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The club records with regret the death of PDG Ivan Skellet, who passed away on 25 February 2011.

Ivan was a civil engineer who spent many years working on projects in Queensland and Papua New Guinea, accompanied by his wife Patricia (a Past President of the Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai) and their growing family, before relocating to Sydney. Ivan began his Rotary service as a member of the Rotary Club of Port Moresby in 1974. Upon his return to Australia he joined the Rotary Club of North Sydney in 1977 and then transferred to become a member of the Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai in 1980. His classification was 'Engineering Construction'.

Ivan was passionately involved in Rotary, especially after he retired from professional life. His service in the Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai covered the gamut of roles, including every Avenue of Service committee, as Koongga editor and as a member of the board of directors. He served as President in 1984-85 and as Secretary in 1988-89.

Ivan was similarly active in a variety of roles at District level. He served with distinction as Governor of District 9680 in 1995-96 and celebrated a successful year for Rotary with a memorable District Conference in Canberra which set the benchmark for subsequent conferences.

Ivan was renowned for his 'can do' attitude, the determination with which he pursued achievement of every goal and his exemplary management of District 9680. Even 2 hip replacement operations during his year as District Governor couldn't stop him – he continued to direct operations from his hospital bed and even held board meetings in his hospital room.

With his wealth of Rotary knowledge and experience, Ivan became a highly respected reference point and mentor for everyone in the Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai, especially incoming Presidents, Directors and committee chairmen. He was always available to consult and to provide practical, supportive advice.

Ivan was awarded recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow in 1986, to which was added the recognition of a sapphire pin in 1998.

In recent years Ivan suffered from chronic and debilitating problems with his legs and was mostly confined to a wheelchair. Although this prevented him from attending club meetings except occasionally, he continued to take an active interest in everything to do with Rotary and maintained close contact with all his Rotary friends.

The club extends its sympathy to Patricia (who also has a distinguished record of Rotary service) and her family.

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### A Poem 2003 by PDG Ivan Skellet

Today we have higher buildings and wider highways, but shorter temperaments and narrower points of view.

We spend more, but enjoy less,  
We have bigger houses but smaller families  
We have more knowledge, but less judgment  
We have more medicines but less health  
We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values  
We talk too much, we love only a little, and we hate too much  
We reached the moon and came back but we find it troublesome to cross our own street and meet our neighbours  
We have conquered outer space but not our inner space  
We have higher incomes but less morals

These are times with more liberty but less joy  
We have much more food, but less nutrition  
These are the days in which it takes two salaries for each home, but divorces increase  
These are times of fine houses, but more broken homes

That's why I propose, that as to day:

You do not keep anything for a special occasion, because every day that you live is a **special occasion**.

Search for knowledge, read more, set on your front porch and admire the view without paying attention to your needs.

Spend more time with your family and friends, eat your favourite foods, visit the places you love.

Life is a chain of moments of enjoyment, not only about survival.

Use your crystal goblets. Do not save your best perfume – use it every time you feel you want it.

Remove from your vocabulary phrases like “one of these days” and “someday”.

Let's write that letter we thought of writing “one of these days”.

Let's tell our families and friends how much we love them/Do not delay anything that adds laughter and joy to your life.

Every day, every hour and every minute is special.

And you don't know if it will be your last.

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[www.kuringgairotary.org.au](http://www.kuringgairotary.org.au) The club meets every Monday 6.30pm at West Pymble Bowling Club

### Guests

President Michael welcomed Sam Lazerus Virginia USA, Evan & Barbara Burrell guest speakers and Laurie Connell

### Caroline Jones

Caroline asked if members wanted to continue with dinners for 8 this year. Most members indicated their interest

### This week Tess McLean

ABC's & Rice. ABC's & Rice is a school for underprivileged children in Siem Reap, Cambodia, where Tess recently spent two months volunteer teaching.

She is to assist in the building of permanent, concrete classrooms at the school, to replace the temporary, bamboo huts that the children are currently learning in.

### Adobe Reader X (10)

Adobe Reader X (10) has been released and it displays a magnifying zoom on the bottom right of the screen to resize your documents.

### Cleanup Australia Day

Join us and St Ives Rotaract Club to clean up, fix up and conserve the environment.

Date: Sunday, 6 March

Time: 9 am to 12 noon, followed by a BBQ (BYO food and drink).

Clean Up Site: DeBurghs Bridge to Eden Gardens (beside Ryde Road)

Meeting point: Subject to confirmation, regeneration area between the lights at the junction with Lady Game Drive and the northern end of DeBurghs Bridge.

Equipment: Bring the sort of equipment you'd use to clean up around your home, e.g., stout rubbish bags, gloves, rakes, shovels, rope. Expect the unexpected!

### Car Observation Rally

We had 28 cars competing, as follows:  
Ku-ring-gai RC - 12  
Turramurra RC - 8  
Ingleside RFS - 4  
Adele & Ross - 4

We raised \$1,500.

Feedback from those who completed the form:

81% thought the distance was just right.

19% thought it was too long.

Everyone thought there was a good mix of questions, although a number of people commented that there were too many questions. Otherwise, all the comments were favourable and everyone said they enjoyed themselves.

Most importantly, we raised \$1500 to help build a Children's Hospital at Bo in Sierra Leone. If you'd like to keep updated about this project, go to [www.bochildrenshospital.org.au](http://www.bochildrenshospital.org.au).

In case you want to see what answers you should have put, I've attached a list of all the questions and answers. Sorry, no appeals will be accepted!!!

Thanks Adele

Editors comment—this was a most enjoyable event and I hope more members participate if Adele chooses to allocate the time and effort for another event in the future.

Thank you for being a part of our Observation Car Rally last Sunday. It was great to see so many people and cars there. Luckily, all relationships seem to still be intact, and everyone enjoyed themselves.



## Youth Insearch

Most of you have heard me talking about catering for a Youth Insearch camp for a while now, and last weekend it all happened at Kurrajong. There were 13 of us in total, in shifts from 3.30 on Friday until Sunday afternoon.

You know how hot it was down here, well, in the kitchen at Kurrajong with two commercial ovens and no air conditioning, it was like a sauna at times. It was nice to be able to escape into the cool room occasionally as was noted in the last Koongga!

As well as 40 children aged between 12 and 17, there were young leaders and volunteer support people. We met Rotarians from Tamworth and Moree who had both driven buses down with a load of kids. They had been doing it for 14 and 10 years respectively and sometimes had to raise the funds to bring the bus and kids down themselves. They also supply follow up support to the campers on a weekly or fortnightly basis. Perhaps catering for one weekend could become an annual project for our Club? I'm compiling comments and recommendations from those involved.

At times I felt under pressure because we were always very busy – we'd just finish preparing one meal and it would be time to start the next, or sometimes two meals together. The only time we sat down was for our own quick meal. Still, it was very worthwhile, rewarding and fun, especially when you had comments from the kids such as:

"I like the fruit, I eat more fruit when I come to camp"  
"Thank you for giving up your time to cook for us"  
"Awesome food!"

This was a Youth Committee initiative but I would like to thank everyone who helped over the weekend with a few words about them:

Geoff for his tireless peeling of vegetables on Friday night and what must at times have seemed like endless washing up

Linda for her smiling face and enthusiasm and doing anything that was needed

Rebecca for staying there the longest, being the Washing Up Queen, even in her smart office gear as soon as she arrived on Friday night.

Michael for being, amongst other things, an amazing pizza cook and always looking neat, cool and unruffled – not like me!

Louise for her enthusiasm and being undaunted at whatever we had to prepare and cook for 60 – whether it was pizzas, eggs or chocolate muffins!

Greg for doing whatever I asked – whether it was sharpening knives, food prep, cleaning or laundering tea towels.

Judy for her expertise and practical solutions when sometimes the task seemed too big.

Marieken and Douglas for arriving in the nick of time on Saturday and taking the pressure off.

As for Dilys, Ross and Helen, I wasn't there with you but I know you would have been efficient and practical (I have already heard about the excellent scrambled eggs) and I was so glad you volunteered to go on Sunday – some of us just couldn't have kept going in the heat.....

Joy Newling



Card of thanks from Youth Insearch Kids

Thanks  
soo very  
good Ben.

the food was  
just  
keller

THANKYOU!!

Food was heaps nice  
Thanks  
Luka

catering for the  
difficult ppl !!  
Really means  
a lot & makes  
camp  
Army

Thank  
you  
for the  
food its good  
as thank you  
from David

Thank you  
very much for  
cooking our food  
it was very much  
appreciated. It was  
also fun working with  
you.

Thank you so  
for all the time and effort  
you put into making that  
wonderful food for us.  
fens for the boy

Thank you very much for  
giving up your time to  
cook for us. You all  
are very nice people to  
talk to and you make  
this camp amazing with  
your food !!

you are great and awesome  
bunch of cards T.M.O.

Thanks!  
The Food :D  
Tristen

Thank  
for the food  
REV

Hi,  
Thank you for  
the great  
YUM!  
Mark

Thank you Rotary for  
supporting the Youth  
of Youth Insearch the  
food was awesome  
Rev Lara 8:11am  
Tamworth West Rotary

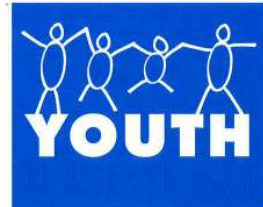
Thank you for  
the delicious food,  
and taking the time  
out of your weekend!

Thank you for your  
generosity in donating  
your time. Great  
food! Pat

Thanks for your support  
and efforts this weekend.  
It's really appreciated!  
SNicole

Hey  
Thanks for  
cooking for  
me and giving  
your time  
cake for me  
Inoresu

Hey chefs  
The food was  
good and for  
cooking for me  
talk care  
Sam



ef's  
18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> February '11

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## Guest Speakers Evan and Barbara Burrell

Evan is Rotoract representative and what an enthusiastic dynamo!

He has immunized children for Polio, acted as Santa Clause , Group Study Exchange member and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Without Rotary in his life he would have gone in a much poorer direction.

Last year he addressed the International Convention In Montreal

Reasons for Rotary not having members in the 30 to 40 age group family and time, Rotarians need to act as mentors, ask the parents of exchange students to be members.

His GSE team experience was in the financial area, notwithstanding he is a horticulturist but he did get to meet the manager of Central park

Barbara joined Turramurra Rotary Club,

She met Evan in Rotaract and they were married by a Rotarian.



### Bob Ivey - WEB Members Profiles

Bob explained all members (and some past members) details are now on the secure section of the WEB. Bob also explained how to upload your image.

Bob explained the benefits of the special editor being used to enter, store and display members information. When

#### Member Details Menu

- Members Details
- Member Club Background
- My Business Directory
- Change my Password
- Edit my Profile

you choose the **Member Profiles** under the **Member Forum** TAB a new menu is displayed (see left) which allows you to choose 5 separate displays. Because the WEB security is aware you have logged on it allows

you to edit your record.

**Please check all your details**, over 1,000 fields have been added to the WEB and errors have been made, Ivan Cribb found 2 in his profile.

This information can be added to from time to time and recently Adele Mitchell suggested a improve our members awareness of the business activities of other members. As a consequence a new TAB was created "**My Business Directory**" to allow members to design and add details about their business





## Movie Night 14 March

THE GIRL WHO KICKED THE HORNET'S NEST is the third and final film adaptation of the best-selling Millennium trilogy written by the late Swedish author, Stieg Larsson (The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo and The Girl Who Played With Fire).

In this last installment, Lisbeth Salander (Noomi Rapace) lies in critical condition, a bullet wound to her head, in the intensive care unit of a Swedish city hospital. She's fighting for her life in more ways than one: if and when she recovers, she'll be taken back to Stockholm to stand trial for three murders. With the help of her friend, journalist Mikael Blomkvist (Michael Nyqvist), she will not only have to prove her innocence, but also identify and denounce those in authority who have allowed the vulnerable, like herself, to suffer abuse and violence. And, on her own, she will plot revenge – against the man who tried to kill her, and the corrupt government institutions that very nearly destroyed her life.

THE GIRL WHO KICKED THE HORNET'S NEST brings back Noomi Rapace in the starring role of the pierced and tattooed genius computer hacker Lisbeth Salander,

## Movie Night 14 March



- Drinks and nibbles 6.30
- Starts 7.30pm
- Tickets \$20 each
- No seat allocation
- Tickets for cash before evening from Malcolm/Ross

## Rotary Foundation Thought for The Week

## Rotary Acronyms

## 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.kuringgairotary.org.au> before 3.00pm on the day of the meeting. An apology for future meetings may also be entered. If you do not apologise for non-attendance the Club must pay for your meal and you will be asked to reimburse the Club.

**Dear Club President and Secretary**

Attached is a document which explains that, under instructions from Rotary International, District 9690 (west of D9680) is below minimum size (1200 by July 2013) and needs to amalgamate with neighbouring district(s).

As your District Governor, I have been working with my counterparts in District 9690 (Marilyn Mercer) and District 9750 (David Brawn) to resolve the problem. We have worked for many weeks to come up with what we believe is the most workable solution to serve the best interest of all three districts.

To meet the deadline of March 15, which has been imposed on us by Rotary International, we need to have the support of 75% of the clubs in the District agreeable to this proposal.

The attached document includes the reasons for the amalgamation, a map showing how we propose to split District 9690 (round dots and square dots) and the new district list of clubs for both the Northside district (Our proposed new district) and the Southside district as well.

**WHAT YOU NEED TO DO**

By MARCH 4 PLEASE SEND OUR DISTRICT SECRETARY (MEGAN TILLEY - d9680.secretary.2010.2011@gmail.com, or post to PO Box 372, St Ives, 2075) YOUR CLUB NAME WITH EITHER A

**YES** (YOUR CLUB SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED CHANGE)

OR

**NO** (YOUR CLUB DOES NOT SUPPORT THE PROPOSED CHANGE)

REMEMBER WE MUST HAVE THIS BACK BY MARCH 4 (OUR PRESIDENT'S MEETING)

– **WHY NOT BRING IT WITH YOU IN AN ENVELOPE OR EMAIL IT IF YOU CAN'T COME)**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WHICH NEED EXPLAINING, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL/  
EMAIL ME**

Thank you for your support with this matter

Yours in Rotary Service

George



## Guest Speakers

See club website: "Member Forum - Events" for whole year listing of events

28 Feb	Tess McLean
Sat 5 Mar	Membership Awareness Day 8.30am - 12.00 noon
7 Mar	Lindsay May - yachting
21 Mar	Chris Walsh—Fibre Optic research Sydney University
11 April	Pride of Workmanship
25 Apr	Anzac Day / Easter Monday - no meeting
13 Jun	Queen's Birthday holiday—no meeting
Mon 27 Jun	Changeover Dinner, Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai
19 Sep	District Governor's visit

## Market roster

Time	13 Mar	10 Apr
<b>Banners</b>	White, Frank	White, Frank
<b>Signs</b>	Timms, Graham Hungerford, Geoff	Timms, Graham Hungerford, Geoff
<b>Morning Set up</b>	White, Frank Thompson, John	White, Frank Thompson, John
<b>0800 – 1030</b>	Fletcher, Rebecca Forbes, Wally	Newling, Greg Newling, Joy
<b>1030 – 1300</b>	McGuigan, Chris Jones, Caroline	Houghton, Judy Midlam, Michael
<b>1300 – 1530</b>	Braid, Malcolm Filewood, Eleanor	Kipps, Peter Tang, Peter

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

## Door team

Duty	February	March	April	May	June
Greeter	Elinor Filewood	Geoff Hungerford	Michael Midlam	John Aitken	Emyr Evans
Team	Lou Coenen	Frank White	Eleanor Filewood	Bala Krishnan	Rebecca Fletcher
Team	Rasma Andrejewskis	John Thompson	Joy Newling	Greg Newling	Geoff Hungerford

**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 February 2011

Birthdays	
Judy HOUGHTON	2 Feb
Pam FORBES	5 Feb
Tony McCLELLAND	10 Feb
Eunice PRICE	19 Feb
Adele MITCHELL	24 Feb
Louise TYLER	27 Feb

Anniversaries	
Rebecca & Graham FLETCHER	14 Feb