



**15th July  
2008**

## UGANDA!

This week our guest speaker is **H.E. Dr James Lukabyo, Ambassador Republic of Uganda to Australia and New Zealand.**

Dr Lukabyo originally came to Australia as a refugee from General Idi Amini's jail. He lectured as Associate Professor at Australian Catholic University, the University of Sydney and the University of Technology, Sydney.

He was Uganda's representative as honorary Consul-General to Australia from 2002 to 2004 and became Full Ambassador (High Commissioner) to Australia and NZ in 2004.



One of Dr Lukabyo's main achievements was building a primary school and a health centre in Ibulanku Village where he was born.

He holds five degrees and was educated in Uganda, UK, Australia and the USA.



### NEXT WEEK:

On 22nd July the Opposition Leader, Hon Dr Brendan Nelson, will be guest speaker at our Club.

This would be a good opportunity to ring or email some of your friends and associates to invite them along to attend this key luncheon.

## ROTARY – People like you and me

### PRESIDENT'S VISION

Thank you to all of you who were present last week at my induction and gave me such a rousing welcome, and thank you for coming back to hear my vision for the Club over the next 12 months.

Firstly, let me introduce my team (see page two for listing). Also assisting:

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|------------------------|----------------|
| Honorary Legal Counsel | Ned Boyce      |
| Sergeant at Arms       | Peter Townsend |
| Risk Management        | Col Westman    |
| Presidents Aide        | John Randall   |

And those who work on the reception desk each week, Don Knudsen on the piano, and assisting me with the speakers programme Geoff McIntyre, Roslyn McLeod, Robert Mitchell and Rod Rate.

The role of the Vice President has traditionally been split – with one looking after external committees and the other internal, but this year because of Taine Moufarrige 's involvement with YoungCare, he will be taking primary responsibility for liaison with our project while Geoff Wilbow will be maintaining a watching brief over all of the committees and generally assisting me.

#### Sharing the Load

You are all aware of the very hard decision was made to close the office in February and we are very indebted to Garry Browne for taking the lead in this matter to ensure a smooth transition. It was decided that various roles would be taken on by members of the board in an effort to fully understand the scope of duties that required attention. Craig Douglas took the entire accounting function into his office; Harry Fox, as well as



being membership director, became attendance clerk whilst Rex Doughty, Ann Burleigh and Cherelyn Suzuki have been managing the Tuesday luncheons, and I have been receiving and monitoring telephone calls and emails.

We now have a good idea of what is required and are ready to take the next step. Rob Roche has kindly agreed to prepare a submission on what is required as far as computer systems are concerned, which should eliminate a lot of the routine work.

Sonia Fenton has volunteered to see how the lunches can be streamlined and split into small jobs for which we can possibly find Rotarians willing to assist

#### Youngcare

Last week I introduced my project to you and you heard from David Conry on progress with Young Care. Our arrangement with David is that we will make every effort to raise funds towards the Sydney facility, but this is on a best endeavours basis – we have not contracted to raise any particular amount. And I am very pleased to advise that one week into the year and we have raised over \$20,000.

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## YOU'RE INVITED

- What:** An Indian Dinner
  - When:** Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July
  - Where:** Surjits Indian Restaurant, 8 Angel Place, CBD
  - Who:** You and all your friends.
  - How much:** \$60
  - Why:** to support the President's Project - Youngcare
- To book, email [annburleigh@ozemail.com.au](mailto:annburleigh@ozemail.com.au) stating the number of seats you'd like reserved in your name.

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# AROUND THE CLUB



Last week's meeting was proceeding on schedule when there was a commotion at the door. A Lion from the meeting next door asked if there was a doctor in the room. Our own **Ann Burleigh** (registered nurse, mid-wife etc) stepped in and resuscitated the ailing Lioness until the Paramedics arrived. Well done Ann! The lesson: We need to recruit some doctors as members and if you are feeling unwell at lunch, sit near Ann.

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Former Rotary Sergeant **Vince Dore** was shown the door after 12 months of faithful service, some terrible jokes and above-budget receipts. His replacement is the "Claytons" Sergeant, **Peter Townsend** (see page three).



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Please send us your news or news of your fellow members. Just email [rotarymatters@people.net.au](mailto:rotarymatters@people.net.au) and type away!

## 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?"



How many members does it take to erect a banner? Answer: Three!

### What's for lunch this week:

Hot: Crumbed lamb cutlets with mashed potato served with rosemary & thyme jus  
Dessert: Sticky date pudding with cream  
Vegetarian: Roasted pumpkin & mushroom risotto served with petite salad  
Salad: Mixed salad with beef strips and garlic aioli

### A Message from Abroad

#### *So World Youth Day has finally arrived!*

*Seven young people from our club in Olpe are among the hundreds and thousands who came to Australia these past days. I'm sure they will have good experiences... and memories for the rest of their life.*

*The great thing is that they all are part of the world wide Christian family.*

*Many of the young people stay a week longer in Australia to travel and get to know the country a little bit. I hope that they are aware that they also are representatives of their home-countries. By this there may be the chance for an exchange of thoughts, beliefs, education, and culture.*

*Three years ago when we had the world youth day in Germany our family wanted to host young people but not as many came the week before so nobody came to our house.*

*I wish and hope that you get the chance of meeting young people.*

*With best wishes from Germany*

*Yours sincerely*

*Gabriele  
Gräfin von Spee*

# PRESIDENT'S VISION

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## Membership Matters

My wish for this year is to get all of our members enthused about our great club so that at the end of the year we might have the same 150 people who are not just members of the club but committed Rotarians. We will not be having any large fund raising functions but rather a sequence of fellowship events, starting with a dinner at the end of July. Of course it would be nice to see the membership grow, and we already have four proposed members in the pipeline, but my emphasis will be on quality rather than quantity. I would also like to see more interaction with other clubs, and at the moment we are arranging a joint function with the Kings Cross Rotary Club, details of which will be announced shortly.



## Going Forward

To go forward and build a better club, I feel it is necessary to ask ourselves the question: Why do we do this in this manner? And if the answer is "because that's how we have always done it" then that is not good enough. So you will see some changes as we progress during the year. And so here comes the first one.

You heard the plans of the committees earlier on and I am sure that everyone would agree that most of these projects are part of the fabric of the club and we would not like to part with them.

Could you imagine our Club without youth exchange, for instance? There are often times when we have visitors coming to our luncheon meetings, such as the Caltex Teachers Awards recipients, the host families of the exchange students, winners of the Soukup scholarships and, or course Mr & Mrs Soukup. And of course we can't ask the guest speaker to buy his lunch.

## Luncheon & Membership Costs

Taking into account the number of guests that join us for lunch, we are running this area at a loss, and it has therefore been reluctantly agreed that as from 1 August we will put up the luncheon cost to \$40. However we have also made the decision not to increase membership fees.

## The Future

It is my intention to regularly update the membership on how the club is performing, and will regularly invite committee chairs to talk about the various projects they are involved with.



It is my hope that over the next 12 months we can set up new accounting and membership systems which will make administration of the club much more user friendly and that in July next year when I hand over to President Elect John Given we will be a strong, enthusiastic and happy group of Rotarians.

# SOUNDS OF SYDNEY 08

Roger Cherry, Director Rotary Foundation & Fundraising, the Rotary Club of Sydney Cove spoke to the Sydney Club on July 8<sup>th</sup> about their new fundraiser, "Sounds of Sydney 08". The main beneficiary will be the "Steve Waugh Foundation", a charity that helps disadvantaged young people that have "nowhere else to turn".

"Sounds of Sydney 08" will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> 2008 at 8pm at the Star Theatre, Star City and he promised a wonderful evening with James Morrison, his sextet, his brother John, the jazz singer Emma Pask, and the Kirrawee High School Big Band as the entertainers.

Tickets are 'A' reserve \$100, and VIP at \$150 with a request for a tax-deductible donation of \$350.



VIP tickets include a cocktail party before the concert and during the interval, meeting Steve Waugh and the performers, participating in a silent auction and receiving a surprise goodies bag. Overall, it will be a social charity evening not to be missed.

Anyone interested in supporting this worthy cause, please contact Sydney Cove's John Henderson, 0411 462 293 or visit our web site [www.soundsosydney.com.au](http://www.soundsosydney.com.au) and help us make this really a night to remember and be generous to our disadvantaged youth.

## Dear Rotary Matters Editor

**Newly elected President Patricia has advised that during her year we will not be having a Sergeant's fine session.**

**The dear lady has appointed me as the Non-Sergeant whose job it is to conduct some sort of activity at every lunch to raise \$250 per week (roughly \$5 for each member attending lunch).**

**Would you be so kind as to mention in RM that I desperately need:**  
**helpers**  
**ideas**  
**feedback**  
**money**

**Thank you so much and congratulations once again on your fabulous club bulletin.**

**Peter Townsend**  
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Don Knudsen at the grand piano.

# COMMITTEE NOTICE BOARD



## YOUTH - Indy Singh

**Your Country**, where young people who could possibly be financially disadvantaged are taken to the country for a week.

**Youth Student Exchanges** to and from Australia for students. We receive

an Inbound Student and this year we are expecting Johanna, an Austrian girl. Last year we sent Krystal who was recommended by the Smith Family to Germany. This year we have selected Amy Stanford to go to overseas.

**Your City**. Here we sponsor and arrange for school students from various country towns of New South Wales to visit Sydney. They are given city tours, career guidance and professional presentations.

**Representation at MUNA** (model United Nations) debates. We sponsor students participating in a program which mimics the United Nations.

**National Youth Science Forum**. We sponsor students entering Year 12 to attend this forum.

**Siemens Science Experience** which introduces students to the importance of Science. If a student applies for assistance, we intend to provide financial support of \$95.

**Rotary Youth Leadership Awards**. (RYLA) This is a program for young adults (19 to 25 yrs) to train them in taking on responsible positions in later life. This is a one week course held at Stanwell Tops which involves guidance in learning to work with others, taking on leadership roles and making decisions.

**Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)**. This program is targeted at persons between the ages of 14 to 17yrs and is run over a weekend. Activities include theatre, money management, leadership skills etc. Rotaract have participated actively as mentors.

**Rotaract**: The Youth Committee has normally been the contact point for Rotaract and Geoff Wilbow is searching for a member to take on the contact role. Rotaract are a group of enthusiastic young people who willingly support a good cause. It is a rewarding experience to work with them and help them.



## MEMBERSHIP - Harry Fox

We are going to induct 20 new members this Rotary year!



## Vice President - Taine Moufarrige

My message is that i, with help and support from the club, plan to raise at least \$150,000 for Youngcare this year. This would be done through a number of functions including the Servcorp Ball on Sept 13 and the Yum Cha in March.

It is my intention to make Sydney Rotary heavily involved in bring a new Youngcare home to Sydney.



## PUBLIC RELATIONS - Tony Benner

Looking for members to join the PR Committee.



We now produce the Club Bulletin:  
Need a few member to volunteer to write articles from time to time  
Need members who really know what is going on to drop us own email with some of the Club gossip.  
We want to put back a feeling of family into the Club – give recognition, praise for members achievements.  
All contributions (within reason) are welcome – we don't want to be sued.

We are also now looking after the Club's Website which is being upgraded and new features added.  
Need digital photographs of Club activities. Just let us know what you have so my email service does not get overloaded.  
Increased media coverage for club activities – if you have a relationship with any journalists, please work with us so that we can invite them to a meeting.

Rotary Means Business – 27 August – Networking for Rotarians and their business friends. An opportunity to meet and network with other Rotarians in Sydney. This is being held every two months.

## SERVICE &

### AWARDS - James Allen

#### Vocational Service

The presentation to Dr Carlos Salteri AM occurred on May 20th



#### Caltex Teachers' Award (Nov)

The CEO of Caltex (Des King) is being approached to be one of our guest speakers (ie. as a separate activity from the actual Caltex Awards day).

#### Mount Eliza Award

All is on track. July 1st is set for the announcement of the successful candidate.

#### Ethics Great Debate

Targeting late October as possible Friday night timeframe.

#### MS Society/Joan Salter Fund

Annual cheque (\$15,000 this year) was recently presented to MS Society

#### Australian Citizenship Ceremony

(Held at 27th May luncheon). The 10 conferees this year were all sourced from the files of DIAC..

#### Soukup Scholarship

Presentation of the first 2 awards occurred at our June 3rd Luncheon. The full Soukup Committee is currently assessing potential sources of candidates (for appraisal/approval by our sub-committee) – this will be an on-going process

#### MS MegaSwim

Inaugural event held June 14th and 15th. BBQ was well supported by volunteers from our club (we assisted the Rotary Clubs of Concord, Strathfield and Silverwater in this endeavour). Despite only having 7 – 8 swim teams, the whole function raised some \$75,000 for MS.



## FELLOWSHIP/EVENTS - Ann Burleigh

**'There is no excuse for a member of Sydney Rotary Club to have a lousy social life.**

We have planned a variety of functions for the ensuing year eg. an Art Exhibition, Dinners, a theatre night, a Melbourne Cup 'Recovery' party, cocktails, a black tie Xmas Dinner, Yum Charity, Rotary Means Business networking and of course, our weekly Tuesday lunches.

We kick off with an **Indian Banquet at Surjits on Thursday 31st July**. Bring your money with you to Rotary Lunch next Tuesday to reserve your place ... or contact [annburleigh@ozemail.com.au](mailto:annburleigh@ozemail.com.au) or by mobile 0416 115 844 with any queries about any event.

All functions will be publicized in 'Rotary Matters' so you can keep up to date by reading your Club bulletin if you're unable to get to meetings.

Speaking of meetings, *please, please, please* notify AB if you are bringing visitors to Lunch. It helps with catering predictions and if guest's names are supplied in advance, it also streamlines the 'front desk' process.



# Coming Up!

- 22 July Luncheon - Dr Brendan Nelson, Opposition Leader  
29 July Luncheon - Sue Wyndham, author of "Life in His Hands." story of Aaron McMillan and Dr Charlie Teo.  
31 July **Social - Indian Dinner, Surjits, Angel Place, CBD.**  
5 Aug Luncheon - Sarah Garnett - Footpath Library  
12 Aug Luncheon - Max Moore-Wilton  
19 Aug Luncheon - Lesley Hughes, Ecologist on Climate Change  
27 Aug **Rotary Means Business, 6pm - 7:30pm, 2nd Floor, Castlereagh Hotel.**  
9 Sept Luncheon - Professor Ian Hickie, Brain and Mind Research Institute  
16 Sept Luncheon - Dr Allan Meares - Interplast  
17-19 Oct **District 9750 Conference, University of Technology Sydney.**  
16 Dec **Christmas Dinner**

Please transfer these dates to your PDA or Diary.

## Have you Booked?

Yes, this man on the bike will be our guest speaker on 22nd July.



It's an ideal opportunity to bring some of your friends and associates to join you for lunch, even if they are not bikie fans!

If you would like to reserve a table, just get in touch with Ann Burleigh, but please book early. This will be one of those big lunches!

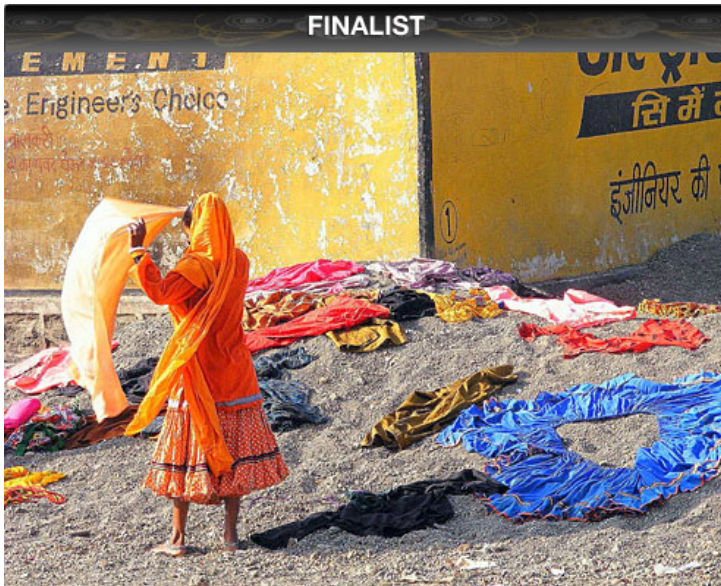
Of course, the bike-rider is Dr Brendan Nelson.

## 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](mailto:annburleigh@ozemail.com.au)

## 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](mailto:harryfox@wilsonlearning.com.au)



**The Rotarian:** Dr. Ravi Wankhede, Rotary Club of Nagpur, India  
**The Place:** Outskirts of Nagpur, India  
**The Service Above Self Moment:** Wankhede says he was enchanted by the colorful garb of India's nomadic Banjaras while participating in a blood drive organised by his club.

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

Rotary District 9750, Club # 18206, chartered 1st May 1921

## How are we doing?

Attendance for June: 37%  
Members as at 30 June 150



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