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WPBC Zero to Hero

Following my email to WPBC last Tuesday week, I have received a reply from Ross and I have had a discussion with him about the quality of the food.

I am pleased to observe that the meal last Monday was among the best I have had at WPBC. Well done and thank you Ross.

I am advised there is a new and younger chef and I hope the spate of unacceptable food is behind us forever.

Ross Johnson WPBC

It is with regret that I advise Ross Johnson's mother died last Saturday week.

Radio Bingo

To Ted Price from Colin Sharpe who visited us several weeks ago and mentioned their Radio Bingo in Canada.

If your club is interested in learning about how our Radio Bingo works I could write it up for you. We do have written instructions for the person calling the numbers and for the people manning the phones that I could send to you, but we don't have anything on how it is run, so I would have to write that up. Anyway, just let me know if you want it and I will get it off to you.

Yours in Rotary
Colin

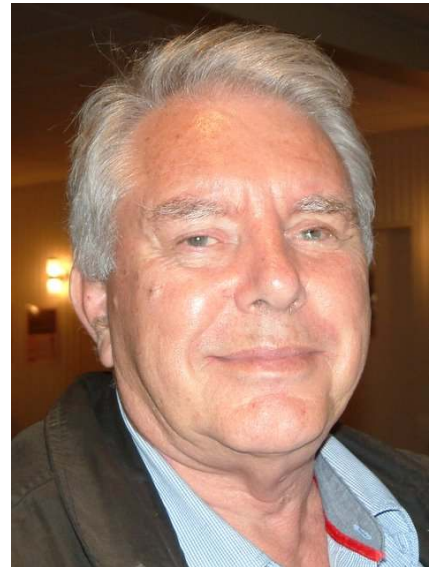
AGM - Important

Our AGM will be held in less than a month and board members are being sought so please consider your level of interest. Members whose fee's are not up to date will not be allowed to vote

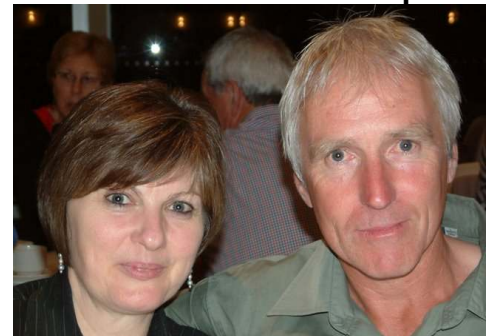
Guests

President Michael welcomed Lindsay May, Susan Newman and her partner Stephen, Paul Truda, Carol Anne McCaulay and Rasma Adrejewskis

Paul Truda



Susan Newman and Stephen



Carol Anne McCaulay



Membership day at West Pymble

Thanks to Malcolm for the photos of our new tent at the Membership day at West Pymble.



Gordon Markets from Turramurra

Dear folks,
\$3,241.40 collected, notes \$2,765 coins \$476.40
A really full market, little room for more stands along the sides, maybe a few more down the middle. November last year earned \$4,000, including some significant forward payments, so this one was good but we cannot rest on our laurels. \$2,765 in notes compared with \$3,255 notes and cheques this time last year, coins up \$30 this year. Stallholders say actual trade is down, people are looking not buying.

Roger and Tigre in very good form keeping people calm with Stein preparing his excellent spread sheet in advance, and our Kuringai friends, Peter Kipps et al, getting things out and about early, meant all went very smoothly. (Almost full markets can get quite competitive when we discover several booked spots occupied by left behind cars.)

Again the stallholders tell me that a Rotarian near the entrance raises the percentage of people donating so our presence does help.
Sandy and Laurie collected in the morning, Henk helped close and Roger had his signs up. Regards Dennis de K

Who is this?

As a volunteer organization I guess we have to take all volunteers on a membership drive at West Pymble.

This volunteer is our President Michael.



News from Emyr at last!

Emyr usually keeps me up to date for the Koongga and when I had not hear I sent an email of protest. I received this photo so I know he is in South Africa because the photo is Table Mountain. We look forward to his return.



90 Seconds with ... Doug

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My earliest memory is Welcoming spring and the wysteria blossoms down the side path of our home

My most memorable school event or achievement is A great final year: captaining the school, stroking the winning First Crew, breaking a 26 year drought in winning the football premiership, winning the scholarships that got me to Uni

I don't like to talk about 90 seconds experiences

My most treasured possessions are My wife and family (even though I don't 'own' them: they are free spirits)

My mother's favourite exhortation was "darling, don't push yourself so hard" (??)

I wish I had More time to do all the things I want to do

I wish I hadn't Waited so long to get my priorities sorted out!

My most humiliating moment was 'freezing' on the rifle range during National Service Officer Cadet training, and feeling I was about to get kicked out (but overcoming the problem and subsequently becoming a weapons instructor)

The happiest time in my life was Too hard to tell, because there have been so many: the birth of my first child, my second marriage (tragically cut short), on safari in Africa, a snow white Christmas with my new wife and family last year in Holland, and just relaxing with friends – to name but a few

My guiltiest pleasure is 'giving in' and still (very) occasionally enjoying a smoke!

My last meal would be Something like I cooked last night: Russian Boorsch followed by Thai scrambled eggs with prawns, stir fried sesame flavoured asparagus and snow peas and a crisp coriander and mint salad, and then rounded off with sago plum pudding and ice cream (another 'guilty pleasure') – all enjoyed with some good wine, music, a roaring fire and friends

If I could change one moment or event in my life it would be Getting married for the first time so young

When I was a child I wanted to be A train driver in the Rocky Mountains

The book that changed my life was Eckhart Tolle's The Power of Now

Even though it's not fashionable I love A dry sherry before dinner

If I could live anywhere and afford it I would live Just where I am now, an art deco building surrounded by a beautiful garden by the harbour near Manly

My best trait is I care

My worst trait is (continued) - which sometimes leads me into taking on too much where others are concerned

If only I could Avoid having to complete this exercise!

The hardest thing I have ever done is Nurse my dying wife (but it had its own, deep rewards)

I relax by Taking time out to 'connect' with my inner self, and my friends

What I don't find amusing is The mess that politically we seem to be in

If I wasn't me I'd like to be No idea – making the best out of being 'me' is quite enough

My worst job was Having to lay off loyal staff during an economic down-turn

I often wonder About the mysteries of the universe and where we all 'fit'.

Caroline Jones Timor Leste

Timor Leste

The purpose of my visit to East Timor was two-fold. As a group we went to support RYLA and as the sole representative from Ku-ring-gai I wanted to test the feasibility of building a teacher training facility in Iliomar.

Members of our team were Theo (Team Leader and Youth Director) and Georgia Glockemann, David (DGE) and Anne Rands, Lyn (RYLA Director) and Graeme (AG) Davies, John (DGA) and Robin Steel, and three young Rylarians – Andrew Hansen, Sean Webber and Patrick Mahony.

This was the first time that a RYLA program was held in Timor Leste and, more importantly, the first time it would be led by young East Timorese themselves. Because so many from the 25 to 40 years cohort died during the Indonesian invasion and approx 40% of the population is under 18, there is a real need for mentoring and leadership skills. Although we originally planned to train thirty participants, fifty young leaders were finally chosen for the five day course. It was heartening and enlightening to see different cultural nuances in the training, especially the heightened use of song and dance to get important messages of empathy and inclusion across.

The village of Iliomar lies in the remote south east, a bumpy seven hours drive from Dili. I approached this mission with an open mind but also with an awareness that a year from now members of my club planned to complete their project on site. Would that be possible and was the project an effective one which would benefit the community and be wholeheartedly supported by it? I decided that I would not be my usual proactive self. I would wait and see what measures were put in place for our arrival in this remote village where I would be staying without running water or electricity and sleeping on a wooden bed.

Whilst we were well fed and provided in return much needed cash that seemed to be the only benefit the village gained from our visit. The school was the least remote of the district and its teacher did not provide a proposal as requested. I had to converse in Portuguese and Tetun as the translator did not speak English and no discussion of a teacher's facility took place. Indeed when the administrator of the whole area, an English speaker, was asked if he would like us to put together a project he forcefully but politely replied in the negative.

We set out for Dili, lunching with the sole Australian army officer in charge of community relations in the region. He cautioned against romanticising the volunteer experience and was most helpful in his insights into East Timor. Whilst we passed various people with machetes going about their business and talked to a group within a village, no money was demanded from us and we were not prevented from driving as has happened on previous journeys to remote regions in ET. Instead the vast numbers of school children walking to and from the morning and afternoon school sessions gave the country a more settled and peaceful ambience.

Whilst the youngsters were getting on with RYLA I decided to further investigate East Timor. After travelling to Balibo with the group and checking out the emergency maternal bus and other Rotary, humanitarian and educational projects, I visited AusAid and made friends with the expats. They took me out to dinner and the next day introduced me to successful projects run by East Timorese women. I put to them the same question we had asked the administrator in Iliomar and they too replied that they did not want me to implement a project. They preferred to be self-sufficient. In particular, they asked if I could find someone who would be willing to stay in Dili for a minimum of three weeks so that they could learn how to fix the sewing machines they had been given. They said that the businesses in East Timor were willing to buy uniforms from them if they could make them at a reasonable price. I promised to help them.

Whilst the group stayed at the hotel on the last day of my trip I spent the day snorkelling with Australian, New Zealand, Portuguese, Canadian and English visitors to Timor Leste. Late in the day we were joined by a group from the United Nations needing a quiet place to pray. As a member of our Club's international committee it was a fitting end to a fascinating fortnight.

Rotarians in Business

The following "letter" has been received from Mark Wallace the Associate Editor of Rotary Down Under
Quote

Rotary Down Under is about to launch an exciting new professional services & trades directory called "Rotarians in Business".

It will be exclusive to Rotarians in business. It will be an internet-based directory housed on the Rotary Down Under website (www.rotarydownunder.com.au). Listing will be free to any Rotarian wishing to advertise their business.

It is not compulsory and we will, under no circumstances, provide this information to any third party. It is designed to act as a "perk" of Rotary membership. If you want a solicitor, a carpenter, an electrician or an accountant, or maybe a florist, event organizer or any other type of business, it makes sense to do that business with a Rotarian.

Unquote

Should any members wish to participate in this initiative, please provide the following information by return:

Business name: Contact name: Phone: Mobile
Phone: Fax: Email: Website URL: Type of business:

Guest Speaker Lindsay May

Rotary Foundation is a large and detailed subject which seems to go over the head of most members. I am in total admiration of the Polio Plus project but I do not have a god feel of what it has done for our club in recent years. I think our standard 20 minutes for a guest speaker is soundly based and should only be exceeded in most interesting subjects.

Lindsay May



Rotary Foundation Thought for The Week

19) This week's Rotary Foundation Thought is about how a Group Study Exchange can make history.

For the first time in southern African history, a group study exchange has taken place between two formerly conflicting countries. In November 2006 a GSE team from Zambia visited South Africa, signifying improved relations between the two countries. This exchange was made possible from a contribution The Rotary Foundation District Designated Funds from District 9210 to District 9300. With the end of Apartheid in South Africa, these young professionals are now able to talk to one another and share ideas and common interests that will help their countries look to the future in peace. Some of the greatest stories being told today started with a contribution to The Rotary Foundation. Let's make sure our club is part of the Rotary story.

Rotary Acronyms

DLP	District Leadership Plan
DLT	District Leadership Team - Approved by RI to begin 1/1/1997 An enhanced organisational 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 lectures in UTS and will talk about social media in the Internet
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 <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 "Karlbandi", a friendly welcome. Indeed, the Club's "Koongga" and "Karlbandi", banner reflect in their own unique way, the ideal of "Rotarians united in service, dedicated in Peace".