



**12 August
2008**

Russell Balding AO

This week's guest speaker is **Russell Balding AO, CEO of Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd.**

Russell Balding AO was appointed to his current position in April 2006 and the following year he was appointed to the Board of Tourism NSW.



Previously, Russell was Managing Director of the ABC for four years and its Director, Funding, Finance and Support Services prior to that.

Russell Balding has had a distinguished managerial career having held senior positions in a number of major organisations which have required extensive government, stakeholder, community and customer



interaction. Before joining the ABC he was Director of Finance at the NSW Roads & Traffic Authority and Financial Controller at the NSW Department of Housing.

Russell was awarded an Officer (AO) in the General Division of the Order of Australia in January 2007.

NEXT WEEK:

On 19th August our guest speaker will be Professor Lesley Hughes, Ecologist on Climate Change.

ROTARY – People like you and me

A letter from Germany

Dear Rotarian friends in Sydney,

So how was World Youth Day 2008 in your country?

Our three children plus their friends came home full of superb impressions and very good experiences.

They enjoyed the first week of WYD which they spent in Bendigo. They stayed in private houses and had various activities.

Then the second week in Sydney brought the youth of the world together. One of our children was chosen to be on the boat when the Pope came into the harbour. There were eleven young people together with the Holy Father on the "Sydney 2000" among them two from Europe: a boy from Spain and our daughter Aline with the German flag. Hardly anybody else was as close as she was.

But our children enjoyed everything: the praying, the singing, meeting and watching others, having fun...The organisation and hospitality were great.

The third week they travelled around, saw Canberra and visited the Blue Mountains. They rented cars, stayed in various youth hospitals and had good fun.

I don't know if one or the other of you was involved in any way in WYD but on my side can only say thank you for being host-country for the youth of the world!

Yours sincerely

Gabriele Graefin von Spee Ahausen.GraefvonSpee@t-online.de

Thanks for the Books!

Last week Sarah Garnett from the Benjamin Andrew Footpath Library told members about her support for homeless and disadvantaged people.

After giving out food from a street van, she decided to nourish something apart from their stomachs by holding a regular Tuesday night "footpath book club" and for more than four years now she has turned up at a spot near the Domain carpark at 7:30pm.

Members support the call by President Patricia Harrison by donating books for the Footpath Library.

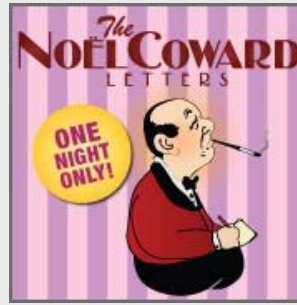
For members who forgot to bring a book or have surplus books at home, please visit the website <http://www.hyperhub.com.au/library/index.html> to find out how you can help this worthwhile cause.



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AROUND THE CLUB



The Club is organising a theatre party to see Barrie Ingham in *The Noël Coward Letters*. Witty, acerbic and by a giant of theatre, Noël Coward's letters are an extraordinary window into his life and the legends he shared it with.

Inspired by Barry Day's *The Letters of Noël Coward*, this entertaining evening of readings and timeless songs by "The Master", brings together Peter Cousens, Trisha Crowe, Katrina Retallick, Andrew Tighe and as a special guest Mr Barrie Ingham with Musical Direction by Luke Byrne.

The *Noël Coward Letters* are on stage for ONE NIGHT ONLY at the Seymour Centre on Monday 25th August at 7:30pm. More details on Tuesday.

Thanks to **Garry Browne** for this picture from the Changeover Night at the Rotary Club Bukit Bintang in the heart of Kuala Lumpur.



Garry as he will be. As this issue is being transmitted to members, Garry will host a dinner for members of the Rotary Club of Singapore and will make a presentation on Micro Finance with the intention of informing and encouraging involvement in our Tri-club project with Makati.

Congratulations to members celebrating a birthday this month: "Nurse" **Ann Burleigh**, **Daniel Chen** and **Clive Goodwin**. Club Anniversaries: **David Begg** (8 yrs), **Greg Blewitt** (1 yr), **Michael Dunn** (10 yrs), **Lyn Knight** (48 yrs) and **Tony Lewis** (18 yrs)

Please send us your news or news of your fellow members. Just email rotarymatters@people.net.au and type away!

What's for lunch this week:

Hot: Grilled Nile perch on bed of mash served with lemon & oregano butter

Dessert: Steamed plum pudding with custard & cream
Salad: Chicken & pea salad with grilled haloumi cheese
Vegetarian: Mushroom & zucchini stroganoff with rice.
Salad: Chicken & avocado salad.

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?"



We cannot even guess what is going on here... There will be a prize for the member submitting the best caption. That prize may be a few Guylian chocolates!

To date, 5 members have registered to attend District Conference!



KAREN'S ANNUAL DIET

It's almost **40 Hour Famine** time and Karen Loblay is doing it again. Yes, she will be supplementing her eternal weight loss diet with a crash one and then hopefully get into her tight jeans for a few days!

Any members who think Karen (pictured seeking donations from members) needs to diet should pay for such ugly thoughts!

Karen will stop eating for 40 hours - no solids for her from

Friday 15th August at 8 pm until 17th August at 12 noon. Black tea, watery juice, water and a few barley sugars.

To ease the pain, Karen will be found in the shops of Paddington on Saturday, obsessively tidying and sorting at home and if members are non-responsive, phoning and moaning.

To avoid such a fate, please follow these instructions and give generously!

1. Log onto www.worldvision.com.au
2. Go to the 40 Hour Famine page
3. Click on "donate now"
4. Enter Karen's famine no. which is **670935840**
5. Fill in your credit card details and Karen will be sponsored!!

You'll get an emailed, tax deductible receipt from World Vision and Karen will get an email to tell her about your sponsorship.



NEXT WEEK

Next week's speaker will be Lesley Ann Hughes, Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at Macquarie University.



Professor Hughes' research interests include the impacts of current and future climate change on species and communities, implications of climate change for conservation policy and evolutionary ecology of plant-insect interactions.

She has a very rich record of Scientific Service and Appointments:

- Director, Macquarie University Concentration in Research Excellence on Climate Risk
- Co-convenor and Biological Impacts node leader, ARC Network for Earth System Science
- Member, Management Committee, National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility (2008-)
- Member, Science Advisory Committee, World Wildlife Fund, Australia (2008-)
- Member, Climate Change Advisory Panel, NSW Dept of Environment and Climate Change (2008-)
- Reviewer, NSW State of the Environment Report 2006
- Member, Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Authority Advisory Board (2006-)
- Reviewer, Dept. of Environment and Conservation Climate Change Adaptation Policy 2006
- Lead Author, Working Group II, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) (2004-2007), Chapt. 11 Australia and New Zealand
- Contributing Author, Working Group II, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) (2004-2007), Chapt. 4 Ecosystems
- Expert Reviewer, Working Group II, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) (2004-2007)
- Chair, NSW Scientific Committee (2005-), Deputy Chair (2003-2004)
- Co-convenor of workshop on Climate Change and Biodiversity, Canberra, October 2002, sponsored by the Biological Diversity Advisory Committee. Co-author and editor of workshop report (2003)
- Australian representative: Working party to draft guidelines on response of Red List species to climate change, IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature), London, Feb 2003
- Scientific Editor 2004: National Biodiversity and Climate Change Action Plan(2003-2007)
- Appointed member of the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (2005-2008).

She sounds very well qualified to speak on climate change issues!



Help create change in the way we care
for young Australians with high care needs

Coming Up!

19 Aug	Luncheon - Lesley Hughes, Ecologist on Climate Change
26 Aug	Luncheon - Joy Gillett, Aust Rotary Health & Research Foundation
27 Aug	Rotary Means Business, 6pm - 7:30pm, 2nd Floor, Castlereagh Hotel.
2 Sept	Luncheon - Barney Koo, District Governor for Rotary District 9750
9 Sept	Luncheon - Professor Ian Hickie, Brain and Mind Research Institute
16 Sept	Luncheon - Dr Allan Meares - Interplast
23 Sept	Luncheon - Tania & Warren Hughes. "Love has no limits."
30 Sept	Luncheon - Dr Charlie Frew - Bowel Cancer
7 Oct	Luncheon - Ethics Hypothetical debate
14 Oct	Luncheon - Tony Lund, Disability Services Australia - Challenges in 21st Century
21 Oct	Luncheon - Helen Grasswill, Producer "Australian Story"
17-19 Oct	District 9750 Conference, University of Technology Sydney.
16 Dec	Christmas Dinner

Please transfer these dates to your PDA or Diary.

CAN ANYONE HELP OUR ROTARCT CLUB?

Last month I attended a meeting of the Rotaract Sydney City Club, and one of the initiatives they were discussing was professional development.

They were looking to start a library of books, buying them on line through Amazon.com. My suggestion to them was that rather than spending money on buying the books they should see if they could set up a database of books that they owned among themselves and which they could share.

I then thought that there was a possibility that some of our members might already have these books sitting on their bookshelves and would be happy to allow the Rotaractors to borrow them.

The topics that they have listed as being of interest to them are:

- . Leadership
- . Body Language
- . Personality Types
- . Salesmanship
- . Interview Skills
- . Presentation Techniques
- . Time Management
- . Financial/Budgeting Skills
- . Conversation Skills
- . Corporate Etiquette

If you have any books that fall into these categories, or similar ones that you think might be of interest to the Rotaractors please let me know, and we shall add them to their database.

Patricia Harrison



BERT'S CORNER

As the Qantas flight was landing in Sydney the pilot announced "Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for flying Qantas, and on behalf of the crew hope that we shall have the pleasure of your company on future flights".

Then forgetting that his microphone was still switched on, he added: "Now all I need is a nice cup of coffee and a woman

Hearing the gaffe, a pretty, young flight attendant, rushed up the gangway towards the cockpit,. Halfway up the aisle, she tripped and a little old lady patted her on the arm and said: "Don't hurry dear. Let him finish his coffee"

Bert Rosenberg

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

How are we doing?

Attendance for July: 35%

Members as at 31 July 145

MAKE-UPS

If you visit another Rotary Club or related meeting. please make sure you email Membership Director Harry Fox with the details - harryfox@wilsonlearning.com.au

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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