



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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Meeting Apology

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

<http://www.kuringgairotary.org.au>

Tonight

Club Forum

Guest Sue White

Tonight Sue is a guest with a difference. Sue attended with a view to observing and considering if she may join our club as a member. I hope she does!



Last Week:

Caroline Jones

Caroline focused on the publisher George Robertson of Angus & Robertson and how his editorial instructions to Charles Bean and Henry Lawson changed our idea of Australian mateship and egalitarianism.

For full story please see page 2



Rotoract Inauguration

The Charter dinner for the Lower North Shore Inauguration will be held Friday 19 August at 7 for 7.30

For details please contact Greg Newling

Announcements

John Hessel is in Geraghty Ward, Hornsby Hospital.
Bed ph: 8401 0100 + patient number 430899. Ward office: 9477 9484

Kitty Ellis is in the SAN hospital after a stroke

Daffodil Day 26 Aug 6.00am to 9.00 am
Pymble Station

Grahame Timms is a Grand Father—members congratulate and Grahame paid a big folding fine

Caroline Jones Guest Speaker

As an editor and literary historian, I'm fascinated and possibly a little biased about how a publishing house can manufacture national myths and legends through the careful selection of authors and the subtle manipulation of their manuscripts. To illustrate this theme, I'm going to focus on the publisher George Robertson of Angus & Robertson and how his editorial instructions to Charles Bean and Henry Lawson changed our idea of Australian mateship and egalitarianism.

Bean's insistence on copious detail rather than grand epic style initially horrified his publisher because it lacked the dignity which befitted a maturing colonial nation. Robertson also thought that Bean's information on the home front volunteer effort was too pedestrian and inappropriate for the beginning of a national history. After reading an early draft, Robertson complained to Arthur Jose that Bean was 'what our dear friend Henry Lawson calls "a Wanterwriteandcant".' Bean set about recasting the beginning of volume one and writing an introduction to it; but even his rewrite didn't gel with George Robertson's idea of what an official history should entail:

Of the philosophy of history Mr. Bean could write all he knows on the back of a postage stamp: and, as I say, his narrative is a tangle.

It is admitted that the Australians can fight — why not show the world that they can write?

George Robertson firmly believed that Bean's manuscript needed to be rescued from parochialism and concentration on the everyday, and lifted to a higher literary level. Yet, in forcing Bean to mould the introduction into a grand narrative, quite by accident George Robertson encouraged women to be excluded from Bean's description of Australian character because most of the domestic topics Bean originally covered in his first chapter were cut out and written about in volume eleven on the home front.

Women's exclusion from volume one was compounded by the fact that nurses, although stationed in France and Egypt, didn't set foot at Anzac Cove since hospital ships were safely anchored offshore during the Gallipoli campaign. With little mention of the home front in the introduction and early chapters and the rest of the first volume concentrating on Gallipoli, the Anzac legend and its emphasis on Australian male mateship became entrenched in national mythology as the ideal Australian stereotype.

Henry Lawson was another Angus & Robertson author who initially included everywoman in his work but who is remembered, even lionised, for writing about every man. Lawson and his wife briefly lived in New Zealand at the time women got the vote. During this era, he published a poem titled 'For'ard' about ship life and the conditions steerage passengers faced compared to those in first class. In this poem, Lawson empowered women (and men) with the ability to create a new world order:

But the curse o' class distinctions from our
shoulders shall be hurl'd,
An' the influence of women revolutionise the world
...
An' there won't be any friction 'twixt the classes
fore an' aft.
We'll be brothers, fore an' aft!
Yes, an' sisters, fore an' aft !

As George Robertson was putting together an English edition of his poet's verse, Henry Lawson suggested that the phrase 'influence of kindness' should replace 'influence of women' or 'woman' in this important line. One of the firm's editors, David McKee Wright, later altered this suggestion to read 'the sense of Human Kinship'. When coupled with other poems, such as 'The Shearers', the focus of Lawson's poetry retrospectively became entrenched as egalitarian, masculine and democratically nationalistic, whereas originally he had written that women themselves could make a difference.

The kind of narrative that is written depends upon the publisher's and editor's agenda and the author they choose to tell their story. *The Official History of Australia in the War of 1914–18* and Lawson's poetry are remarkable bodies of work of which Angus & Robertson and indeed Australia can be proud. Crystallisation of the Anzac male legend and Australian egalitarianism are as revered on Anzac Day in the twenty-first century as when these texts were first written. Yet, whilst honouring these iconic authors, it is important to remember that a completely different narrative and set of Australian myths and legends could have been celebrated today if other editors and publishers had worked on Lawson's selected poetry and the history of Australia during the Great War.

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National Disability Insurance Scheme

Sunshine Supports National Disability Insurance Scheme

News Release

For Immediate Release

Release Date: 7th July 2011

Make Every Australian Count

Australia's Productivity Commission has concluded, in its draft report to government, that the current disability support system is not meeting the needs of people with a disability, their families and carers or, indeed, the needs of the nation and has recommended a complete overhaul. The opening words of the draft report say it all: "the disability support system overall is inequitable, underfunded, fragmented and inefficient and gives people with a disability little choice." And they've told us the best solution: a national disability insurance scheme (NDIS), which will make it possible for all Australians with a disability to access essential care, support, therapy, equipment, early intervention and training.

It is now up to the government and the people of Australia to make every Australian count.

Every Australian Counts is the campaign for the introduction of such a National Disability Insurance Scheme. An NDIS will revolutionise the way people with a disability, their families and carers are supported in this country. It will transform the way services are funded and delivered, ensuring people are better supported and enabling them to have greater choice and control.

Over the next few months the Productivity Commission will present its final report to the Government on the findings of its inquiry into a long-term disability care and support scheme.

We need every Australian to stand up and say that people with a disability, their families and carers in this country deserve better and that it's time for change. We need every Australian to say that people with a disability, their families and carers are Australians too, that they are part of our community, and that they, as people, as well as their hopes and dreams count.

We need to show the government that there is widespread community support for change – and that the time for action has come.

How can we do this? Through the Every Australian Counts Campaign.

This online and community campaign aims to gather over 100,000 signatures to show the federal government the nation's support for the NDIS initiative. On 2nd August campaign supporters across Australia will be holding "DisabilTeas" to show their support, provide more information, raise awareness and collect more supporters for the NDIS initiative.

Sunshine is a leading service provider for people with disability through northern and western Sydney and the Central Coast and strongly supports the campaign for an NDIS. We will be holding a morning tea at 2 of our service sites and inviting our Federal and NSW State members from each of the electorates where we support people with a disability to attend.

Rebecca Fletcher, CEO of Sunshine says "the NDIS initiative is the next step towards providing better services and opportunities to our clients, their families and the community, it is something all Australians should be interested in seeing implemented and be proactive in having their voice heard".

Sunshine invites all members of the community to join us for the DisabiliTEA event to find out more, show your support, meet some great people and make your voice count.

When: 2 August 2011, 10.30am - 12

Where: Sunshine Community Access Program,
The Marriott Centre, 14 Cressy Ave,
Beaumont Hills
OR

Sunshine Community Access Program,
21 Memorial Avenue, St Ives

Sunshine is committed to enhancing opportunities and relationships for people with disabilities, their families and the aged within their communities.

ENDS

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Pymble Players

Pymble Players Theatre Booking: Thursday 27 October, 7.30pm for 8pm: \$20

We have booked the whole theatre for Thursday 27 October. Pymble Players is easy to get to and has free parking. Plays are held in the beautiful 1884 church hall of Pymble Chapel at the corner of Bromley Avenue and Mona Vale Road, Pymble.

We're going to see "The Memory of Water", written by Shelagh Stephenson and directed by Patsy Templeton. In 2000 this play won the prestigious Laurence Olivier Award for Best Comedy.

"Even water has memory – you can dilute and dilute but the pertinent thing remains ... it still exerts influence": Three sisters meet on the eve of their mother's funeral. As the differences in their own memories of their childhood are revealed, conflicts and tensions emerge, and the sparks fly. But ultimately it is the fabric woven in that early family life that finally allows them to forgive each other and become united. This cleverly written play will resonate, particularly if you have siblings!

This is a major fundraiser so we want all of you to come but you'd best hurry because it is an intimate theatre and there are only 84 tickets!

Booking: Please let Caroline know how many tickets you need or fill out the events sheet on Monday.

Lifeline's \$1 Clearance Sale on books

20-21 Aug

Scout Hall
West Lindfield

Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai Bank Accounts

From 1 July 2011 we have a new bank account at Westpac Turrumurra.

Rotary Club of Ku ring gai **Project** account
BSB 032089
Account 253333

Rotary Club of Ku ring gai **General** account
BSB 032089
Account 253341

Claims must be presented with a completed remittance advice which you can download from the WEB.

All payments to you will be made electronically (I do not have a cheque book) so please include your BSB and account when you make a claim.

When you make a payment please ensure you include your name in the details

2011-2012 Speakers Calendar

Mondays	Speaker	Board meeting	Other events
Monday 15 August	Club Forum		
Monday 22 August	MUNA		22/8 Daffodil Day
Monday 29 August	The James Craig: Michael York		
Monday 5 September	River Cruising: Adele Mitchell	Board meeting	
Monday 12 September	DG's Visit to Club		11/9 Clarke School
Monday 19 September	Who Do You Know/Bronwyn Lo (10-on-me)		
Monday 26 September	First Direct Wireless Message: Jo Harris		
Monday 3 October	Labour Day		
Monday 10 October	Saving Our Heritage: Ross Goodman	Board meeting	8/10 Trivia Night
Monday 17 October	Austrian Night: Lotte Landl		
Monday 24 October	Alcoholics' Anonymous: Tony Evans		27/10 Pymble Players
Monday 31 October	Carers' Night		
Monday 7 November		Board meeting	
Monday 14 November	Polio Plus/Foundation: Pam Pritchard		
Monday 21 November	Movie Night		
Monday 28 November			25-27/11 Insearch
Monday 5 December	AGM; Elevator Statement	Board meeting	
Monday 12 December	Christmas Party		
Monday 19 December	Christmas Break		
Monday 26 December	Christmas Break		
Monday 2 January	Christmas Break		
Monday 9 January	The Banjo: John Barclay	Board meeting	
Monday 16 January	Bowls night		
Monday 23 January			
Monday 30 January	Movie night		
Monday 6 February		Board meeting	
Monday 13 February	Pride of workmanship		
Monday 20 February			
Monday 27 February			
Monday 5 March		Board meeting	
Monday 12 March	Dilly Bag		16-18/3: Conference
Monday 19 March	Who Do You Know?		5/3: Bike Classic
Monday 26 March			
Monday 2 April		Board meeting	
Monday 9 April	Easter Monday		
Monday 16 April	Rotary Awareness		
Monday 23 April			
Monday 30 April			
Monday 7 May		Board meeting	Dinners for eight
Monday 14 May			
Monday 21 May			
Monday 28 May			Red Shield collection
Monday 4 June		Board meeting	
Monday 11 June	Queen's Birthday		
Monday 18 June	MUNA		
Monday 25 June	Changeover		

Rotary Foundation Thoughts

5) District Simplified Grants.

District Simplified Grants allow Rotary clubs to identify, plan and fund worthy projects in their own communities or internationally. Grants can fund improvements such as kitchen equipment for a community food centre, assistance for after-school programs, dictionaries or encyclopaedias for primary school children, or renovations to a playground. The more we contribute to our Foundation's Annual Programs Fund, the more opportunities and funding we will have for such projects.

The Rotary Foundation allows us to "do good in the world" here in our own community, as well as internationally.

In 2011-2012 District 9680 has just over AUD\$20,000 available from our Rotary Foundation contributions of 2008-09 to fund District Simplified Grants. Ask the Club's Foundation Director for details.

Rotary Acronyms

Rotary Club Flag	The official flag of Rotary with emblem and club name - For display at club and
Rotary Down Under (RDU)	The official Rotary magazine for the South West Pacific region - Distributed monthly to clubs or by post to Rotarians address Subscription is compulsory
Rotary Emblem	An emblem representing "civilisation and movement" - A gear wheel with 6 spokes, 24 cogs, in colours of royal blue and gold A key was added in 1923 to signify the wheel was a "worker" not an "idler"
Rotary Foundation	A philanthropic Trust - A not-for-profit corporation whose activities extend world-wide to achieve world understanding and peace
Rotary Themes or Mottoes	Official slogans adopted annually by RI President - A theme that changes yearly to reflect the philosophy and programmes for the year Principal motto that remains constant is "Service Above Self" since 1989

Guest Speakers

15 Aug	Club Forum
22 Aug	TBA
29 Aug	The James Craig
12 Sep	District Governor's visit

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 3.00 pm 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.

Market roster

MARKET ROSTER	14-Aug	11-Sep
BANNERS	White, Frank	White, Frank
SIGNS	Timms, Graham	Timms, Graham
	Hungerford, Geoff	Hungerford, Geoff
MORNING SET UP	White, Frank	White, Frank
	Thompson, John	Thompson, John
PR	Lam-Rohlf, Linda	Lam-Rohlf, Linda
1ST SHIFT 8.00 to 10.30	Braid, Malcolm	Forbes, Wally
	Jackson, Tom	
2ND SHIFT 10.30 to 1.00	Hoch, Chris	Evans, Emyr
	Midlam, Michael	Houghton, Judy
3RD SHIFT 1.00 to 3.30	Coenen, Lou	Egan, Ross
		Krishnan, Bala

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

Door team

Duty	August	September
Greeter	Graham Timms	Judy Houghton
Team	Linda Lam Rohlf	Bob Ivey
Team	Ross Egan	Chris Hoch

NOTE: The door team is responsible for welcoming visitors and guests, recording payments and issuing copies of the

Happy days August 2011

Birthdays		Anniversaries
Ross Goodman	17 Aug	Nil
Eleanor Filewood	18 Aug	