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Anne Henderson to address Club

Anne Henderson is Deputy Director of The Sydney Institute, edits The Sydney Papers and co-edits The Sydney Institute Quarterly. Over a decade, she has been an occasional contributor for The Canberra Times, The Age, The Australian and The Sydney Morning Herald.



Anne was educated at Melbourne University. Between 1971-1989 she worked as a teacher for seventeen years in several Australian states.

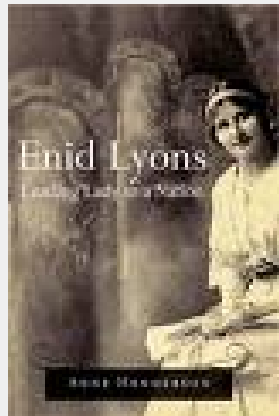
Anne is the author of *From All Corners: Six Migrant Stories*, *Educating Johannah: A Year in Year 12*, *Mary MacKillop's Sisters: A Life Unveiled*, *Getting Even: Women MPs on Life, Power and Politics*, *The Killing of Sister Irene McCormack* and *An Angel in The Court - The Life of Major Joyce Harmer*.

Her latest book, "Enid Lyons - Leading Lady to a Nation," is the story of an extraordinary woman - mother of 12, Premier's wife, Prime Minister's wife, a Dame, then a popular politician in her own right, Australia's first female cabinet minister, radio broadcaster, newspaper columnist, author of three books, ABC Commissioner.

Born to a struggling but aspirational timber family in Tasmania, Enid was married at 17 to a man aged twice her age. This was the Irish Catholic Joe Lyons, a State Treasurer and Education Minister who would become a popular PM by leaving the ALP to lead the conservatives!

Enid Lyons regarded herself as "feminist" but was also conservative. She was a pacifist and a Fabian reformer underneath her conservative outlook on families and moral life. Enid could be strong on principle but also surprisingly tolerant.

She had views on mothering that were ahead of their time. It is said woman can't have family and apolitical career, but Enid Lyons had it all, in spades. But this was at great personal cost.



The story of Joe and Enid Lyons is full of dramatic extremes and through their intimate letters a passionate love story is revealed.

Anne Henderson has also uncovered new information which indicates a long hidden family secret. There will be controversy over this - and much interest.

If you have a Swimmers Body, or know someone who has, President Patricia Harrison wants to talk to you.....



Last week James Allen wrote an article about our involvement with the 24 Hour MS MegaSwim.

I am organising a team to swim in this 24 hour relay. So far we have seven people who have expressed interest in joining the team. You don't have to be a marathon swimmer, just enjoy doing laps.

I am sure that many of our members will have children who participate in swimming squads, or even grandchildren who are in their school teams.

And we have a sponsor who will put in \$10,000 to see us complete the swim.

On Friday evening I was at the District Presidents' meeting and called for volunteers to join the team, but would of course prefer it if the team could be sourced from our club.

If you want to join up, or sponsor one of your family or friends, please give me a call.



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BRINGING VISITORS

If you plan to bring visitors to lunch, please email Ann Burleigh with their names on the Monday morning before the Rotary luncheon. annburleigh@ozemail.com.au



Rotary's 4-Way Test

It asks the following four questions:

"Of the things we think, say or do:

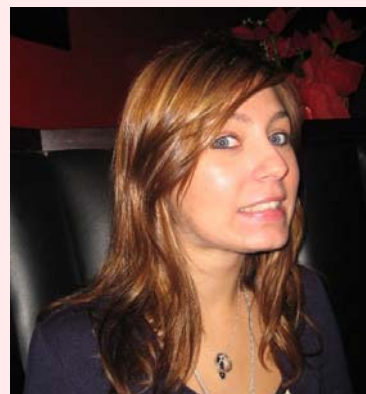
1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?"

What's for lunch this week:

Main: Slow-cooked Aged Beef Sirloin with Paris Mash Potato and Steamed Asparagus with Vanilla Bean Jus
Vegetarian: Vegetable Moussaka
Salad: Moroccan Chicken, Corn & Couscous
Dessert: Citrus Curd Tart with Yoghurt Ice-cream

SARAH!!!!!!

This is Sarah Luckey, daughter of Rotarian Vince Dore, who is looking a bit worried...



The reason is that she is going to get her hair shaved off in mid-March for the Leukaemia Foundation World's Greatest Shave.

Sarah who is 21 works for the Australian Taxation Institute here in Sydney. She is planning to travel to Europe this year to join her sister Nikki in Dublin – but beforehand she is looking to raise a bit of money for charity.

If any members would like to sponsor her for a few dollars please take a look at her Profile Page by clicking on this link:

<http://my.imisfriendraising.com.au/personalPage.aspx?SID=46491>

Donations which are made directly to the charity can be anonymous – Vince will be providing a copy of the after shot (bald head) at the end of March!

Sister Club agreement signed with Rotary Club of Hong Kong



Rotarian David Smith is pictured at the signing of the Sister Club agreement with the Rotary Club of Hong Kong. Other Clubs with whom we have similar agreements are Makati and Singapore.

In the Picture

Popular Member Rob Rate, who returned to Perth late last year, has been in touch with us to get a stunning photograph of a Club meeting in the Cello Room.

Rob is being re-inducted into the Attadale Rotary Club and wants to demonstrate what he was doing over in the East!

Coming Up!

- 10 Feb Anne Henderson, author of "Enid Lyons - Leading Lady to a Nation."
- 17 Feb RYLA Presentation
- 24 Feb Consular Day
- 3 March John Brogden - Lifeline and its work on Depression.
- 10 March David Richmond - Coordinator General, Dept of NSW Premier
- 17 March Elaine Henry, CEO The Smith Family (Recipient of 2008-09 Community Service Award)
- 24 March Jim Patrick - Cochlear
- 31 March Senator Kim Carr
- 14 April Julian Ledger - The Sydney Harbour YHA Project.
- 19 May Citizenship Ceremony
- 16 June Glenn Stevens, Governor of the Reserve Bank

Please transfer these dates to your Diary.

Rotary Club of Maalot-Monfort

President Patricia Harrison has received a letter from the Rotary Club of Maalot-Monfort in Israel telling us that our Club was chosen to be toasted at their last meeting.

They said:

"Our Club had chosen your Club to greet as a mark of sympathy on the tragic loss of one of your members, Rotarian Doug Markell, who was among those killed in Mumbai, India on November 26th.

"We have decided to plant a tree in his memory in the Paul Harris Forest, which is situated in the hills of the Galilee, near the city of Safed. Again, we extend our condolences to the club, and of course, Mrs Markell, and wish her a speedy recovery.

"We would like to keep further with you in the spirit of Rotarian friendship, and are interested in your activities. Perhaps you could give us ideas to help our own community. We would be honoured to exchange banners with you."

Happy Birthday this week to these members:

- Chris Stevens
- Garry Browne
- Joe Botta



The Rotary Club of Sydney meets every Tuesday at 12:30pm, Cello Room, 4th Floor, Castlereagh Hotel, 169 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

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Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Dinner

Club Secretary Jean Elborn reports there were seven members at the Ryla Dinner last month. On arrival, they were greeted by a RYLarian and "relieved" of a gold coin for parking! They prepared some lovely savouries and cool drinks which were consumed outside on a very pleasant evening.

They were also entertained by the RYLarians who had done a great job of putting together the show for the evening, especially when they had only been together for three days.

The group also created the "Circus" theme for the evening and arranged the decorations and served as wait staff for the dinner. The meal is catered for by the onsite catering firm who provided lots of food to the RYLarians during their week at Stanwell Tops.

There were a total of 75 RYLarians this year and they were well supported at the dinner by the Rotary Clubs who had sponsored them.

It was a very pleasant evening and enjoyed by all who attended. We will look forward to hearing more about RYLA on 17th February when some of the RYLarians will be coming in to lunch at the Club.

MAKE-UPS

If you visit another Rotary Club or related meeting, please make sure you email Membership Director Harry Fox with the details -

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