



**17 June
2008**

Garry Has Two Weeks to Go!

Q: With two weeks to go as President, how do you feel?

Garry: A sense of relief but also sadness as the term of President comes to a close.

Q: Was it as good or bad as you first thought?

Garry: It was nothing like I imagined as every day was different and the topics and issues that arose were never imagined by me. In the main I grew significantly as a person in the year just past.

Q: What have been some of the high points of your term?

Garry: My Presidents' induction was the moment and it continued to get better. The Darlington school end of year concert was rewarding as was the speakers that made it to our meetings.

Q: What has been your most important achievement during your term?



Garry: Commencement of the journey of cultural change; the Sydney club has to become a more relevant club for this day and age. We are on our way.

Q: How would you describe the Club as it is today, and its state of health?

Garry: The Club today is going through a transition and is starting to build momentum to getting back to a club that can fulfil its role and responsibility as the leading and pre-eminent club in Australia.

Q: If you had a message for Incoming President, Patricia Harrison, what would it be?

Garry: Be nimble, flexible, creative and don't stop communicating with the members and those outside the club.

Q: What happens to Garry Browne after 30th June?

Garry: As you know I still remain on the Board for another year, I have accepted roles to support DG Barney Koo in Marketing and PR and also Micro Finance within the district. I'm also considering a couple of Board roles on Non Profit organisations.

ROTARY – People like you and me

Rotary ShelterBoxes

With 1800 ShelterBoxes deployed in Burma and a further 400 sent to China, Rotary has demonstrated it's ability to get aid through to two major disaster areas with a minimum of delay.

The Rotary Club of Sydney contributed 12 boxes. Each ShelterBox contains up to two 10-person dome tents, thermal blankets, water purification tablets, a multi-fuel stove, tools and other essential equipment. The cost of a ShelterBox is \$1200.

Please visit the www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au for the latest news on our assistance in these two countries.



Our newest member, Wilhelm Rohde

More information on page four.



In case you are wondering who the guest speaker will be on Tuesday, so are we.....

All will be revealed in a special email prior to the meeting!

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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?"

Rotary Means Business

All members are invited to attend the next Rotary Means Business function on Wednesday 25 June, 6pm and 7:30am on the 2nd Floor, Castlereagh Hotel, 169 Castlereagh St, Sydney.



Rotary Means Business had a good start in April with around 50 Rotarians from various Sydney Clubs and their business associates getting involved in one of the benefits of Rotary membership - networking.

The idea behind this networking activity is to gain useful and reliable business contacts, while at the same time opening the door for others to use your services and refer to their friends - in other words, Rotary members helping Rotary members. There is no charge to attend. Drinks, including coffee/tea, may be purchased from the bar area.

Please click [here](#) to let us know that we can look forward to your company.

Don't forget to bring plenty of business cards!

AROUND THE CLUB

At the recent Meetings and Events Australia (MEA) annual



awards night, **Roslyn McLeod's** company Tour Hosts created a first in the 20 year history of the awards by taking out four awards for one year. The best meeting management company and then two conferences - G20 and Goldschmidt Geosciences Congress both held in Melbourne.

Roslyn herself also received the Contribution by an individual to the Meetings Industry Award for her achievements and service over many years.

Congratulations Roslyn!

Shaw Stockbroking's **Simon Martin** has been getting well away from market fluctuations with a northern hemisphere holiday taking in United Kingdom, Italy and Portugal.

Whilst attending a world conference for BNI members in Kuala Lumpur, **Tony**

Benner took time out to attend a luncheon meeting of Pudu Rotary Club. The meeting coincided with a media conference to launch the Club's major fundraising event of the year - the premiere of the remake of the film "Journey to the Centre of the Earth."



Congratulations to members celebrating birthdays this week: **Ron Hill** and **Sue Walker**.



Dave McLeish and **Ron Dunk** are pictured at last week's luncheon. Next month, Ron will celebrate 48 years as a member of the Club!

Please send us your news or news of your fellow members. Just [click](#) here and type away!

What's for Lunch this Week?

Hot	Beef Wellington with seasonal vegetables & roast potatoes
Sweet	Bread & butter pudding
Salad	Avocado & chicken salad
Vegetarian	Spinach pie

What's Been Happening...

A summary of Rex Doughty's report on the year's activities at last week's meeting:

Joan Salter Fund and MS Society

Every year the interest earned on the Joan Salter Fund is donated to the MS Society and is used towards development of their Newly Diagnosed program. For the first time this year our club we will be also rendering assistance to the MS Mega Swim - an event where teams of swimmers swim for 24 hours for sponsorship dollars. Our club will be assisting with food and coffee sales for further fund raising.

Caltex Teachers Award

Our thanks go to Caltex for their continued support, financial and operational. The positive feedback from past winners and their schools speaks wonders for the ongoing benefits of this program.

Community Service Award

This year our awardee was Rev Bill Crews AM. Those present on the day will probably recall some of the great deeds included in Rev Crew's citation.

Vocational Service Award

This award is a prestigious one as evidenced by past winners and indeed this year's winner Dr Carlo Salteri AM.

Ethics Hypothetical

Our annual luncheon for the Hypothetical last August with good feedback on these sessions.

The Ethics Great Debate

Early preparations are under way for this year's debate to be held at the Legislative Assembly chamber.

Australian Citizenship Ceremony

The ceremony was held in May with 10 people 'signing up' as Australians. Our club works in close liaison with the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

AusSchol Awards

Our committee provides a facility for appraisal of applicants for AusSchol Awards. The 07/08 Rotary year was our first year in this role and our involvement is currently developing.

ANZAC Day BBQ

Joe Botta led a team of enthusiastic volunteers at the Anzac Day BBQ, as he does every year. This year only the Hyde Park site was operated and through some clever arranging by Joe, more than \$7,000 was earned for the President's Project.

Soukup Scholarship

Members would now be well aware of the extremely generous contribution by Mr and Mrs Soukup for scholarships to applicants in need. After quite a bit of work setting up the deed and fund structure through a separate committee, our committee is now involved in the assessment of applications.

Sydney Parade

This year, just prior to Christmas, our club was involved in fund raising activity in the first Sydney Parade. We set up and managed the BBQ at Tumbalong Park in Darling Harbour.

Darlington School BBQ



Also for the first time this year our club lent a hand to The Darlington School at their annual fund raising event just before Christmas. Garry Browne's company was extremely generous in providing show bags for the kids plus transportation. During the afternoon committee members Simon Martin and Joe Botta sweated it out in the afternoon sun behind the BBQ and we received great assistance from other volunteers from within our committee and from other club members. The management and kids at Darlington Public School were very grateful indeed.

The Service and Awards Committee is a combination of the past separate activities under Community Service and Vocational Service. My thanks go to all for their assistance and input over the past two years.

Are you into Books?

Ranfurly is a book-aid charity dedicated to the world campaign against illiteracy in the English language. First promoted by our Club, it is now accommodated in the Non Government Organisation section of the re-vamped Callan Park.

It is supported by Rotarians throughout the eastern states. Since it began in 1986, Ranfurly has shipped more than 1.5 million books to Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, and other Pacific Island communities.

We would now like to rebuild our team of persons who come in on alternate Mondays to do a final quality control sort of books from our bulk area on to shelves. Our Thursday team will do an initial sort of incoming books as to 'keep or discard' and also pack our outbound consignments.

Mondays work is 'light duties' and is coordinated by Shirley Doust from Sydney CBD Rotary who would like some 'new blood'

This is a job that can be done by any person who has ever read a book. You do not need to have been a librarian, nor is it Rotarians only.

To volunteer, please contact David Brawn (brawndf@bigpond.net.au) on 9499 5530.

The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation is the big international charity fund of the Rotary movement.

The Rotary Club of Sydney interacts with the Foundation by participating in its programs (for example, Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholarships, Paul Harris awards), by making donations to the Foundation, and by applying for Grants to fund our own programs.

In the last three years the Club has made donations to the Foundation which were close to the \$US 100 per member target, and Club members who continue to voluntarily add \$50 (tax deductible) to their six-monthly subs have helped enormously in this regard.

We are currently applying for a Matching Grant from the Foundation to help fund our educational project in Fiji. This project is in partnership with the Rotary Club of Suva East and will meet the school fees of secondary students at government schools who are academically capable but not financially able to continue their studies.

We are also expecting to apply for a Matching Grant for our second micro-finance project in the Philippines in partnership with our sister clubs (Rotary Club of Makati and Rotary Club of Singapore).

Bruce Edwards



What's Been Happening...



Welcome Wilhelm

A big welcome to our newest member, Wilhelm Rohde, who was introduced to the Club by Harry Fox. Wilhelm is a third generation Rotarian following in the footsteps of his two grandfathers and father who have all been active Rotarians in Germany. He is married to Susanne and they have two children, Leopold, 5 & Ferdinand 3.

Wilhelm is Director Investment Optimisation, Lending & Portfolio Analytics, with American Express. He has been in Sydney since May 2007 and was previously a year in New York after 2 years in Singapore.

He graduated in Business Studies from the Universities of Mannheim & Goettingen and has an MBA from INSTEAD – Singapore.

Fluent in German, French and English, Wilhelm loves marathon running and has competed in the Singapore and New York Marathons as well as the Sydney Half Marathon

Wilhelm's community service activities included the co-founding in Singapore of "Leonardo"- a club organising speaking events, Treasurer & Board Member, German Speaking Protestant Congregation in Singapore. In New York he was a volunteer in Central Manhattan soup kitchen.

Please make Wilhelm most welcome.

Dear fellow Rotarians and friends of Sydney Rotary

You're invited

Rotary Club of Sydney Changeover Lunch

Induction of 2008-2009 President

... *Patricia Harrison* ...

Tuesday 1st July

12.30pm. Cello's Dining Room

RSVP: 0414 858 599

as soon as possible please.

An Indian Dinner: Thursday 31 July 2008

More details shortly

Xmas Dinner: Tuesday 16 December 2008

This is an Early bird notice for your busy, busy Diaries. It will also be our last Rotary meeting for 2008.

There are several other functions in the pipeline.

We'll keep you posted.

Cheers ... **Ann Burleigh**

BRIEFLY

Jennifer Bott from the University of NSW Foundation introduced us to some of the Club's scholarship winners and explained how she raises around \$14 million each year.



Julian Farren-Price presented his company's 2nd prize in the recent art union - a Rolex many of us would love to wear on our wrists.

Anne Stewart (below) joined us for lunch and received the third prize in the art union - \$10,000 share portfolio from Shaw Stock-broking - on behalf of her late husband, Malcolm.



Coming Up!

- 24 June** Final Luncheon chaired by 87th President, Garry Browne.
25 June **Rotary Means Business, 6pm - 7:30pm, 2nd Floor, Castlereagh Hotel.**
1 July Changeover Luncheon, 2008/09, President Patricia Harrison
8 July Luncheon - "The Year Ahead" with Patricia Harrison
15 July Luncheon - Ugandan High Commissioner, James Lukabyo
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
17-19 Oct **District 9750 Conference, University of Technology Sydney.**
16 July **Christmas Dinner**

Please transfer these dates to your PDA or Diary.

Our Passion is also our Pride

The Rotary year is coming to a close with the final chapter of the 2007/08 Rotary book about to close.

The journey continues and the passion and pride are never-ending. We all must remember that we are cogs in a big wheel that continues to grow and develop; it requires us as members to continue to build and strengthen the values and ideals of what Rotary stands for as an organisation.

The last 50 weeks have for me been about implementing the vision and aspirations that we as members share within Rotary and ensuring we create an environment that will ensure Rotary remains contemporary and relevant in today's changing world.

When contributions of significant amounts of money are made to the Rotary Foundation by organisations that are very much relevant today, then we recognise that Rotary is contemporary and relevant. I'm in fact referring to Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (Microsoft) and Google both of whom have supported Rotary in a significant financial way.

These organisations stand for the future and one aspect that I want to highlight; that they have in common with Rotary is their philosophy of building an organisation around networks, not hierarchies. This is an example of how future organisations will operate and Rotary is no exception.

Young people today are craving and crying out for mentors, those who can support and guide. They are looking for a hand up, not a hand out, and for new technologies that will purify their world.

These are all examples of what Rotary does so well.

Our roles and responsibilities are never-ending, our job is not complete; we are only just scratching the surface.

This is the journey and it is our passion and pride in Rotary that will allow us to continue to do, what we do so well.

See you all on Tuesday.

GARRY BROWNE, President



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

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

BRINGING VISITORS

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

About Rotary

Rotary is a worldwide organisation of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world.

Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 31,000 Rotary clubs located in 166 countries.

Members of a Rotary club are part of a diverse group of professional leaders working to address various community and international service needs and to promote peace and understanding throughout the world.

If you would like to be considered for membership please speak to any member of the Club.

How are we doing?

Attendance for May: 35%

Members as at 31 May 156



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