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## Meeting Apology

Please use the club website **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>

## President Roger

Roger is in Melbourne taking delivery and road testing his new Caravan.

John Aitken is acting President for the evening

## Peter Kipps BHCC

This year, corporate cycle clubs raised \$2m in donations for the Gong ride.

If we get the donation right this year we will have a much better result.

Peter wants volunteers to call Corporate teams

## ShelterBox

We now have a shelter box which can be used for promotions and displays.

The ShelterBox does not have a tent, but all other items are present

## Christmas Cakes

Ted Price  
The cakes and puddings have arrived.  
Xmas cake 16.50

also a box of 4 small cakes for \$7

## Last Week

Bob Ivey

## This Week

David Rand Rotary Youth Exchange

## Caroline Jones

Acting President extended a welcome back home to Caroline

On the first day of a scenic river cruise she went for an early morning walk and she tripped on a cobble stone and broke her arm.

Her arm was in an extended brace for the whole of the trip, but her fellow travellers assisted as much as they could, cutting her meals etc.

## District Conference

**Final District Conference as District 9680**  
15-17 March 2013 at Shoalhaven

Have you thought of going? Early Bird pricing will cease on 1 December. Why not join us for a weekend of inspiration and fun? Talk to

Joy or Greg for more details.



## Katuuso School & Vocational project

update:

### **Construction:**

We have recently finished roofing and are onto the brickwork on the extension of stage 2 which consists of one classroom, the library, and a small outdoor shade area.

The 3rd and final section of the school is now at foundation level while we fabricate the supports and trusses. We hope to have this completed within the next three weeks and then we can move onto the brickwork and finishing of that building as well. At this stage we are hoping to finish construction by the end of February next year.

### **Agriculture:**

Our agriculture plots is coming along nicely. We have our subsistence crop planted out which takes up an acre of our 8 acre plot: on this plot we have sweet banana, maize, beans, cabbage, onion and tomatoes.

We also currently have 7000 chilli plants on two acres of the plot set aside for cash crops and will be looking at inter cropping this with around 3,500 coffee trees and an additional 5,000 chilli plants come January.

### **School:**

The school itself is running along business as usual. We recently had our enrolment day for next year in which we had around 100 applicants for the forty positions available. This will take our total up to 160 children across kindergarten, year 1,2, and 3.

I will keep it short at the moment, but if you would like any more information then please let me know.

Cheers,

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Dave Everett  
Founding Director  
School for Life Foundation Limited  
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## Emyr Evans

### NUMBER THREE MISSIVE FROM EMYR ON HIS TRAVELS

I thought I'd mention how people relate to me and how I relate to Sri Lankans.

Out in the street the majority of the people are of course SLs and it's only in the hotels where you find European types and there are plenty of those, from Russia, Finland, UK and of course from S E Asia to mention but a few. Incidentally I love the way that SLs when they want to know your country of origin always ask 'from which country are you coming from' with a cunning use of two prepositions.

When they want to know your name I usually say it's Brett Lee. They look perplexed for a while and then smile broadly knowing perfectly well that I am not the very well known to them Brett Lee! There's no doubt that I stand out amongst the population for no reason other than I'm European in origin. I get stared at, smiled at but when you feel that people might be attracted into looking at you they don't! As far as examination candidates are concerned I have yet to see a European type!

Sri Lankans let you get on with your own business but are very happy to respond to chatting. For better or worse I enjoy speaking for example to people next to me on the train – after all you learn much about the people and the country in that way or to hotel staff.

What I don't enjoy is the way that someone who looks clean and tidy sidling up to you and telling you the sob story of losing money for his bus ride home, and can he have 100 rupees which is in fact next to nothing when the exchange is somewhere near 135 Rupees to the Australian dollar. There are beggars and there are beggars!

I work at an arts centre which is not too far away from a mosque and I made the mistake of going for a stroll last Friday lunchtime just as the men were coming out of Friday prayers. What is most pitiful is the number of unfortunate poor people who assemble outside this mosque particularly on Fridays hoping for a handout. They are dressed in rags and as you might imagine they smell. And it's very difficult to pass them by without giving something.

And then you're walking along the street and discover that there's a tuktuk driver stalking you and not taking no for an answer. And then finally on the way from the train station you stop and look at some of the huge number of articles for sale. You make the mistake of showing interest and after deciding that you were only 'window' shopping discover that two of the stall holders have been pursuing you for some 200 metres away not wanting to take no for an answer.

I continue working in SL until the 30th of this month and then travel via Kuala Lumpur to Goa where I'll spend a couple of weeks before heading off home.

All good wishes Emyr



## Bob Ivey Visit to Scandanavia & Russia

### SCANDINAVIA-RUSSIA Itinerary

Slide 1. 29 day tour

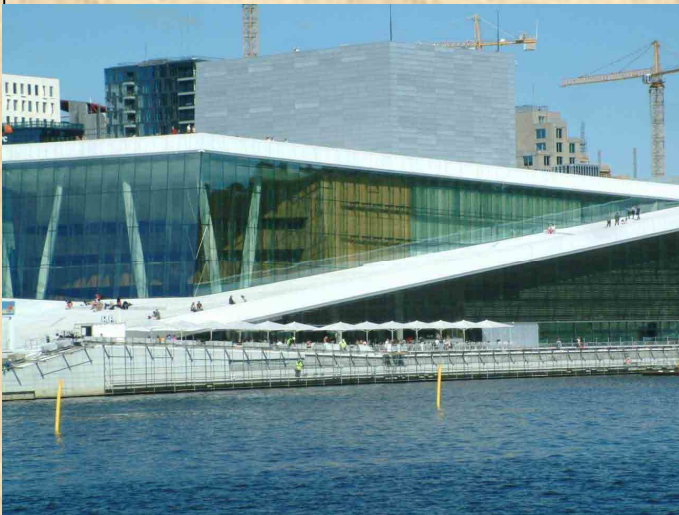
2 days in Copenhagen  
Fly to Oslo – 14 day coach tour  
through Norway & Sweden  
Flew to Helsinki, Finland – 2  
days  
Fast train to St Petersburg  
14 day cruise with Scenic Tours  
nearly 2,000 km through lakes &  
rivers to Moscow

Slides 2 & 3

**Slide 4 Copenhagen** was closed – a Sunday  
& not too many people about

Slide 5 – Oslo

6. Oslo
7. Oslo Opera House



8. Viking Museum
9. Vigeland Sculpture Park – first fine weather for many months
10. see the girls' expression
11. drive over the mtns to Bergen – Europe's highest mountain plateau
12. waterfalls – we walked under this one
13. narrow roads in Norway
14. Bergen - one of the prettiest cities in Norway – 12<sup>th</sup> Century trade port
15. Bergen



## Bob Ivey Visit to Scandanavia & Russia

16. Bergen
17. Edvard Grieg's place
18. 2 trains to Belestrand – Flam Railway
19. train stop – singing in the distance
20. stop
21. Flam – fjords have deep water



22. ferry crossing
23. glacier



24. returning
25. snowfields – on route to Geiranger
26. Geiranger – little village behind the hill – note the zig-zag road above the ship
27. Devils Ladder – we came down it next day
28. Geiranger fjord
30. great roads
31. the climb up to a 4,500 ft lookout
32. Lillehammer
33. Stockholm
34. our hotel – lovely walks
35. Flew to Helsinki - Rock church
36. fast train – Russian border control ladies



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Geiranger Devils Ladder – we came down it next day



### VODKA

37. St Petersburg
  38. spectacular interiors
  39. Parquetry floors
  40. Hermitage – art
  41. run down buildings – story about land lords who do not spend on maintenance
  42. Façade falling off
  43. Trolley car
  44. more blocks of units
  45. and more
  46. cheap cigarettes
  47. roadside stalls on road to airport
  48. Kizhi Is. Open air museum of wooden architecture
  49. close up of timber
  50. Uglich – used as a base by Ivan the Terrible 16<sup>th</sup> Century
  51. dancing girls
  52. Behind the Kremlin walls
    - Includes 4 palaces
    - 4 cathedrals
    - Official residence of the President
    - Walls first erected in 1367
- 1485 - rebuilt



## Bob Ivey Visit to Scandanavia & Russia

St Petersburg Winter Palace



Ship berthed on the outskirts of Moscow, as bridges over the canal too low. Moscow was originally land-locked and a canal was built during Stalin time, by prisoners, to join Moscow with the Volga River. Opened in 1937, the canal is 128 Km long (29 miles longer than Panama). Now used for millions of tons of cargo.

### MOSCOW:

- Area 970 sq/Km -about 30 km across  
2 x Airports – 39 km north of the city (about 90 min drive)  
Moscow has the largest community of billionaires in the world.<sup>1</sup>  
Population – official 12m, about 17million with 'unofficials'
53. shopping centre
  54. Moscow Metro

St Petersburg: Peterhof summer residence





## Meeting Schedule

<u>2012/13</u>	Calendar	
	26	David Rand Rotary Youth Exchange
December	3	BM. AGM
	10	
	17	Christmas Party
	24	Christmas Break
	31	Christmas Break
January	7	Christmas Break
	14	BM. Bowling Night
	21	Club Forum Night
	28	Theatre Night
February	4	BM
	11	Pride of Workmanship (vocational)
	18	
	25	
March	4	BM
	11	Rotary Awareness Night
	18	
	25	
April	1	Easter
	8	BM
	15	
	22	Club Forum Night
	29	
May	6	BM
	13	
	20	Rotary Awareness Night
	27	
June	3	BM ( Trivia Night 1 June)
	10	Queens Birthday public holiday
	17	
	24	Changeover Night

## Members welfare

## Guests

## 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.

**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

## Door Team 2012 2013

2012	
November	Judy Houghton
	Malcolm Braid
December	Peter Kipps
	Ross Egan
2013	
January	Chris Hoch
	Ross Lambert
February	Peter Tang
	Michael Tyler
March	Irene Kennedy
	Joy Newling
April	John Aitken
	David Forsythe
May	Bala Krishnan
	Geoff Hungerford
June	Bob Ivey
	Linda Lam Rohlfs



## Market Roster

9-Dec	
<b>BANNERS</b>	White, Frank
<b>SIGNS</b>	Timms, Graham
	Hungerford, Geoff
<b>MORNING SET UP</b>	White, Frank
<b>1ST SHIFT 8.00 to 10.30</b>	Ivey, Bob
<b>2ND SHIFT 10.30 to 1.00</b>	Newling, Greg
	Newling, Joy
<b>3RD SHIFT 1.00 to 3.30</b>	Kipps, Peter
	Midlam, Michael

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

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## Happy Days Nov 2012

Birthdays		
Ross	Lambert	8-Nov
Peter	Tang	18-Nov
Chris	Hoch	22-Nov
Wally	Forbes	27-Nov

Anniversaries		
Michael Kerry	Midlam	1-Nov
David Patricia	Forsythe	30-Nov

## Bank Details

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

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**