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### Meeting Apology

Please use the club website before 3pm on meeting day to apologise or add a guest or you will be required to reimburse the club for your meal cost.

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## Guests

President Michael welcomed guests Tess McLean Ben Domensino and Joyce Cribb

## Car Rally Prize Donors

Adele thanked the generous donors for prizes for the Car Observation Rally  
Graham Timms  
Joy & Greg Newling  
Malcolm Braid  
David Forsythe  
Rail Transport Museum  
Road to Goa

## Rotary Awareness

A significant number of members attended the Awareness day at Gordon on Saturday, but unfortunately without and positive results. Members present were Caroline Jones Dilys Geddes Eleanor Filewood Emyr Evans Frank White Geoff Hungerford Greg Newling Irene Kennedy John Thompson Linda Lam-Rohlf Malcolm Braid Michael Tyler Peter Kipps Petra Le-Compte Tony McClelland

## Ivan Skellet

A large contingent of District representatives attended Ivan's funeral and many attended the wake at Terrey Hills

Members attending included Bob Ivey David Forsythe Greg Newling Ivan Cribb John Hessel Malcolm Braid Michael Tyler Peter Kipps Ted Price Tom Jackson Tony McClelland

Past members included Neil Tuffley, John Ellis, Rodney Higgs and Alan Rowe.

During the eulogy we learned that Ivan wandered into hot coles at age 18 months and permanently damaged circulation in his feet and this impacted his ability to recover from his illness. I did not know this.

## Community Bike Ride

Your editor has been attending meeting with Turramurra Club to arrange a Fund Raiser Bicycle Ride..We are progressing and I received the email below yesterday. As I am now the only member of our club attending I would appreciate the support of some others.

George Koolik ( Manager of Traffic and Transport at Ku Ring Gai Council ) whom I met together with Maria Russo ( Road Safety Officer ) back in October has established a contact for us within the NSW Police ( Inspector Dave Olsen ) through whom all our planning and approvals from the necessary government agencies will be coordinated. I received first communication from Dave Olsen on 22 February.

We now have to present a detailed logistical plan to them and local councils. I would like to meet next Thursday night to allocate various roles and to discuss and move towards putting our final presentation together for the various agencies. We should now also start to consider finances, marketing the event, fund raising strategies and other relevant issues.

Marcello, I think your expertise with IT and social media will be of great value in developing what we hope will become in time a significant event.

So, I propose a meeting next Thursday night (10 March at 8:00pm either at The Blue Gum Hotel or my house whichever is more convenient.

Michael Robertson (Turramurra)

## From Alan Rowe

Fond memory of Ivan ...

When it came to raising funds  
The members pulled the biggest guns ...  
His results with raffle tickets would astound  
them.

See – he would approach a group of folks,  
Be it either birds or blokes,  
And in an instant he was able to surround them.

A.R.

The Phantom Poet

## Cleanup Australia Day



## Meeting Makeup's

A makeup list will be at the door each week commencing  
Monday

## District reorganization

District reorganization the district to the West of us  
must merge with surrounding districts 9680 and one in  
the South our District will become 79 clubs and this will  
commence in July 2013

## Garden Festival

We now have 80 stalls booked. For 26th and 27th  
March from 9.00 to 4.30

A person from the ABC is doing a Garden Guru session  
on the Sunday

General Visitor Information

Entertainment

See entertainment page

Printed Guide

A printed Festival Guide is issued on entry. (View last  
year's: PDF - 250kb)

Garden Festival Hours

The Festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, 26th  
and 27th March 2011, from 9am to 4.30pm daily.

Entry Fee

\$8 per adult entry fee. (On-site parking free).

NOTE: All proceeds from the Garden Festival are to be  
donated to local and overseas charitable Rotary pro-  
jects. More...

Parking

Showground Parking area - please observe directions  
given by SES volunteers. Please NOTE: Conditions of  
Entry

Kids Entertainment

Supervised fun and activities

See Bubble-olo-gist and Griego the Magician!

SAT: 10.00 am - 3.00 pm

SUN: 9.30 am to 4.30 pm

Kids Magic Shows: 10.am, midday and 2.00 pm daily

Stalls

Wide range of stalls:

packaged gourmet foods, lavender, hand creams,  
cleaning products, organic products, pottery, plants,  
hobbycraft, jewellery, sunglasses, ladies shirts, garden-  
ing design, products and specialty garden tools, garden  
sculpture,  
water plants, features & decoration, wrought iron, pav-  
ing restoration,  
pool services, pool covers, pest control, outdoor living,  
pergolas,  
awnings, outdoor furniture, outdoor fireplaces, barbe-  
ques,  
ovens, power equipment, water tanks & management,  
cubbies, sheds, guttering, National Trust,  
garden clubs, bushwalking information  
and more...

## Guest Speaker ABC and Rice Tess McLean

Good evening everyone,  
My name is Tess McLean and I am here tonight to talk to you about a school in Siem Reap, Cambodia called ABC's & Rice. I recently spent two months volunteer teaching at this amazing school, and since coming home have been determined to find ways to continue to support this school in the long term. I thought I would start off tonight, by showing a photo slideshow of my experiences at ABC's & Rice.

### **PHOTO SLIDESHOW**

**Why did I go there?** I am a qualified teacher. I attended Brigidine college in St Ives and then graduated from Macquarie university in 2008. I then worked full time at Castle Cove Public School. After 18 months I decided it was time for me to go overseas, as the main reason I became a teacher was to be able to travel, work and volunteer in different countries around the world. Cambodia appealed to me because it was not too far from home, yet it is among the poorest countries in the world. I then researched a number of volunteer organisations and decided to volunteer through an agency called 'Globalteer.'

**What is 'Globalteer'?** Globalteer is a UK registered non profit charity that provides volunteer placements working with children in Cambodia, and it supports projects and communities around the world. In Siem Reap, Cambodia, Globalteer supports free education programmes for children, homes for orphans and vulnerable children, vocational training, day centres for street kids, sports, arts and the community as a whole. When you volunteer through Globalteer, you make a donation upfront. This donation pays for your accommodation, but the majority of it goes towards the project you will be working at. So, the individual skills of volunteers, as well as their financial donations enable the projects to exist and expand.

**What is ABC's & Rice?** ABC's & Rice is one of the free education projects that Globalteer supports, and it is where I was sent to do my volunteer teaching. It is a small school that was opened by a Canadian woman, Tammy Durand, who was travelling in Cambodia and saw the desperate need for a free school in the area. ABC's & Rice is situated in Veal Village, which is about ten minutes out of main Siem Reap. Most of the fathers in this village fought as soldiers against the Khmer Rouge, they are missing arms and legs, and are unable to work or earn much money for their families. As a result, most of the small children were being sent out to the streets of Siem Reap at night, to beg tourists for money. The children weren't going to the local public school, as the families could not afford the uniforms, books, pencils and teacher bribes that were required.

In an effort to get these children off the streets and into a classroom, Tammy, with the support of Globalteer, started a rice program as a reverse tuition. This means that they encourage the poorest of children to attend the school as opposed to going out and earning enough money to eat. In return, they provide rice and seasonings to families on a monthly basis. This gains the support of the local families, and also relieves the need for the children to be out working. The families understand that the rice and seasonings are ONLY given to them if

their children are attending school each day, and sleeping each night. This rice program is one of the main reasons that the school is a success, as it means that all the local families support the school and send their children there everyday. The school also runs a breakfast program, where the poorest students can come before school and be given a free meal.

ABC's & Rice is a FREE school with four classes run by 4 young Cambodian teachers. The students ages range from 4 years-16 years. The youngest class of 4 year olds is the newest addition, as all of the older children were bringing their young siblings along with them to school. The Cambodian teachers are young, enthusiastic and keen to develop professionally. They teach both English and Khmer to the children, and enjoy the opportunity to work with and learn from different volunteers.

### **What was the school like?**

When I was at the school in September/October last year, it was very basic. It consisted of five small bamboo huts with tin rooves. One squat toilet. One water pump (that we could not drink out of). In each classroom there were wooden desks, long wooden seats and a small whiteboard. In my time volunteering, I realised just how difficult it was for the kids to work in these conditions. When it was sunny, it was unbearably hot in the classrooms. When it rained (which was a lot), the rain came through the roof, the floor became mud, and everything had to be packed away so it didn't get wet. We could not keep any books or resources in the classrooms as they were not secure.

### **Recent developments:**

Since I was at the school, Tammy and other volunteers have worked hard to raise enough money to build three permanent concrete classrooms. Each classroom costs about \$4500. Over the Christmas break, I worked hard to raise money to assist in the building of these concrete classrooms. There is currently a construction team of volunteers at the school building these. They have also just bought the land next to the school, so they are ready to grow and build more classrooms and a bigger play area.

### **How could you help?**

Obviously as ABC's & Rice is a new and developing school, there are lots of fundraising opportunities.

#### One off donations:

The school would benefit enormously from donations to help in the construction of:

- two more permanent classrooms
- a bathroom station
- a new kitchen for the breakfast club
- a new well for the school

#### Ongoing support:

If you are looking for a project to support over a longer period of time, ABC's & Rice would be the perfect project. I have been emailing Tammy Durand and she had some fantastic ideas about what areas of the school you could support long term:

One idea was to support a classroom. This could include the teacher's wages and training, books for that class, new whiteboard and other materials, plus a

## ABC and Rice Tess McLean

percentage of the electricity bill. This way you could be updated regularly about your particular classroom, and you would know exactly what your donations would be going towards.

Another idea was the expansion of the breakfast club. Currently this club only provides breakfast to the poorest students, but there are still many students who come to school hungry and don't have a proper meal all day. This has ongoing costs such as kitchen appliances, food, and wages for a cook.

You could also choose to support the rice program. This is where they provide rice and seasonings to local families, to relieve the children from having to work and beg.

### How would this work?

Unfortunately ABC's & Rice do not have their NGO status yet. The Cambodian government has not made things easy for them, and their application is taking time. For that reason, the school doesn't have a bank account, and they don't receive donations directly from anyone.

Globalteer runs a bank account for ABC's & Rice. Tammy can ask for money whenever she wants it, and the sum keeps going up as more volunteers come and people make donations. Ashlee Chapman, who runs Globalteer in Siem Reap, has advised me that ABC's & Rice is very careful with their money. They want to ensure the longevity of the project. Whilst other projects spend as much money as they have coming in, Tammy keeps most of the money in the bank to ensure they can continually pay wages, buy rice etc. Due to Tammy's fantastic leadership, and Globalteer's support, many volunteers and donors have faith that this project will be long lasting and successful.

Therefore if you decided to support ABC's & Rice, donations could be sent to the school through Globalteer. Ashlee Chapman, as the manager of Globalteer, is happy to oversee the account and ensure that money is being used properly. Tammy Durand can then keep us updated about what each donation is being used for. All donations would go directly to the school.

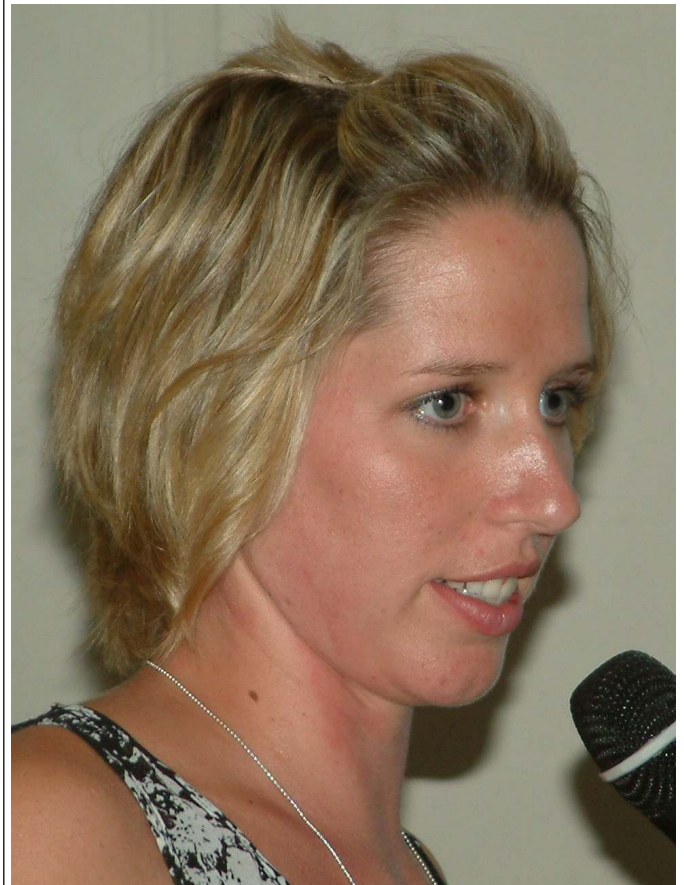
Caroline and Graham mentioned that donations could also be sent through a rotary club in Siem Reap. Ashlee Chapman from Globalteer, would be more than happy to work closely with a rotary club over in Cambodia. This rotary club could see first hand how the money is being spent at ABC's & Rice. It could be very positive to build up a relationship between Globalteer and Rotary over in Siem Reap. Globalteer's ultimate goal is to build up projects so that eventually they no longer need support, but there will always be a new grassroots project looking for support.

### Why is it worthwhile?

As a teacher I have spent a lot of time with young kids. The young kids at ABC's & Rice had a huge impact on me as despite being poor, hungry and disadvantaged, they were some of the happiest and most appreciative children I have ever met. They really loved being at school and appreciated the opportunity to learn.

In my time at the school it became so clear to me that what is so little to us, can forever change the life of a child in Cambodia. That is why I want to help ABC's & Rice in their aim to make a huge impact on a small village. As the ABC's & Rice motto says:

**"Be the change you want see in the world."**



## 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

31) This week's Rotary Foundation Thought is about District Simplified Grants (DSG).

In Australia, Rotarians received District Simplified Grants both small and large to benefit local communities and communities abroad. The Rotary Club of Roseville Chase used a DSG to fund a project that included wheelchair access to a park at Echo Point, Middle Harbour so people reliant upon wheelchairs could enjoy this amenity with their friends and families. The Rotary Club of Chatswood International used a DSG to fund teaching materials to a primary school in the poor rural village of Ruili in the earthquake devastated central China. Through the creativity and passion of numerous Rotarians, our district has improved the lives of countless people both within Australia and abroad. Multiply that by 535 Districts worldwide and you can understand the power of our Foundation. Every Rotarian, Every Year -Hope begins with us.

32) Ever wonder how your Rotary club and district can make a positive impact for peace, right now? This week's Rotary Foundation Thought is about how your club and district can support the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program.

## Rotary Acronyms

<b>International Assembly</b>	An annual assembly of District Governor Nominees held in Anaheim, US in Feb/Mar - To educate, instruct and inspire DGNs and adoption of RI theme and new programmes of RI
<b>International Convention</b>	World-wide gathering of all Rotarians and partners - Held usually in May in a different country chaired by RI President
<b>INTERPLAST</b>	International Plastic Surgery Programme - Established by District 9800 in 1980 and sends teams of volunteer surgeons and nurses to developing countries to operate on deformities, burns et
<b>IPAC</b>	International Projects Advisory Committee - A national committee to update registry of international projects identified as suitable for support by clubs
<b>IPDG</b>	Immediate Past District Governor
<b>IPEC</b>	International Polio Eradication Committee

## 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.

## Guest Speakers

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

<b>Sat 5 Mar</b>	Membership Awareness Day 8.30am - 12.00 noon
<b>7 Mar</b>	Lindsay May - yachting
<b>21 Mar</b>	Chris Walsh—Fibre Optic research Sydney University
<b>11 April</b>	Pride of Workmanship
<b>25 Apr</b>	Anzac Day / Easter Monday - no meeting
<b>13 Jun</b>	Queen's Birthday holiday—no meeting
<b>Mon 27 Jun</b>	Changeover Dinner, Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai
<b>19 Sep</b>	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	March	April	May	June
Greeter	Geoff Hungerford	Eleanor Filewood	John Aitken	Emyr Evans
Team	Frank White	Michael Midlam	Bala Krishnan	Rebecca Fletcher
Team	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		Anniversaries	
FORSYTHE <b>Patricia</b>	1-Mar	DRAKE Scott Jaquiline	4-Mar
CRIBB <b>Joyce</b>	2-Mar	MITCHELL Adele Ross Goodman	4-Mar
DRAKE <b>Jaquiline</b>	5-Mar	HOCH Chris Amanda	6-Mar
FORSYTHE <b>David</b>	7-Mar	THOMPSON John Sue	10-Mar
THOMPSON <b>Sue</b>	18-Mar	LeCOMPTE Petra Lindsay	14-Mar
		FISHER Frank Patricia	15-Mar
		KRISHNAN Bala Dilshad	17-Mar
		IVEY Bob Gwen	24-Mar