



**16 Sept
2008**

Dr Allan Meares

This week's guest speaker is Dr Allan Meares.

Allan Meares is a Sydney specialist plastic surgeon. He has been involved with Interplast for over ten years and participated on Interplast programs to Tonga, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

Allan is deeply committed to Interplast and strongly believes in its philosophy as a non-political, non-religious organisation.

In developing countries, people living with a disability are among the most disadvantaged and poorest in the world and Interplast prioritises the treatment of these patients.

Allan also values Interplast's emphasis on the development of local capacity through teaching local doctors and nurses so they have the skills to carry on the work of Interplast between visits.

Plastic surgery is a wonderful medical practice because it changes peoples lives.

However Allan believes his role is not to make patients look extraordinary, but to make them look ordinary so they have the opportunity to enjoy a normal life.

His work with Interplast provides a meaningful opportunity for him to realise this purpose.



NEXT WEEK: On 23rd September our speakers will be Tania & Warren Hughes, "Love has no limits."

ROTARY – People like you and me

From the President

Last week I announced that President Angus Robinson and PP Chris Joscelyne from the e-Club would be joining us for a special presentation. Unfortunately the recipient of the award is unable to attend, and so the visit has been postponed until later in the year.

However we do have another special guest. Sarah Ison is the CEO of the Girls and Boys Brigade, an organisation that we have been involved with for a long time, in fact as long as our Club has been operational, and very recently children selected by the Brigade have participated in our "Your Country" project.

It's wonderful how Rotary works. Some time ago I had a telephone call from the President of the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga who had just staged their annual book fair. Amongst a pile of old books that they picked up from a farmer's barn was a very old programme for the Boys' Week Exhibition in the Sydney Town Hall, 11th and 12th September 1924 – exactly 84 years ago. The Exhibition was organised by "The Rotary Club of NSW with the cooperation of the Department of Education, the Boys' Brigade and other organisations for the welfare of boys".

There is a quote in the book from the Chair-

man of the Rotary Club, Mr Alex J Gibson, who writes: "Give the boys their chance. Help them so to 'play the game' that their lives may be a credit to themselves and full of service to the community."

Sarah is going to bring some other memorabilia that we might like to see, but I have promised our archivists, Ken Sutherland and Don Knudsen, that she may look but not have our booklet.

Another example of how Rotary works – I had a phone call from the Department of Commerce saying they had several cartons of surgical goods that they would have to dispose of if they could not find a home for it. I spoke to our District representative for RAWCS ("Rotary Australia World Community Service") and DIK

("Donations in Kind") who now tells me that Rotary is to receive 90 cartons of brand new surgical equipment, gloves, gowns, etc. all of which will be shipped to our Pacific Island neighbours and put to very good use.

It's another case of one person can only do so much, but put together a group of like-minded people and the possibilities are limitless.

See you on Tuesday.

Patricia Harrison



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AROUND THE CLUB

Doesn't **Diana Richards** look at home with her Audi in the picture below at Crackneck Lookout from her fabulous weekend away with the Audi R8. The destination was Kim's Resort at Toowoon Bay. (They nearly didn't fit into the car for the return trip because they had eaten far too much of the fantastic array of food.) Diana and Tom had a lot of fun driving around the bays and headlands of the Central Coast, dodging speed bumps and Police as they put the car through its paces. Tom finally got his turn, and enjoyed driving home round the bends of the old Pacific Highway. Many thanks to **Joerg Hoffman** and Audi for a great experience.

Bill Neill is in charge of organising the Ethics Hypothetical Debate on 7th October. We hear he has had a few offers from some people in Macquarie Street with quite recent practical experience - even an offer from Holeproof to sponsor the Luncheon! Watch this space!

Happy birthday this week to **Michael Dermody** and **Louise de Francesco, Sarah Donovan, Ian Noakes, Paul Wenham** and **Simon Martin**, . Club anniversaries: **Louise Di Francesco** (6 yrs) and **Ray Patteson** (24 yrs).

Look out for the celebrations on 29th September when Libran triplets **Craig Douglas, Janette Parkinson** and **Tony Benner** celebrate their birthday (not birth dates though)

Please send us your news or news of your fellow members. Just email 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?"



What's for lunch this week:

Hot: Roast beef with roasted potatoes & seasonal veges.
Dessert: Sticky date pudding with butterscotch sauce
Vegetarian: Roasted vegetables stack topped with pesto & Swiss cheese
Salad: Tomato & Bocconcini Salad



We still need more registrations from this Club! Please hurry along



The Keeper of the Flame

Past President **Ken Sutherland**, a member of this Club since 1954 is the current Honorary Archivist. He is loyally and ably assisted in this role by former Hon. Secretary and music-man, **Don Knudsen**. They are custodians of a veritable treasure trove.



Ken is pictured [the ex-Navy man *did* protest, citing lack of entitlement] wearing a Digger's hat from the Archive. This distinctly Aussie hat was worn by **Rotarian Kel Kellaway** when he presided over the House of Friendship at the **1971 RI Convention** which was held in **Sydney** in our Club's **50th Anniversary year**. The hat was donated to the Archives by former **Hon. Sec. Wal Pascoe**.

Those with an eye for history, will note the name 'Kellaway'. Kel was father to **David Kellaway**, who became **President of Sydney Rotary in 1981-1982**.

More from the Club Archives in the next edition of '*Rotary Matters*'.

Ann Burleigh

New Country added to Rotary Map

Members of the first Rotary club in the island nation of Kiribati spent a week in August celebrating its charter.

On 11 August, Rotary International approved a charter for the Rotary Club of Kiribati, adding another nation to the more than 200 countries and geographical areas on the Rotary map.

Cup in the Park
LIVE IN THE DOMAIN SYDNEY - TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

THE EVENT THAT STOPS THE NATION CAN'T STOP THE PARTY
SYDNEY'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS MELBOURNE CUP EVENT IN THE HEART OF THE CBD

FEATURING:
Exclusive Live performances by the Polibellez
Full TAB betting facilities with helpful staff to get your bets on!
Huge outdoor TV screen to watch the great race
Fashions of the field and lucky door prizes
Fully catered with gourmet food and premium beverages
Pamper marquee with heaps of giveaways
Large themed marquee's with plasma screens, so you can be indoors or out
Move your party out of the office and into the park!!!

TICKET:
Cocktail Party - \$169 per person plus BF
(Ticket includes Canapés and beverage package *conditions apply)
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(Ticket includes food and beverage package *conditions apply)
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This is over 18's event only

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Botanic Gardens Trust

Great Speaker Line-up

President Patricia Harrison and her Speakers Team have been busy organising a great line-up of speakers for the New Year.

Amongst those who have accepted Rotary's invitation are the Governor of the Reserve Bank, Glenn Stevens, Senator Kim Carr, John Brogden, Parliamentarian Tanya Pilbersek and the Governor of NSW.

If you have a suggestion to add to this outstanding speaker list, please contact Patricia Harrison.

Coming Up!

- 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
17-19 Oct **District 9750 Conference, University of Technology Sydney.**
21 Oct Luncheon - Helen Grasswill, Producer "Australian Story"
28 Oct Luncheon - Diana "Bubbles" Fisher, "Behind the scenes on royal occasions"
28 Oct **Rotary Means Business, 6pm - 7:30pm, 2nd Floor, Castlereagh Hotel.**
11 Nov Luncheon - Caltex Teachers Awards
18 Nov Luncheon - Judith R. Fergin, US Consul General
18 Nov **Art Show Cocktail Party - Wentworth Gallery**
25 Nov Luncheon - Indy Singh on the Indian Economy.
16 Dec **Christmas Dinner**

Please transfer these dates to your PDA or Diary.



Each year, Rotary supports more than 400,000 service-minded youth in Interact and Rotaract clubs and provides leadership training for thousands more through RYLA.

But only a fraction of these alumni go on to join Rotary clubs. Why is this? And what can Rotary clubs do about it?

Read more: <http://rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/Newsletters/Interactive/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

FOR SALE - Projector Screen

Can you save the Editor of Rotary Matters from further embarrassment?

He ordered a projector screen for doing presentations but got mixed up with the metric measurements. He ended up with a 120" /3.04m TRIPOD COMPACT MOVIE TV PROJECTOR SCREEN. It's big! If you know someone or an organisation looking for a screen of this size, please let them know for \$150 they can pick it up from a Kent Street address. Just call Tony Benner on 9279 0261.

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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BERT'S CORNER

LOVE

OSCAR WILDE

- To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance
- Love and gluttony justify everything
- There is so much else to do in the world but love
- Love is merely passion with a holy name
- Lust makes one love all that one loathes
- Lovers are happiest when they are in doubt
- London is full of women who trust their husbands. They look so thoroughly unhappy
- Divorces are made in heaven

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 August: 34%

Members as at 31 August - 148



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