Connection

The Rotary Club of Turramurra has an ongoing project in the East Timor village of Hatudo.

Hatudo supported the men of the 2/2 Independent Company throughout 1942, and as a result became the target of Japanese reprisals towards the end of the year. As the Japanese moved to control the centre the Allies responded with heavy bombing of Hatudo and nearby Mape, which was the Sparrow Force headquarters.

The Details

Paul will address our meeting on Wednesday December 8th 2010, 7.15am for 7.30 at the Warrawee Bowling Club finishing at 8.30 sharp.

Please RSVP by November 30th by return email.

If you have any questions please contact the undersigned, although I will be overseas until October 11th. For urgent queries please contact Janet Grundy on j7grundy@bigpond.net.au.

Location

Warrawee Bowling Club is located on the eastern side of Pacific Highway just north of Fox Valley Road and just south of Knox Grammar School.

Limited parking is available near the Clubhouse and from the rear off Heydon Avenue.

- access to parking near the club house is from Pacific Highway but only south bound.
- access to the rear car park in Heydon Street is available to both north bound and south bound traffic on Pacific Highway
- North bound traffic, we recommend you take the next right after Fox Valley Road (Borambil Street) which leads into Heydon Avenue at Warrawee station and use the Club parking area 200 metres from the station (on the right).
- South bound traffic can access the rear car park of the Club; either turn left Borambil Street (as above) immediately after KNOX GRAMMAR SCHOOL, or turn left directly into Heydon Avenue off the highway after the traffic lights at the intersection of Fox Valley Road.

Regards
Richard Jackson
Chair – International Service
Rotary Club of Wahroonga

Gala Reception for Kalyan Banerjee

Gala Reception

Rotary International President Elect
Kalyan Banerjee

**Please join us in welcoming Kalyan Banerjee to Australia
in his new role as President-Elect of Rotary International,
a world-wide organisation of 1.2 million people.**

When: Sunday, 21 November – 7.00pm to 9.30 pm

**Where: Cicada Function Centre, 16 Myoora Road, Terrey Hills
(Plenty of free parking!)**

**What: Gala Cocktail reception with Drinks, Indian canapés
Indian Bollywood and Australian Entertainment**

Why: Raise funds for Rotary's Global Polio Eradication Challenge

Cost: \$50 per person

**How: Please call 9488-9161 to reserve your seat or fax the reservation
form to 9988-4552. Seats are limited to the first 250 registrants.**

Kalyan Banerjee has been a member of Rotary Club of Vapi, India since 1972. He served as Trustee of The Rotary Foundation from 2001-2005. This is one of the world's largest charitable foundations focusing on education, service and peace. He has been selected as President of Rotary International for the year 2011-12. He has served as a member of the international

PolioPlus committee of Rotary International as well as on Rotary's Reach Out to Africa Initiative.

Kalyan is Director of United Phosphorus Limited, one of the largest manufacturers of agrochemicals in India & Uni-phos Agro Industries Limited, and Chairman of

United Phosphorus Bangladesh Limited. Kalyan is married to Binota, an active social worker and

a member of Inner Wheel Vapi. They have a son – Kanishka, a Chemical Engineer with specialisation in Environmental Management, currently settled in Sydney, Australia and a daughter – Ruma, who has completed an MBA and is currently settled with her husband, an I.T.Engineer, in Canada.

Rotary Club of St Ives PO Box 113

St Ives, NSW 2075 Professional Entertainers provided by: Call 0414 497 791

Ticket Order Form

Please reserve seats at the Gala Reception on Sunday 21 November for the following people at \$50 per person: Name (for name badge) Rotary Club (or Organisation)

Payment Choice:

Charge my Visa/MasterCard..Please FAX this order form to 9988-4552
or call 9488-9161 to pay by credit card.

Paid by EFT to: Rotary Club of St Ives Service Account
Commonwealth Bank, St Ives BSB 062-246, Account: 0080 0613

If paying by EFT, please email this form AND a copy of your EFT receipt
to: bollywood@stivesrotary.asn.au

My cheque to Rotary Club of St Ives is enclosed Please post this form with your cheque to:
David Dean, PO Box 438, Turramurra, NSW 2074

Ticket Delivery Choice

Please hold tickets for collection at the door (available from 6.30pm, 21 November)

Please send tickets to the following address

Name Card Number

Address Expiry Date

Suburb Name on Card

Postcode Phone Signature

We will refund your payment when your order is received if the event is sold out.

Directions to the Cicada Functions & Events Centre

16 Myoora Road, Terrey Hills

Enquiries call: Surinder Paul at 0413 577 738

Turn onto Myoora Road at the main traffic lights from Mona Vale Road, and proceed
700 metres to the venue, on the right hand side.

Rotary Foundation Thought for The Week

15) This week's Rotary Foundation Thought is about what US\$100 can do.

It is as simple as having a notebook, pencil and glue. In Pavas, a poor district in San Jose, Costa Rica a packet of educational materials means the difference between an education and working on the street. Most public schools in Costa Rica are under funded and lack many basic supplies, so the Rohmoser Rotary Club, Costa Rica developed a packet of teaching materials for students and partnered with the Vancouver Rotary Club, Canada to distribute 777 packets to children in five very poor elementary schools. \$100 buys 15 packets. Without this project many students would not be able to continue their education and would be forced to drop out of school.

When *Every Rotarian, Every Year* participates, our Foundation is able to continue to build a brighter future for the children of the world.

US\$100 is worth the equivalent of AUD\$105 on the RI Monthly Rate so why not sending in \$105 as a Centurion contribution and credit your giving record with US\$100.

Rotary Acronyms

DGD	District Governor-Designate (DG next+2 Rotary Year)
DGE	District Governor-Elect (DG next Rotary Year)
DGN	District Governor-Nominee (DG next+1 Rotary Year)
DGN	District Governor Nominee
DGND	District Governor Nominee Designate

What is a Poem?

Yesterday, I thought, if I was asked to define a Poem I could not provide a reasonable response. So I went to Wikipedia and read the definition below. Today, if someone asked me to define a poem I would say no thanks!

The Macquarie Dictionary is easier, but?

Poetry (from the [Latin](#) *poeta*, a poet) is a form of [literary art](#) in which [language](#) is used for its [aesthetic](#) and evocative qualities in addition to, or in lieu of, its apparent [meaning](#). Poetry may be written independently, as discrete poems, or may occur in conjunction with other arts, as in [poetic drama](#), [hymns](#), [lyrics](#), or [prose poetry](#). It is published in dedicated magazines (the longest established being [Poetry](#) and [Oxford Poetry](#)), individual collections and wider anthologies.

Poetry, and discussions of it, have a long [history](#). Early attempts to define poetry, such as [Aristotle's](#) *Poetics*, focused on the uses of [speech](#) in [rhetoric](#), [drama](#), [song](#), and [comedy](#).^[1] Later attempts concentrated on features such as repetition, [verse form](#) and [rhyme](#), and emphasized the aesthetics which distinguish poetry from more objectively informative, [prosaic](#) forms of writing, such as [manifestos](#), [biographies](#), [essays](#), and [novels](#).^[2] From the mid-20th century, poetry has sometimes been more loosely defined as a fundamental creative act using [language](#).^[3]

Poetry often uses particular forms and conventions to suggest alternative meanings in the words, or to evoke emotional or sensual responses. Devices such as [assonance](#), [alliteration](#), [onomatopoeia](#), and [rhythm](#) are sometimes used to achieve [musical](#) or [incantatory](#) effects. The use of [ambiguity](#), [symbolism](#), [irony](#), and other [stylistic](#) elements of [poetic diction](#) often leaves a poem open to multiple interpretations. Similarly, [metaphor](#), [simile](#), and [metonymy](#)^[4] create a resonance between otherwise disparate images—a layering of [meanings](#), forming connections previously not perceived. Kindred forms of resonance may exist, between individual [verses](#), in their patterns of rhyme or rhythm.

Some forms of poetry are specific to particular [cultures](#) and [genres](#), responding to the characteristics of the language in which the poet writes. While readers accustomed to identifying poetry with [Dante](#), [Goethe](#), [Mickiewicz](#) and [Rumi](#) may think of it as being written in [lines](#) based upon [rhyme](#) and regular [meter](#), there are traditions, such as [Biblical poetry](#), that use other approaches to achieve rhythm and [euphony](#). Much of modern British and American poetry is to some extent a critique of poetic tradition,^[5] playing with and testing (among other things) the principle of euphony itself, to the extent that sometimes it deliberately does not rhyme or keep to set rhythms at all.^{[6][7][8]} In today's [globalized](#) world poets often borrow styles, techniques and forms from diverse cultures and languages.

Copied from Wikipedia

CALLING OUR ROTARIANS!!!

By Krissie Bredin of Crosslands Rotaract Club



WE WANT YOU

In just 40 days, 350 Rotaractors from around the world will descend on Sydney Olympic Park for the 7th Asia-Pacific Regional Rotaract Conference. It will be one of the biggest, most exciting events Rotaract has ever seen. The past 18 months as the APRRC Program Director have been a rollercoaster ride, and it is great to be finally on the homestretch. We've pulled together a great program of guest speakers like **Ramesh Ferris** (Polio survivor and world-renowned activist in the fight against Polio), **Glen Gerryn** (past QLD Young Australian of the Year) and **Sandy Blackburn-Wright** (Head of Organisational Mentoring, Sustainability and Community at Westpac) just to name a few.

At the very beginning of planning APRRC Sydney, I set myself several goals to determine the success of the conference. One of these goals was a hope that the event would be run so effectively, that the Rotaractors of our District would have a chance to participate as fully as possible, rather than running the logistical side of things and missing out on the content of the program. **And this is where you, our Rotarians, come in!**

We are looking to create a **team of volunteers** to help run the conference each day so that our local Rotaractors can reap the full benefits of being a delegate at an international conference. The table below shows the different roles that we need assistance with on each day of the conference. Whether available for a few hours, a whole day or the whole conference – there is a job that is just right for you. This is a chance for Rotarians to get involved with one of the biggest Rotaract events in the world!

<p>BEFORE OR AFTER APRRC Volunteer to host a delegate in your home</p>	<p>THURSDAY 25TH NOVEMBER Day Manager Airport Meet & Greeter Airport Transport Marshall Registration Desk Staff Mandarin Speaker People Marshall (Sports Afternoon) People Marshall (Night Bushdance)</p>	<p>FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER Day Manager Audio-Visual Manager People Marshall (Breakout Sessions) People Marshall (Culture Festival) Activity Marshall (team building) Mandarin Speaker Breakfast or Dinner Team</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER Airport Meet & Greeter Transport Marshall</p>	<p>SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER Day Manager (Morning Only) Audio-Visual Manager Breakfast Team Checkout Marshall at Hotel Mandarin Speaker Commentators for Bus Tour around the sights of Sydney</p>	
<p>SATURDAY 27TH NOVEMBER Day Manager Audio-Visual Manager People Marshall (Breakout Sessions) People Marshall (Culture Performance Night) Mandarin Speaker Breakfast or Dinner Team</p>		

To volunteer or to find out more, contact Krissie at volunteers@aprrc2010.org or 0425 207 098.

In your email, please mention what day/s you are available, and if you have a preferred job you'd like to help with. Alternatively, if your Club would be interested in sponsoring the cost of one of our guest speakers (ranging from \$200 to \$500), please let me know! Thank you in advance for any support you are able to give.

APRRC Sydney will be the BEST CONFERENCE EVER! D9680 Rotaract will make you proud! We promise!

Day passes to attend APRRC are also available to Rotarians and Youth Exchange Students. For more information, contact Kristin at registration@aprrc2010.org. Please share all this info with your Club!

Guest Speakers

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		
Signs & Banners	Timms, Graham Hungerford, Geoff		
Morning Set up	White, Frank Thompson, John		
0800 – 1030	Forbes, Wally Houghton, Judy		
1030 – 1300	Braid, Malcolm Fletcher, Rebecca		
1300 – 1530	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
Greeter	Malcolm Braid	Peter Kipps	John Aitken
Team	Bala Krishnan,	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 "Karltagandi", a friendly welcome. Indeed, the Club's "Koongga" and "Karltagandi", banner reflect in their own unique way, the ideal of "Rotarians united in service, dedicated in Peace".