



# K O O N G G A

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## This Week

### Avenues of Service committees

This week's meeting will be devoted to planning by each of the club's 5 Avenue of Service committees: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service and New Generations (Youth) Service.

Each committee will sit at a separate table and will have the opportunity to review and develop its plan for the year, including its budget and implementation schedule.

Time permitting, before the end of the evening each committee will make a short presentation of its plan for the year.

This is an important meeting for all members, so please make sure you can attend and have your say in your committee's plans.

'Friends of Rotary' and other guests are also welcome to participate. The club values input from all sources.

Not sure which Avenue of Service committee you're in? Ask Acting President John Aitken!

## Clarke Road School

Many thanks to Graham and Anne Maslen for helping at Clarke Road School at their *Magical Maths Day* last Friday.

Anne has also volunteered to be a reader on **Monday 19 August at 9.30am** during Book Week. The school would like a couple more readers, so would you like to volunteer and join Anne?

Also coming up is the **Unofficial Opening Celebration Party on Sunday 18 August from 12-3pm**. We're running the BBQ so **volunteers are needed** please. We now have 4 but we need at least 6, preferably from 11am to set up and start cooking. It is a good opportunity to see the fantastic new school too!

I'd like to finalise this by Monday night, so please let me know if you can help for all or some of the time. Also looking for donations of cakes or slices for visitors to enjoy with their tea or coffee – please keep any donations NUT FREE.

Many thanks,  
Joy Newling

## Visiting Rotarian



Last week Acting President John welcomed and exchanged club banners with Rotarian Martyn Lindley, visiting from the Rotary Club of Eugene Delta, Oregon, USA. Martyn is a business development partner for Hewlett Packard's managed print services. See what the 115 members of his Rotary club are doing by visiting <http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/Home.aspx?accountid=7014>.

Martyn distinguished himself by winning our door prize. Shh! Don't let his club's sergeant know!

Question: what's our photographer Past President Bob doing on the wrong side of his camera?



## Rotary International Convention



It's time to start planning your involvement in the Rotary International Convention, which will be held at Homebush from 28 May to 4 June, 2014. Put it in your diary and register to attend now! (See: <http://rotary2014.com.au/>)

Not sure about attending? Talk to Greg & Joy Newling about the inspirational conventions they've attended.

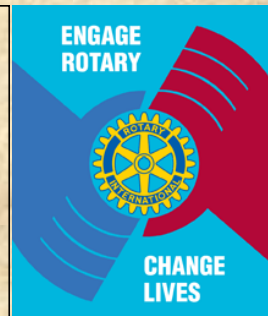
Volunteers are needed for many of the same tasks as for the Olympic Games in 2000 - airport greeters, transport, venue management, marshals, etc. Visit the convention website (above) by 30 September 2013 to register your interest in helping.

Home hosts will also be required. This is a wonderful way to get to know Rotarians from other parts of the world. Details of how you can register to do this will appear on the website soon.

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The club meets every Monday 6.30pm at West Pymble Bowling Club, 2 Prince of Wales Drive, West Pymble. Visitors welcome. [www.kuringgairotary.org.au](http://www.kuringgairotary.org.au)



Rotary International  
Theme 2013-2014

## Last Week's Speaker



### Environmental Impacts of Recreational Hunting in National Parks

Matthew McClelland gave us a detailed and persuasive explanation of why unsupervised recreational hunting in National Parks

does not effectively control feral animals. Instead, he advocated involving recreational hunters in planned control/eradication of destructive introduced species to reduce the adverse effects they have on native flora and fauna and the natural environment generally.

Some of the points that Matthew made are:

- Feral animals take hold in environments where there are few or no predators; they can reproduce quickly; there is low competition for food, water shelter; and there are minimal diseases.
- When animals are scared by loud noises or seeing the sudden and violent death of another, they will flee the area. As animals such as deer head into more remote areas they find new land, food and water supplies and the population tends to grow as the animals spread more quickly. Deer have been shown to not only change their location but also feeding times and behaviours to reduce the chance of encounters with humans.
- Hunters may report 'success' when they see fewer animals in an area, but it's due to a change in location and behaviour of the animals, not a smaller population.
- Land managers may shoot from a helicopter or herd a large number of animals into a truck. This more strategic approach removes a large number of animals and reduces the chance of them scattering to remoter areas as there are few remaining animals.
- Part of what makes feral animals very successful survivors in our forests is that they have a large number of young. This rapid population growth means they hit the 'holding capacity' of the environment very quickly. About 85% of piglets in Kosciuszko National Park die before their first birthday. These animals die not because of disease but because there is simply not enough food, water or land for them - the environment just can't support them all. So if a hunter kills the parents, the death of the parents frees up food so that more young will survive, in this case maybe 4 piglets will live to replace their parents.
- Recreational hunters cannot shoot the 85% of piglets necessary to control their numbers each year.

## Next Week

### 3 x 'Ten on Me'

Next week one of our newest Rotarians will introduce himself and tell us about his life and career and two longer-serving members will update us on what they have been doing in the recent past.

These talks often reveal surprising hidden talents, experiences and achievements, so come prepared to hear some interesting revelations.

## Council Project Proposals

Representatives of Ku-ring-gai Council recently met with several local Rotary clubs to discuss the following community initiatives.

**Retiree and Volunteer Expo for northern Sydney** – the aim of this event is to raise awareness of community services available in the area and showcase how retirees can become involved in volunteering. This will provide opportunities for people wishing to contribute to their local community in a meaningful way. This not only assists frail elderly and people with disabilities to live independently in their homes for as long as possible, but also develops a sense of community responsibility amongst residents. This event will include exhibits and workshops and would be open to all community organisations and members of the public to attend.

**Youth Music festival** – aimed at young people providing opportunities for live music performance's, stalls to sell goods, environmental and sustainability exhibits, other youth related activities and performances.

**Multicultural Festival** – engaging various cultural and linguistic groups living in Ku-ring-gai and providing opportunities for cultural expression. This may also provide an avenue for Rotary clubs to broaden their membership and obtain new members from people recently arrived into the area.

**Neighbour Care style program** - aimed at people that are frail, unwell and not able to carry out basic tasks around the house, e.g., change lights, take out bins, move furniture, attend appointments, companionship etc. This program would target people who are ineligible for community care services or who are periodically unable to carryout basic living tasks. There are already programs in operation in Australia that have a social component such as the "Street by Street" campaign (originated in Melbourne) RU OK Day, which was established to address socially isolated residents. These responses came about because of concern about people living in isolation and feeling disconnected, depressed etc.

**Anti - Poverty Week Event** - wishing to engage young people and raise awareness in the community about poverty issues that affect particular groups and communities in both Australia and overseas. This event will involve elements of fundraising, outdoor cinema, live music performances, food stalls and work in partnership with a number of community groups and local business in Ku-ring-gai.

Council is also currently in the early stages of developing a resource kit to assist groups wishing to stage special events in Ku-ring-gai, simplifying the application form and outlining the requirements, who to contact, where to get assistance etc.

Council staff would be very happy to discuss any of these projects and other related matters emanating from yesterday's meeting.

## Travellers' Tales

Greetings from Europe

It has been nearly 4 weeks since we left home and we have visited a number of interesting places.

Firstly was our visit to Beijing for 3 days, where we found the city was very busy both day and night.

The main sights we visited were the Great Wall, which was packed with Chinese tourists from regional areas outside Beijing.....we knew this, as we detected a different dialect!!! Margaret and I ,along with 3 guys from Sweden, were the only westerners we saw.

Other sights we visited were the Summer Palace, the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square. Interesting to see the ancient places, but these two were enough.

The flight to Munich was late in leaving due to the smog in Beijing so we had a catnap at the airport. We finally left at 2.40 am and arrived at Munich at around 7 am - about a 10 hour flight. The hire car and driver took us to Passau in about 90 minutes. The highway was very easy travelling at 140 km per hour and often we were passed by others as if we were not moving.

Passau is a lovely city on the intersection of 3 rivers. Despite the recent floods the city has cleaned up most of the debris. A number of buildings with water damage in their basements were still being dried out with electric dryers and water extractors, The people are very friendly and welcoming.

We met up with our friends from Killara and collected our bikes from a nearby warehouse. Cycling back to the hotel, Margaret tried to avoid the police and kissed the footpath - fortunately no broken bones, just a scratch to the chin.

The city has a great history and we explored many areas for a couple of days before setting off on the bike ride (to arrive in Vienna 8 days later). The ride was along the Danube and the terrain was reasonably flat and easy to ride. The weather was very good, with only one afternoon with some rain. On the other days the temperature was in the low 20's .

On one of the days we visited the concentration camp remains at Mauthausen. This was a very confronting experience, as the sleeping quarters, showers, gas chambers, furnaces etc are still there. The site also includes a number of memorials for both individuals and nationalities who were exterminated. It is very pleasing to see that the government is ensuring the buildings and structures are preserved for future generations to view.

After completing the ride we took the train to Budapest to start our Eastern Europe tour with Insights. This was a busy 12 days visiting Krakow, Warsaw, Berlin, Prague, Cesky Krumlov, Bratislava and Vienna.

All of these places have their own distinct culture and uniqueness. It was good to see how the old eastern block countries have progressed in the last 20 years. For many it will take another 20 years but they will then be up with the other European cities and be more attractive for visitors and business opportunities. Fortunately English is more common than we expected.

We are now in Slovenia for 5 days R & R [Eh? Isn't that what a holiday is? Ed] before heading to Ireland and Scotland.

The weather in Ljubljana is a lovely and hot over 30 deg. I read with interest the Koongga on line and wish you well with the projects underway. Sorry I'll miss the working bee at the hospital.

Best wishes - Malcolm Braid

## WebAware - Return Of The Guru

Long time readers will remember CompAware, a program established by President Tony during the Dark Ages to introduce Luddite members to computers. It was so successful that several forests were subsequently saved by discontinuing the printing of Koongga.

Past President Bob Ivey is now presenting an occasional series - which might be called WebAware - to introduce members to the wonders of the club's website, encouraging them to use it for more than just reading what they missed last week.

Two weeks ago, Bob explained how to log in to the website, book in a guest or register and apology.

Last week he demonstrated how to access Koongga, update each member's 'profile' and download lists of members.

There's lots more to be discovered, including how you can help to improve the website by adding content such as information about the club's projects, 'how to' guides for common processes, historical information, etc.

## What Can You Do For Our Club?

What makes our club tick? Answer: the members. Mostly they work quietly behind the scenes, organising the club meetings, guest speakers, catering, service projects, social events, accounting and many other essential tasks. Without their contributions the club would soon cease to function effectively.

A vibrant club is built on vibrant members who pitch in to help without needing to be asked. The future of the club depends on it having enough members with sufficient experience in club administration to run it well. Many hands make light work!

Right now the club needs a President Elect, so that the chosen individual can participate in board discussions throughout the next 12 months and gradually prepare him/herself to lead the club in 2014-15.

Equally importantly, the club needs a chairman for a 'club service' committee, to take charge of organising the club's meetings.

So what are you doing to ensure that the board has all the help that it needs to run the club? If you became a member recently, what steps are you taking to 'learn the ropes' so that you can become a club leader in future?

Ask Acting President John what you can do for the club TODAY!

## Have Your Say

Got a good idea, a point of view, a story or a complaint? Koongga wants to hear from you! Tell us what you want. Get a conversation going. Send your contribution to [michael@tyler.com.au](mailto:michael@tyler.com.au)

## Calendar of Events

August	5	Avenue of Service committee discussions
	12	3 x '10 on me' - Gary Dawson, Caroline Jones and Lou Coenen
	19	TBA
	23	(Friday) 6 am: Daffodil Day: sale of daffodils to support Cancer Council of NSW
	26	Jan-Maree Ball - founder and coordinator of Aussie Hero Quilts
September		TBA
	24	(Tuesday) Joint meeting of clubs - Hornsby (more details later)
October	14	Hat Day in support of Mental Health - Australian Rotary Health
May 28 - June 4		Rotary International Convention, Olympic Park, Homebush

## Anniversaries - August

### Birthdays

### Wedding Anniversaries

17 Aug Ross Goodman  
23 Aug Greg Newling

## Meeting Guests & Apologies

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 **2.55 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.**

## Door Teams - 3 months

August	September	October
Ross Egan	Michael Midlam	
Lou Coenen	Graham Timms	

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 if you are unavailable.**

## Last Week's Guests

Matthew McClelland      Jack McCartney      Nicola McFarlane      Greg Goodman      Martyn Lindley

## Gordon Market Roster

MARKET ROSTER	11-Aug	08-Sep	13-Oct	10-Nov	08-Dec
<b>BANNERS</b>	White, Frank	White, Frank	White, Frank	White, Frank	White, Frank
<b>SIGNS</b>	Timms, Graham	Timms, Graham	Timms, Graham Hungerford, G	Timms, Graham Hungerford, G	Timms, Graham Hungerford, G
<b>MORNING SET UP</b>	White, Frank	White, Frank	White, Frank	White, Frank	White, Frank
<b>PUBLIC RELATIONS</b>					
<b>1ST SHIFT 8.00 to 10.30</b>	Jones, Caroline	Aitken, John	Evans, Emyr	Jackson, Tom	Jones, Caroline
<b>2ND SHIFT 10.30 to 1.00</b>	Dawson, Gary Egan, Ross	Hoch, Chris Maslen, Graham	Newling, Greg Newling, Joy	Desmarchelier, R Kenyon Nick	Dawson, Gary Ivey, Bob
<b>3RD SHIFT 1.00 to 3.30</b>	Lambert, Ross Midlam, Michael	Lam-Rohlfs, Linda Tang, Peter	Egan, Ross Forsythe, David	Braid, Malcolm Kipps, Peter	Lambert, Ross Tang, Peter

Second shift collects payment from stallholders. Third shift returns signs and bins to St George Bank storage. **Please arrange your own swap and notify Geoff Hungerford if you will be unavailable.**

## Club Officers and Committee Chairmen 2013-14

### Board of directors

<b>President</b>	Tony McClelland
<b>Vice President</b>	John Aitken
<b>President Elect</b>	(Vacant)
<b>Secretary</b>	Geoff Hungerford
<b>Treasurer</b>	Graham Maslen
<b>Director - Membership</b>	Roger Desmarchelier
<b>Director - Public Relations</b>	Michael Midlam
<b>Director - Club Administration</b>	(Vacant)
<b>Director - Service Projects</b>	John Aitken
<b>Director - Rotary Foundation</b>	Graham Timms

### Service committee chairmen

<b>Club Service</b>	(Vacant)
<b>Vocational Service</b>	Michael Midlam
<b>Community Service</b>	Ross Lambert
<b>International Service</b>	Greg Newling
<b>Youth Service</b>	Joy Newling
<b>Bobbin Head Cycle Classic</b>	Peter Kipps
<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>	Greg Newling

## Positions Vacant

### President Elect

Board position in preparation for the role of President of the club 2014-15. Significant experience in Rotary preferred but not essential. Comprehensive training for the position of President will be provided. Suit a candidate with vision, energy and a desire to serve the community. Immediate start. Apply to President Tony.

### Club Service Chairman

One of the most important positions in the club, the Club Service Chairman heads the committee responsible for organizing and running club meetings and other internal operations of the club. Suit a candidate with organizational skills and initiative. A stepping stone to a club leadership position. Immediate start. Apply to President Tony.

## Club Bank Details

Rotary Club of Ku ring gai **General** account  
BSB: 032 089 Account no.: 253341

Rotary Club of Ku ring gai **Project** account  
BSB: 032 089 Account no.: 253333

**Please include your name in the details of all deposits to the club accounts**

**Expense reimbursement claims** must be presented with a completed remittance advice which you can download from the club website. Please include your BSB and account number.