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# KOONGGA



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• www.rotarynews.info/Club4219/r.i The club meets every Monday 6.30pm West Pymble Bowling Club

## **International Night**

Graham and Judy Timms 5 Kedumba Cres, NORTH TURRAMURRA 2074

\$40/head 6.30 for 7.00pm until 10.00pm

## **Greg Newling Movember**

 I will be looking for sponsors for Movember, so if you think my upper lip looks unwashed tomorrow night you will be wrong! Regards Greg

## Paul Harris Fellowship Luncheon

12pm 22 November

See Greg Newling for detaisl

## **District news**

-An interesting article about rebuilding assistance for PNG for 2007 cyclone damage, very little has been replaced since that time

# **Guest Speaker Catherine Zuill**

Introduced by Linda Lam Rolfs and she said the North Shore Times is a part of our life

Catherine said we live in a world make great demands on our time and technology is increasing the time demands. SH said Rotarians give significant time

North Shore Times was 50 years old in March 2010 and they reprinted the original copy. They have struck 50 medals to give to people who have made a difference in our community. They want reflect on their success and look at opportunities.

Without readers and advertisers they would not have a paper.

As a free paper it needs to be relevant to resident in the area.

They have a readership which is passionate about issues in the area.

Some stories -

1962 article about party gate crashers on the North Shore, in 1960

Council cracks down on Units.

Fortunes to be made on home sales.

The Times considers it is part of the history. The letters columns is always a barometer on how they re going. Can't buy goodwill, it can only be gained over years

They value their relationship with the community and the part they play. They use focus groups to advise on what they should focus and report.

VOT Tony McClelland



# **Membership Day**

Malcolm Braid thanked the team and particularly John Thompson and Frank White for the tent they have created and assembled for the day.

## **WEB Site**

Tony is progressing with the development of a new WEB site and expects it to be readfy for inspection in the new year..

## Having a look at us

We are fortunate to receive three guests who are interested in our club

## Irene Kennedy



## Rasma Andrejewskis



# Having a look at us



# **Black Dog Institute—Golf**

When: Thursday 11th November 2010 Where: Terrey Hills Golf and Country Club

116 Booralie Road, Terrey Hills

10.30am Registration & morning tea

Golf Clinic (optional)

11.30am Player briefing

12.30pm Tee-off

BBQ Lunch ½ way

5.30pm Pre Dinner Drinks

**6.30pm** Dinner, prize presentations and panel discussion **COST**:

**Dress Code**: Strict dress code applies. Terrey Hills is a soft spike course.

RSVP: f.mortimer@blackdog.org.au or phone Fleur Mortimer on (02) 9382 9257

Monday 1st November. Please mention your handicap when responding

PURCHASE TICKETS: www.blackdoginstitute.org.au
Lots of great prizes and auction items up for grabs!!
Please enquire about our sponsorship packages
Want to play

with a Silver Fox? This is a perfect opportunity to meet and play

with some rugby legends such as Richard Harry and Dan Fitzgerald. Guest

players will be allocated to your team in a random draw during morning tea.

\$1100 (team of 4) \$1300 Silver Fox Team (3 players, 1 Silver Fox) \$275 per person

The Black Dog Institute is a not-for-profit educational, research, clinical and community orientated facility offering specialist expertise in depression and bipolar.

Funds raised go towards more research into effective diagnosis, treatment, early intervention and expanding our services nationally.

| • 90 Seconds with Tony   |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| My earliest memory is  | Running from my shadow   |  |  |
| My most memorable school event or achievement is                                     | <ul> <li>Representing school in 100 &amp;220 yards at GPS</li> <li>Receiving Citizenship Prize,</li> <li>Representing school at Canberra to Guard Queen in 1954</li> </ul> |  |  |
| I don't like to talk about   | Can't think of anything hers   |  |  |
| My most treasured possessions are  | Relationships and Friends  |  |  |
| My mother's favourite exhortation was  | You can do anything  |  |  |
| • I wish I had   | I have all I want  |  |  |
| • I wish I hadn't  | No regrets   |  |  |
| My most humiliating moment was   | Probably when I said something I should not have said  |  |  |
| The happiest time in my life was   | When our children were born  |  |  |
| My guiltiest pleasure is   | Don' have any  |  |  |
| My last meal would be  | Lobster  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>If I could change one moment or event in my life it<br/>would be</li> </ul> | Concentrate at school  |  |  |
| When I was a child I wanted to be  | A pilot  |  |  |
| The book that I respected most   | Mandella – Long walk to freedom  |  |  |
| Even though it's not fashionable I love  | Who thought up these questions?  |  |  |
| If I could live anywhere and afford it I would live                                  | The Toaster  |  |  |
| My best trait is   | Always happy   |  |  |
| My worst trait is  | Pissing people off   |  |  |
| • If only I could  | Have a better academic competence     Encourage people to design better questionairres   |  |  |
| The hardest thing I have ever done is  | <ul> <li>Run a business –</li> <li>ride 468 kilometres in a day on a bicycle</li> </ul>  |  |  |
| • I relax by   | Doing stuff – riding, tennis, gym, talking to Jannet   |  |  |
| What I don't find amusing is   | Religions dominating females   |  |  |
| If I wasn't me I'd like to be  | Happy with what I am!  |  |  |
| My worst job was   | Clearing a blocked sewer   |  |  |
| • I often wonder   | <ul><li>Will we create fusion,</li><li>control gravity</li><li>What will the Internet be like in 50 years</li></ul>  |  |  |

# Youth Service Turramurra and Ku ring gai

Joy and Greg attended the dual launch of Turramurra Youth Service and Ku-ring-gai Youth Council on Wednesday afternoon. The Youth Centre is located behind Turramurra Library. The Rotary Club of Turramurra had donated \$3500 to help get it up and running, as well as many hours of cleaning, painting, building cupboards and fitting it out etc. It is open between 3.30 and 6.30pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays for young people to socialise, study, play games, as well as enjoying special events such as DJ workshops, arts and crafts and music nights. The centre also provides information on drugs and alcohol, sexual health, legal aid and employment.

Ku-ring-gai Youth Council was launched and Joy said the young school students who spoke were very impressive. Amongst other things, they want to see young people have more community spirit and be more involved in their local community.

Jason Guest, Youth Services Co-ordinator at Ku-ringgai Council, is keen to talk with our Youth Committee about our Club participating in a local project for young people.

Please spread the word about the facilities at the Turramurra Youth Centre and encourage young people you know to drop in and have a look.

## **Volunteers Wanted for Youth Insearch**

Youth Insearch is an amazing organisation founded 25 years ago to empower young people to take control of their lives, by giving them the opportunity and skills to develop their self-esteem and play a positive role in society.

Youth Insearch's success is build on providing peer-topeer support, utilising the experience of extensively trained young people, who support and guide other young people. They annually organise 6 weekend programs where 65 people between 12 and 17 years old from all different backgrounds and cultures participate in what for a lot of them will be a life changing event. To help support Youth Insearch in running these special weekends we are looking for volunteers who can help with catering duties over the weekend of 18-20 February, 2011. Ideally we need 6-8 people there each

It doesn't matter how well you can cook, the most important thing is that you are happy to help YiS to continue with their highly successful weekend pro-

The event will be held at Kurrajong Heights which is about 75km from Sydney or a 1,5hrs drive from Turramurra.

Free motel-like accommodation will be provided for volunteers.

If you're interested and would like to sign up or get more information please contact Marieken.

View the YouthInsearch feature on Mike Munro's Sunday Night program http://au.tv.yahoo.com/

# **Rotary Club of Carlingford Inc**

PO Box 2740 Carlingford Court 2118 Australia Secretary@RotaryCarlingford.org.au www RotaryCarlingford.org.au a vibrant part of Rotary International founded 1905 for the wellbeing of communities worldwide **Youth Service Directors** 

**Youth Exchange Program Coordinators Host Parents** 

**Youth Counsellors** 

You are cordially invited to the District 9680 Annual Dinner to Welcome Home our Returned Outbounds and Introduce our Inbounds FRI 11 FEB 2011 6:15PM for 7:00PM 18:15 for 19:00 Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club 117 Ryedale Road West Ryde Heritage Function Room multilevel parking on south side in Wattle St

\$ 48 pp

Seating is allocated on payment Limited seating can only be guaranteed on payment by Christmas

Payment will be accepted in advance by ü *Electronic Transfer* 8 BSB 062-300 account 2802 2083 and advise us

Cheque paid to our club \* PO Box 2740 Carlingford **Court 2118** 

please include the 3-digits on back sorry, no transactions at the door

Please include the names of sGuests sYEStudent sClub with your payment advice

Payment for YEStudents is sought from the host club. text email 7 fax 7

0411 117 155 YEdinner@RotaryCarlingford.org.au 02 9899 8104

thanks for your help ..... Chris Johnson Service Above Self Meeting every Tuesday 18:45 Muirfield Golf Club Perry St North Rocks Operating the Market every Sunday 07:00 -13:00 at the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children for the benefit of Bring and Buy Trust ABN 12 256 987 520 under the Charitable Fundraising Act

#### 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 thanks ......Malcolm

# Rotary Foundation Thought for The Week

This week's Rotary Foundation Thought is about Foundation Alumni.

Rhoderick Samonte knows what it's like not to be able to afford an education. When the Philippine student was accepted into a master's program at Brandeis University but didn't have the money to attend, when he learned of The Rotary Foundation's Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries, two days before the application deadline. He applied and was named an Ambassadorial Scholar for 2004-06.

"My belief in service has been reinforced by my involvement with Rotary," Samonte says. "Education is not just a privilege. It is a call to serve."

In 2006, Samonte was tempted to stay in the United States after he finished his degree, but he knew it was his responsibility to return home and help people there.

| • Rotary Acronyms                       |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| DIK                                     | Donations-in-kind - Supplies of donated educational and medical equipment available to serve a need in the developing world  |  |  |
| · DIN                                   | Donations-in-Kind Information Network  |  |  |
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| <ul> <li>District Conference</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Annual event for members and partners - Held annually in each District to further the programmes of Rotary through fellowship, inspiring speakers and recognition of club activities etc</li> </ul> |  |  |

# **Survey Results 2010**

## **Personal Experience**

Feel welcome in our Rotary Club – 100%
 Feel comfortable sharing concerns with club leaders – 92%

#### **Club Activities**

Satisfaction level of our club's involvements

|                                    | Excellent Adeq | uate | Total |      |
|------------------------------------|----------------|------|-------|------|
| Membership development             | 32%            | 48%  |       | 80%  |
| Member orientation & education 12% | 52%            |      | 64%   |      |
| Local service projects             | 24%            | 68%  |       | 92%  |
| International service projects     | 44%            | 52%  |       | 96%  |
| Club public relations              | 12%            | 40%  |       | 52%  |
| Fundraising                        | 24%            | 60%  |       | 84%  |
| The Rotary Foundation 24%          | 64%            |      | 88%   |      |
| Fellowship                         | 60%            | 40%  |       | 100% |

## Your Involvements

96% volunteered 36% was asked

| in club activities:            | Currently Involved | Would like to<br>be involved |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Membership development         | 28%                |                              |
| Member orientation & education | 20%                |                              |
| Local service projects         | 64%                | 20%                          |
| International service projects | 28%                |                              |
| Club public relations          | 24%                |                              |
| Fundraising                    | 48%                |                              |
| The Rotary Foundation          | 36%                |                              |
| Fellowship                     | 52%                |                              |
| Treasurer                      | 4%                 |                              |

Your level of satisfaction with your participation in club activities 38% very satisfied, 54% satisfied 92%

Not satisfied due to insufficient knowledge 4%

Not satisfied due to insufficient knowledge 4%

Not satisfied due to lack of direction 4%

#### Cost Factors

Reasonable
Club dues
92%
Weekly meetings
80%
Club fines / assessments
100%
Voluntary contributions to service projects
96%
Voluntary contributions to the Rotary Foundation
96%

#### Club Meetings

|                          |     | Excelle | ent | Adequa | ate | Total |
|--------------------------|-----|---------|-----|--------|-----|-------|
| Amount of Rotary content | 19% |         | 69% |        | 88% |       |
| Length                   |     | 54%     |     | 46%    |     | 100%  |
| Program organisation     |     | 30%     |     | 67%    |     | 97%   |
| Time for fellowship      |     | 31%     |     | 65%    |     | 96%   |
| Networking opportunity   | 28% |         | 64% |        | 92% |       |
| Convenient location      |     |         |     |        |     | 96%   |
| Convenient meeting time  |     |         |     |        | 92% |       |

Meeting Facilities - Unsatisfactory

Service

Décor / atmosphere 8% Meal quality 56%

# **Survey Results 2010 continued**

20%

Meal cost Parting availability

Other

## Changes would improve our club meetings

Better speakers 36%

Increased variety of program topics 40% More involvement of family 4% More service opportunities 24%

More focus on fellowship 12% Increased emphasis on vocational information 24% Better time management 0% More leadership opportunities 4%

Fellowship activities 96% right amount

Communication - Web site & Newsletter 88% adequate 12% insufficient

> Interesting 20% Useful 32% Informative 48% 0% Boring

20% Limited

Uninformative 8%

#### **Other Comments**

Responses from spouse / partner / family

Feels proud of my involvement 72% Wants to meet/interact with other Rotary spouses/partner/families 12% Thinks Rotary takes too much of my time 4% Thinks Rotary is too expensive 8%

Others – please with my involvement 8%

## Changes you would like to see

More frequent reporting on what projects the club is doing.

Improve food quality

More effective, regular updates on the web site

Keen to be actively involved in projects

More members

|          | Guest Speakers  |
|----------|---|
| • 1 Nov  | International dinner  |
| • 8 Nov  | Annabel Murray—Understanding Family Law                                     |
| • 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   | <ul><li>Forbes, Wally</li><li>Houghton, Judy</li></ul> | • | • |
| • 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  | <ul> <li>October</li> </ul>       | November                       | • December                        |
|---------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Greeter | Malcolm Braid                     | Peter Kipps                    | John Aitken                       |
| • Team  | Bala Krishnan,<br>Linda LamRohlfs | Rebecca Fletcher<br>Chris Hoch | David Forsythe<br>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 November 2010**

| Birthdays    |          |  |
|--------------|----------|--|
| John HESSEL* | • 1-Nov  |  |
| Peter Tang   | • 18-Nov |  |
| Chris HOCH   | • 22-Nov |  |
| Wally FORBES | • 27-Nov |  |

| <ul> <li>Anniversaries</li> </ul> |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| David & Patricia FORSYTHE*        | • 30-Nov |

#### 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 <a href="http://www.rotarynews.info/Club4219/r.i">http://www.rotarynews.info/Club4219/r.i</a> 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 "Karltandi", a friendly welcome. Indeed, the Club's "Koongga" and "Karltandi", banner reflect in their own unique way, the ideal of "Rotarians united in service, dedicated in Peace".