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Radio Bingo

Colin Sharp and his wife Betty-Lynn Sharp from the Rotary club of Ontario Dryden Canada have been visiting Ted and Eunice Price and they attended our meeting.

Colin explained how his club in Canada makes \$100,000 each year from running Bingo over the local Radio Station.

What a good source of revenue, maybe something for our club?

They run 3 games each Thursday cards are \$10 and they average \$2,000 per week \$100k per year



New WEB Home Page

The following have been selected to feature on the home page of our new WEB system. A rotating photo and text will feature each project.

Polio Plus, Shelter Box, Garden Festival, Lifeline and Clarke Road School.

Important options that have been omitted for the moment are Eagles RAPS, Bo Hospital and the Gordon Markets. These and all our other projects will appear under a separate TAB titled Projects and there will be sub TABS for Local and International.

Meal Monday 8 November

Following the meal we were served last Monday I sent the following email to the manager of WPBC. To date I have not received a reply.

The Manager West Pymble Bowling Club Pymble BCC Rotary members

Dear Ross

I have been a member of Rotary since 1976 (34 years) and I have not previously complained about a meal.

The dinner last night comprised meat which was hard, dry, tasteless and black, the rice was similar but white, the peas were ok.

I did not eat my meal because it was inedible, and when I looked down the table as the plates were collected and 100% of them had almost as much food as when they were delivered I thought I would share my observation with you. I don't think you can take comfort from thinking this was a one off because the recent ancestors have form.

Ross, this is my personal opinion and not that of the club because I have not discussed the meal with any members and I do not have club authority.

We already have one member who refuses to eat the food provided, I do hope future meals do not necessitate my name being added to this list Regards Tony

Guests

President Michael welcomed Annabel Murray guest speaker, Irene Kennedy and her daughter Ms Kennedy, Eunice Price Colin Sharp and Betty-Lynn Sharp and Rasma Andrejewskis

Membership Awareness	Greg Newling Movember	
Membership awareness morning was run last Saturday at West Pymble Shopping centre.	Dear Fellows,	
Greg Newling, Graham Timms, Chris Hoch, Malcolm Braid, Joy Newling and Linda Lam Rolfs attended and assisted. We were fortunate to confirm with 4 people that they will attend our meeting on Monday 15th November. Please make them welcome.	This Movember I've decided to donate my face to raising awareness about men's health. My commitment is the growth of a moustache for the entire month of Movember, which I know will generate conversation, controversy and laughter. I am doing this because close to 3,300 men die of prostate cancer in Australia each year; and one in eight men will experience depres- sion in their lifetime.	
International Night		
Michael thanked and congratulated Graham and Judy Timms for an excellent and most enjoyable International night. Graham advised we made \$1,536.00 from the evening.	This is a cause I feel strongly about because so little is said or written about these two sub- jects. People are dying because they don't know that they can get help, and I'm asking you to sup-	
Melbourne Cup Sweep	port my efforts by making a donation through me. To help, you can either:	
Margaret Braid was sole winner and Greg Newling and John Thompson and John Thompson The word is out that Michael Tyler may run in 2011, not sure if Louise knows.	Click this link <u>http://au.movember.com/</u> mospace/707102/ and donate online using your credit card or PayPal account, (and see the latest progress photo of the face in question!)	
	OR	
Rugby World Cup Bed and breakfast offered by Rotarians for Rotarians from around the world. Go to	Write a cheque payable to Movember Foun- dation, referencing my registration number 707102 and mailing it to: Movember Foundation,	
Regional Rotaract Conference	PO Box 292, Prahran, VIC, 3181	
The 7th Asia Pacific Regional Rotaract Conference will be hosted by Rotaract District 9680 from 25 to 28 No- vember 2010 in beautiful Sydney, Australia!! Register before 11 November for your chance to win a free Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb double pass!!	Through the Movember Foundation and its men's health partners, Prostrate Cancer Foundation of Australia and beyondblue: the national depression initiative, Movember is funding world class re- search, educational and support programs which would otherwise not be possible.	
This prestigious international event will bring together Rotaractors from across the Asia Pacific region and be- yond to discuss common issues affecting Rotaract, meet other	For more details on the impact Movember is hav- ing please visit: <u>http://</u> <u>au.movemberfoundation.com/research-and-</u>	
The conference will be located at the site of the Olympic Games in 2000, Sydney's Olympic Park. The majority of the conference will take place at Sydney Olympic Park Novotel, right in the heart of the Olympic precinct	programs. Thank you in advance for helping me to support men's health.	
Chrissie Brieden www.aprrc2010.org	Greg	
	(02) 9487 2338	
	0408 116 697	

90 Seconds with Ivan

90 Seconds with ... Ivan Cribb

My earliest memory is ...Sitting on the gas metre box waiting for my Dad to come home.

My most memorable school event or achievement is ... Being accepted for Canterbury Boys High School. I don't like to talk about ... Finances.

My most treasured possessions are ... Gifts received from Joyce and the family.

My mother's favourite exhortation was ... You must work hard.

I wish I had ... Met Joyce earlier.

I wish I hadn't ... chosen not to get a second guide dog.

My most humiliating moment was ... When I Criticised a man when I was unaware that he was standing nearby.

The happiest time in my life was ... When Joyce and I moved into our first home.

My guiltiest pleasure is ... Eating rich chocolate cake.

My last meal would be ... Fish and chips.

If I could change one moment or event in my life it would be ... The loss of my sight.

When I was a child I wanted to be ... An engineer to build bridges.

The book that changed my life was ... No single book but many have had an influence.

Even though it's not fashionable I love ... I am totally uninterested in fashions.

If I could live anywhere and afford it I would live ... By Sydney Harbour.

My best trait is ... A capacity to see both sides of an argument.

My worst trait is ... Impatience.

If only I could ... Drive a car.

The hardest thing I have ever done is ... Stand up in court and say for the first time: "Your Honour I appear for..".

I relax by ... Surfing on the Internet, reading books (preferably in Braille) and listening to classical music. What I don't find amusing is ... Dirty jokes.

If I wasn't me I'd like to be ... Just very wealthy.

My worst job was ... Taking proceedings to collect unpaid rates for the Council.

I often wonder ... What would have happened if I had not had parents who were determined to see I got a good education and Joyce and I had not met.

NAISDA Dance College

Wild Fire – old ways, new voices

A performance of new work by students of NAISDA Dance College

Sydney's CarriageWorks will become the setting of a dance spectacular when NAISDA, Australia's National Indigenous Dance College, presents its latest production, *Wildfire – old ways, new voices*, a collection of contemporary and traditional dance from NAISDA's top students.

Wildfire – old ways, new voices will offer an Indigenous melting pot of contemporary interpretations by inspiring choreographers including Graeme Watson, Jason Pitt, Deon Hastie along with Maori artist Charles Koroneho and Jasmine Gulash as Creative Director. For over 30 years, NAISDA has been teaching Traditional and Contemporary Indigenous Dance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people to help preserve and share traditional arts and culture. This mustsee performance will provide an opportunity to experience the beauty and talent of some of the best Indigenous dancers in Australia.

The production will explore different subjects and movements with five key pieces from a range of choreographers that explore a number of issues, powers, possibilities and dance pieces that surround Indigenous Australians.

"*Wildfire - old ways, new voices*, is a moving and inspiring production from our students that will certainly appeal to those interested in culture, dance, music and art. We hope Sydneysiders will join us in supporting our students and experience this very special interpretation," said Kim Walker, Executive Director of NAISDA Dance College.

"The performance will provide a unique opportunity to see traditional dancers from the cultural powerhouse community of Elcho Island performing their songlines with the developing artists from NAISDA, as well as pieces from leading contemporary choreographers," he added.

Wildfire – old ways, new voices will open at Bay 17 at CarriageWorks on 25 November for Koori night and performances on Friday 26 and Saturday 27 November. Bookings can be made through Ticketmaster or direct from the CarriageWorks website.

TICKETS | General admission \$25, concession \$15 Group discounts apply for 15 or more, enquire at Ticketmaster on 1300 723 038

BOOKINGS | Contact Ticketmaster on 1300 723 038 or go to carriageworks.com.au

VENUE | CarriageWorks Theatre, 245 Wilson St, Eveleigh

PARKING | Enter at 229 Wilson St, opp. Queen St (free parking on site)

TRAIN | Accessible from Redfern or Macdonaldtown stations

Wheelchair Australia

Re Wheelchair Australia, a Project of Gosford West Rotary.

With Christmas rapidly approaching and funding allocations by Clubs being discussed in the new year, we would like to give you an up date on the Wheelchair program as per the attached flyer. This is a wonderful and simple International Service Project that is very affordable and the money donated makes a huge positive difference to people's lives.

Since the attached flyer was produced at the beginning of 2010, we have had a special wheelchair distribution to Cambodia to the Sunrise Kids Orphanage It was a great success as it enables the Orphanage to give something back to the community that supports them. We have just commenced the order process for another container of 110 brand new factory manufactured purpose built wheelchairs, again for Cambodia. This time jointly to the Sunrise Kids and the Lutheran Mission.

We would like to remind you that for those that enjoy Christmas and giving to others, but do not really need to buy Christmas presents as the people you care about already having everything they need, you can donate a wheelchair on someone's behalf and give this as a gift at Christmas.

To those of you who have supported us in the past, it would be great to hear from you again.

For those clubs that are yet to support us please give it some thought. If thirty five clubs in the district gave \$500 we would be able to send one container a year.

As our Flyer describes, the gift of a brand new wheelchair to people in a developing country makes a huge positive impact on their lives and on the lives of their families.

Also note, we are available as guest speakers for Club Meetings, so please let us know if you would like to see our professional DVD and hear our stories on our wheelchair distributions in PNG, Samoa, Cambodia, Fiji and the Solomon Islands

Yours in Rotary Lyall Hood

Annabel Murray

Annabel's background is in commercial litigation and Family law. Family law is a very emotional part of the law.

She is involved in the human parenting issues

The Family law act is a Commonwealth act and came into law in 1975. The focus is on no fault. The changes last year brought defacto into the same law. Prior to that they received less than married couples.

The first step in settlement is to work out the net pool to be divided.

It is not uncommon to find a female age 40 or 50 who has a total superannuation of \$20,000.00 The family court has ruled that assets are distributed

equally.

Short marriages of 2 years or less are not treated equally

Factors include age, need, health, earning capacity, If you have been out of work for 30 years it is unlikely that person will find similar employment to their previous vocation.

Many factors are discretionary

Reaching an agreement can save up to 2 years of litigation and many dollars.

After the GFC they are seeing separated couples wanting recovery of loans to children. Parenting can cause confusion – even if the parties have not married the parents will have equal duties in sharing in decision making. There has been criticism of sharing the time of children, this will cause issues when the child is not yet born. Equal time share tends to be abandoned during secondary school

Next reform will look at domestic violence VOT Joy Newling

Annabel Murray



Rotary Foundation Thought for The Week

18) This week's Rotary Foundation Thought is about becoming a Paul Harris Fellow or what a US\$1000 dollar contribution can do.

A contribution of US\$1000 helps provide seven toilets in India. More than 2.6 billion people still lack access to proper sanitation. Most people in the developed world do not think about their sanitation system unless it is not working properly, but in India many people lack access to proper sanitation facilities.

In 2008-09, the Rotary club of Guntur Aadarsh, India \$2000 partnering with the Rotary Club of Gladesville \$2150, Gosford \$1700, St Ives \$8500 and District 9680 with \$18,000 took the matter into their own hands and obtained a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant of \$18,200 to yield \$50,512 and built 10 toilet blocks at schools in and around Guntur providing the school children with proper sanitation. This will insure a reduction in illness and increase the health and wellness of this community. Rotarians meet the needs of the world by working through the Rotary Foundation.

Rotary Acronyms	
DLP	District Leadership Plan
DLT	District Leadership Team - Approved by RI to begin 1/1/1997 An enhanced or- ganisational structure in a District to enable cost-effective growth and faster,
DRFC	District Rotary Foundation Committee
DRR	District Rotaract Representative

Guest Speakers		
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	November	December	
Greeter	Peter Kipps	John Aitken	
Team	Rebecca Fletcher David Forsythe	Chris Hoch 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

Anniversaries		
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 <u>http://www.rotarynews.info/Club4219/r.i</u> 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".