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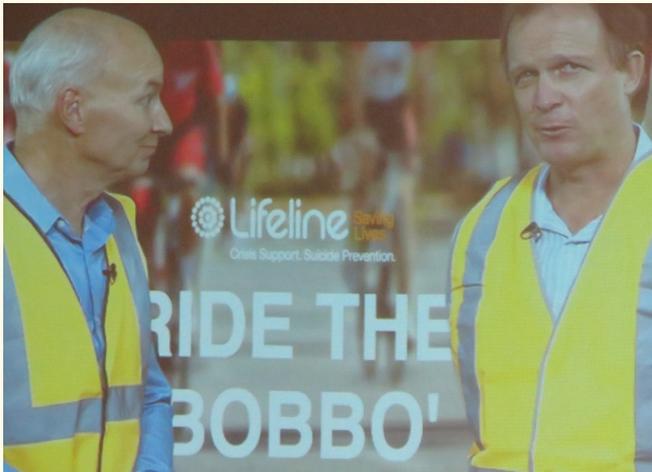
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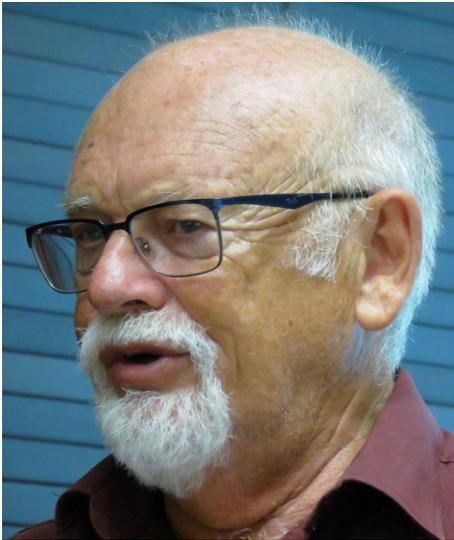
Bobbo volunteers night

Paul Rickard,
Ride Director

Michael Robertson
Ride Planner



District Conference personal view Graham Timms



Rotary District Conference

11th March 2017

A personal view

In a “first,” the District Conference was held over one day at Penrith Panthers Leagues Club. This allowed delegates to drive there and back on the day.

While the Conference struck me as a little “under-rehearsed” it was, nevertheless, possibly the most exciting I have ever attended, not necessarily because of the quality of the speakers (although “Wildlife Man” David Ireland and Peter Switzer were excellent) but because of the sub-text

of the Conference.

Rotary must change and change is coming.

The unavoidable truth is that while Rotary is growing world-wide, in the developed Western world Rotary is in decline – in some areas such as, shockingly, North America, quite sharply. Change has to happen.

So what are the changes?

The first change is already with us – the liberation of the Clubs. No longer are we restricted by a narrow definition of membership – within limits the Clubs can set the types of membership that suit them. And no longer are we restricted in the formats of the meeting. Want meeting fortnightly? Want meetings informally in coffee shops; on line? Choose your style and set your by-laws accordingly.

The second change is one that not only Rotary is confronting – the rise of Social Media. It was only a few years ago that the key to a modern Rotary club was a good newsletter, then it was a good website. Now, prospective members judge us by the quality of our Facebook page. We will not attract new, young members unless we become skilled in this area.

But it seemed to me, **and I have to stress that this was a personal impression**, there was a deeper change message being carried. Our 2017-18

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President-elect, Ian Riseley hinted at it when he said that at the Global District Governors' Assembly in San Diego earlier this year, when the District Governors were asked what Rotary's focus should be they answered:

Education and social welfare
Water and hygiene
The environment
Peace and social justice.

In other words, the old Avenues of Service concept is no longer the desired focus of the DGs, but instead they are aligning Rotary's purpose with the Rotary Foundation's grant criteria.

When I thought about the implications of this it literally took my breath away. But it makes sense. "Vocation" as an avenue of service, to many clubs and members simply has no meaning any more. In my career life I have been a journalist, an editor, an accountant, an investment manager, a merchant banker and winemaker. What vocation should I show on my dinner badge? And "International" is so wide as sometimes to seem meaningless. In the developed West Rotary's "Community Service" is constantly being taken over by government and other charities squeezed out of their old niches and looking for something to do. "Youth" is still reasonably clear, despite an attempt a few years ago to relabel it "New Directions" but even here the boundaries are uncertain.

If I am reading the wind right the concept of "Avenues of Service" is being challenged. This would be a profound and deep shift for our organisation but, in my opinion, one that is badly needed.

And we are facing other changes. Both our DG and our DG-elect are in no doubt that within a few years (maybe as few as two) we will have a woman as Global President. For many "rusted on Rotarians" this will come as a profound shock.

Another profound shock will be the success of the Polio Plus campaign. Within a few years (again as few as two) we will see the last case of polio in the world. Sure there will be a continuing need to monitor and maintain preventative measures but the big task, the task that Rotary set itself thirty years ago, that has absorbed thousands of our members and billions of our dollars will be complete.

What do we do then? Where do we go? How do we take advantage of our success when, as I think we will, we win the Nobel Peace Prize?

Let me stress again that all this is a very personal view. And I also think that

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if I am right change will be slow and it will be difficult. By their nature many Rotarians (including me) are not comfortable with change. I'm an old dog and learning new tricks is hard. And of course I may have been reading far too much into what was just another routine District Conference. But I don't think so.

I think that the message is that we have to change and that change is coming. Bluntly, I think the message was **"change or die."**

Given the alternative I'm all in favour of the former.

Follow on Lindsay's visit to Seaforth

This is the Rotary community project I visited while in Seaford (Adelaide) couple weeks back. Seaford RC is a new chartered RC and is basing itself and its meetings/processes on new Rotary models - big focus on Community, 2 meetings per month and no meals (people may bring a plate) thus much lower costs to belong to the RC. Meetings decide everything (not the Board) so great member engagement in their projects. The Giving Garden is their latest community project - the RC looks after it, had varieties of vegetables which when ready are placed in a gift basket for anyone in the local community to take.

Interesting for a new charter - started with 21 members (now already in 4 months 26, 75% women, 75% working. Rotary with a Difference!!

Ian Renshaw Giving Garden opening

The Giving Garden was officially opened on Wednesday. It was an excellent event with many of the primary school community involved, the Rotary Club provided a sausage sizzle plus this was the first outing for our new tent. All in all, a very enjoyable afternoon involving the local community.



Our Matt is going to Cambridge

We were saddened to be advised that Matt Mahiar Mahjoub is leaving our club

But the good news is that he has been accepted to Cambridge University for further studies.

Matt has assisted our club with the promotion of our science initiative



Bobbo Registrations to yesterday 2017, 2016 2015

Today's registrations	18	28	36
	2017	2106	2015
104 km - Bobbin Head Cycle Classic 2017	1216	1192	1449
80 km - Bobbin Head Cycle Classic 2017	371	425	328
57 km - Bobbin Head Cycle Classic 2017	364	409	397
27 km - Bobbin Head Cycle Classic 2017	141	168	72
Total to date	2092	2194	2246
Total 2016 & 2015 without 11k riders		2384	2530

Bobbo 2017 and 2016 P&L income to date

Bobbin Head Cycle Classic Profit and Loss			
	2017 to date	2016 to date	2015 to date
	Total	Total	FR only
Income			
4100 Rider Registrations			
4105 - 27k	4,533.88	5,469.12	
4107 - 57k	20,723.79	23,675.98	
4109 - 80k	28,172.46	31,656.78	
4111 - 104k	94,727.35	87,755.40	
Total 4100 Rider Registrations	148,157.48	148,557.28	
4200 Sponsorship	623.64		
4210 Income from Sponsor	58,313.63	48,295.45	
Total 4200 Sponsorship	58,937.27	48,295.45	
4300 Donations & Fundraising			
4310 Rider Donations	17,756.25	21,400.00	24,449
4315 Fundraising	49,654.51	57,235.72	42,578
Total 4300 Donations	67,410.76	78,635.72	67,028
4500 Other Income	646.96	1,068.69	
4510 BBQ	19.49	19.15	
4520 Interest	666.45	1,087.84	
Total 4500 Other Income	275,171.96	2,175.68	
Total Income			
Cost of Sales		1,818.32	
Cost of sales-1	2,102.13	1,818.32	
5820 Payway Merchant Fees -	2,102.13	1,818.32	
Total Cost of sales-1	2,102.13	1,818.32	
Gross Profit	273,069.83	279,482.45	

Coming Guest Speakers

Mon Apr 03

Brad Ceely from Westmead Hospital will give us an update on what is new and what is needed in child health care

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Door Team

March	April	May	June
Forsythe	Hungerford	Kenyon	Manning
Hall	Hoch	Ivey	Lewis

President	Michael Midlam
Vice President	John Aitken
Immediate Past President	Graham Timms
President Elect	Malcolm Braid
Secretary	Lindsay Forrest
Treasurer	Chris Lewis
Director	Greg Newling
Director	Linda Lam Rolfs
Service committee chairpersons and committees	
Administration (Club Service)	Gary Keating
Vocational Service	Lou Coenen
Community Service	Roger Desmarchelier
International Service	Georgina Manning
Youth Service	Linda Lam-Rohlfs
Social events	Joy Newling
Bobbin Head Cycle Classic	Tony McClelland
Sergeant-at-Arms	Graham Timms
Club committees	
<p>Administration: Gary Keating, Geoff Hungerford, Rob Hall (Program), Bob Ivey (Web and social media), Graham Maslen, Tony McClelland (Koongga)</p> <p>Bobbin Head Cycle Classic: Tony McClelland, John Aitken, Ross Egan, Bob Elsworth, Peter Kipps, Michael Midlam, Gary Keating</p> <p>Club History: Malcolm Braid, Tom Jackson</p> <p>Community: Roger Desmarchelier, Gary Dawson Rob Hall Geoff Hungerford (Gordon Markets) Gary Keating Ross Egan (Daffodil Day) Chris Hoch (Red Shield) Anil Fulwaria Nick Kenyon Ted Price Cathy Jackson</p> <p>International: Georgina Manning, Rob Hall, Graham Timms, Graham Maslen, Greg Newling, Anil Fulwaria, Emyr Evans</p> <p>Membership: Tony McClelland,</p> <p>Public Relations: Emyr Evans, Georgina Manning,</p> <p>Rotary Foundation: Chris Hoch, Peter Tang, Lindsay Forrest, , Greg Newling</p> <p>Social Events: Joy Newling, Ross Egan, Georgina Manning,</p> <p>Vocational: LOU Coenen, David Forsythe, Peter Kipps, M Tyler</p> <p>Youth: Linda Lam-Rohlfs, , Cathy Jackson, Gary Keating, Chris Lewis, Matt Mahjoub, Andrew Marselos, Joy Newling, Don Riddell</p>	