



**22nd July
2008**

HON DR BRENDAN NELSON MP

Our guest speaker this week is Dr Brendan Nelson who was elected as Leader of the Opposition in December 2007, with a commitment to not only hold the new Government to account, but ensure Australians are offered an attractive, credible and inspiring alternative well before the next election.

For nearly two years, Dr Nelson served as Australia's Defence Minister, presiding over substantial increases in capability investment and numerous deployments – on our borders, within our region and helping in the fight against terrorism and extremism.

From November 2001 to January 2006, Dr Nelson served as Minister for Education, Science and Training, where he drove major reforms in tertiary education, a major push for standards and values in schools and investment in the largest innovation package in Australia's History.

Before entering Parliament as the Member for Bradfield (March 1996), Dr Nelson was a GP with his own

practice and, at age 35, the youngest ever President of the Australian Medical Association.

Dr Nelson is married and has three children – one still at school and twins who are both final year apprentices.

Dr Nelson's interests include music, motorcycles and tennis.



NEXT WEEK:

On 29th July, our guest speaker will be Sue Wyndham, author of "Life in His Hands," the story of Aaron McMillan and Dr Charlie Teo.

ROTARY – People like you and me



**ROTARY DISTRICT 9750
CONFERENCE 2008
17-19 OCTOBER
Make Dreams Real UTS SYDNEY**



Ugliest Building in Sydney to be Venue for District Conference!

The UTS Building in Broadway may be regarded as Sydney's ugliest building, but it will host what will be one of the best Rotary District Conferences.

- Dates for your diary **17th – 19th October 2008**
- Three great venues – NSW Parliament House, UTS and the Captain Cook Sydney 2000 MV (The vessel the Pope used a few days ago!)
- An impressive array of high profile speakers, two uplifting choirs, an emphasis on youth in Rotary and a lot of fun and fellowship
- Good food, wine and entertainment

Great value packages, including the "All Inclusive Package" at \$275/person

Rotary Club of Sydney's District Conference bookings to date:

5

Let's get this up to 25 by the end of August!

YOU'RE INVITED

What: An Indian Dinner

When: Thursday 31st July

Where: Surjits Indian Restaurant, 8 Angel Place

Who: You and all your friends.

How much: \$60 per head

Why: to support the President's Project - Youngcare

To book, email annburleigh@ozemail.com.au stating the number of seats you'd like reserved in your name.

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AROUND THE CLUB



At least two Rotarians are smiling broadly at the moment; **John Given** because he has just acquired a new Audi and **Joerg Hofmann** because he made the sale. John's reaction (left) was when he found out Jennifer Hawkins was not included with the car!

Two of our members discovered a latent talent for playing the spoons at a Yulefest gathering in the Southern Highlands - **John Randall** and **Ann Burleigh**. **Jill Deering** was a witness but mercifully too busy tackling the turkey to make music.

Col Westman was very well looked after recently when not only his mother but his sister descended on his Highland hide-away and cooked up a storm.

Who said the Clayton's Sergeant could nick off to China? **Peter Townsend** is pictured checking out the tea before travelling.



Indy Singh has agreed to attend the Indian Dinner only if they serve Promite sandwiches (*could someone please tell him that genuine Aussies are happy little Vegemites says Anne Burleigh*)

Birthday Greetings to **Ray Block**, **Brett Freer**, **George Kamsler**, **Cliff Marriott OAM**, **John Snelgrove**, Club Anniversaries: **Ron Dunk** has just celebrated 48 years as a member of this Club, **Tony Harding** 26 years and **Janette Parkinson** 10 years.



Of course it was an actuary who won our game of skill in predicting the footy scores. **Bruce Edwards** is pictured with his bottled prize!

Why was solicitor **John Breene** smiling during his cross-examination by **Geoff Wilbow** last week during the getting to know you section of the meeting? Probably because the questions were too easy after what he normally gets in court. You could be next to get a call from Geoff to share your life with the members! Don't worry, Geoff will give you at least 24 hours notice!



Could somebody please make **Lynn Ralph's** day by ringing her on 0417 232 958 and offering to host an Exchange Student.

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





ROTARY CLUB of DOUBLE BAY
DISTRICT 9750

Invitation

Please join us in a friendly game of duplicate bridge at Double Bay Bridge Centre on Thursday evening 24th July at 7pm - 10pm.

Prizes for winners, door prize and a chance to win a hamper full of treats being raffled.

We are very proud of our newly chartered Rotary Club of Double Bay and we are all looking forward to your support on our first fundraising event.

Monies from this evening will be used for local community projects.

\$10 Price inc. light super	DB Bridge Centre Bay Court - 1st floor 35 - 39 Bay Street, Double Bay	RSVP Sonia 0408 550 150
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What's for lunch this week:

Hot: pan-seared breast of chicken with mashed potato, tomato & basil sauce
Dessert: strawberry cheese cake with citrus cream
Salad: chicken Caesar salad
Vegetarian: Caramelised red onion tart topped with blue cheese served with mixed salad

From the President

My second week as President was very eventful and inspiring as I have been involved in several Youth activities.

Lily Wu (below) is a 23 year old from Wichita, Kansas studying in Hong Kong for a Master of Journalism under the Ambassadorial Scholarship scheme, after previously receiving a BA in International Business and a BBA in Integrated Marketing Communications. Quite a smart young lady! She came for a conference and stayed with me for 4 nights to see some of Sydney before returning to her studies.



On Wednesday evening we attended the Sydney City Rotaract meeting when **Jonathan Sim** was installed as the new President. There is a good feeling amongst the membership, very enthusiastic about the forthcoming year and very eager to forge closer ties with our Club and also the other City Clubs.

Deny Bernardo has agreed to become our liaison with Rotaract, and we will be arranging some joint projects over the coming months. The Club meets each second Wednesday, and I can assure you of a very warm welcome and an uplifting evening should you attend.

On Friday morning we joined the Rotary Club of Sydney Cove for breakfast, and again enjoyed the meeting very much. Lily spoke about her life as an Asian-American living in the heart of Kansas and of how her involvement in Rotary projects had enabled her to take advantage of the wonderful opportunity offered as an Ambassadorial Scholar.

It was very timely that I attended that par-

ticular meeting as it is now 20 years since we sponsored the Sydney Cove Club and they awarded Paul Harris Fellows to three of the original charter members who spoke with fond memories of our past members, **Ross Gregg** and **Peter Golding**, who were instrumental in the formation of the new Club. I am sure that some of the older members would be pleased to hear that PP Peter Golding, father of the late Adrian Golding, turned 86 recently and is very well and happy. having recently been married!

On a sad note, it is time to farewell two of our members. **Vic Ulbrick**, who has been a member since 1989, has handed in his resignation as he is unable to make the trip into the city any more.

And **Jill Deering** has also resigned. Although a relatively new member, Jill had been very active holding the position of Honorary Secretary for the last year and a half. Unfortunately for us Jill has recently made a career change and can no longer participate in the activities of the Club. So long Jill and Vic, we will miss you, but please join us for social functions when you can.

And a big thank you to **Jean Elborn** who has agreed to take over the role of Honorary Secretary, a position she filled very ably in 2002-2003.

I look forward to seeing you at lunch on Tuesday.

Patricia Harrison



Patricia Harrison at Sydney Cove Rotary with NSW Opposition Leader Barry O'Farrell, Lily Wu and Club President Tom Gervay.

A chance for education's movers and shakers to go places

The **Caltex** and **Rotary Club of Sydney** Awards for Innovation in Teaching are currently on offer to pioneering New South Wales teachers.

Primary and secondary school teachers across the state are invited to submit entries for the annual award program that seeks to acknowledge the work of remarkable educators. Three winners will be chosen and rewarded with an educational trip abroad, valued at up to \$7,000 each.

The purpose of the trip is to give teachers the opportunity to share, and learn more about, their area of academic innovation in an international environment.



Caltex Awards

The awards program came into being 14 years ago when a group of Sydney-based Rotarians decided the time was right to create an award that acknowledged and celebrated teachers and

teaching. For the past nine years Caltex has partnered with the Rotary Club of Sydney in supporting and promoting the program.

Winners are selected according to the contribution their innovative programs make to students, teachers or practices in their schools. Their initiatives may relate to any area of teaching. Over the years the awards have recognised the successful application of original initiatives in various fields including literacy, environmental management, interpersonal skills, sculpture and road safety.

The program's three winners in 2007 were Connie D'Anna of Evans River K -12 Community School in Evans Head, northern NSW; Ian Hale of Fairfield High School in Sydney; and Poobal Naidoo of Thomas Reddall High School in Ambarvale, also in Sydney.

Entries for the 2008 Caltex and Rotary Club of Sydney Awards for Innovation in Teaching must be received by Monday, 1 September 2008.

More details and entry forms are available at www.caltex.com.au/community_spo_teach.asp or by calling 02 9488 3200.

Next Week's Speaker

Susan Wyndham is literary editor of The Sydney Morning Herald. In her career as a journalist she has also been editor of Good Weekend magazine, New York correspondent for The Australian newspaper, deputy editor (arts/features) of the Herald and a senior writer for the newspaper on books and culture.

Life In His Hands: The True Story of a Neurosurgeon and a Pianist is her first book.

In 2001 the brilliant young concert pianist Aaron McMillan was diagnosed with a rare type of brain tumour and given six weeks to live. He was just 24 years old. He underwent 12 hours of emergency surgery. His doctor was Charlie Teo, one of Australia's most celebrated and controversial neurosurgeons.

Charlie's specialty is inoperable brain tumours and his radical techniques have earned him praise around the world. But in his own country he is regarded by some as reckless and even dangerous.

Aaron McMillan presented Charlie with his most challenging case yet. In return Charlie Teo gave Aaron hope.

Life In His Hands by Susan Wyndham is the remarkable Australian story of a medical maverick and an artist who refused to be daunted by death.



Thinking of Doing a Make-Up?

Why don't you visit our newest club - the Rotary Club of Double Bay.

The President, **Diana Stojanovich** pictured here with **Garry Browne**, would love to see you any Wednesday morning for breakfast at the Stamford Plaza Hotel.

John Randall visited the Club last week and had a ball.



Diana said she welcomes all Rotary Club of Sydney members and would like to remind them that guests must be there at 7.15am for a 7.30am start Wednesday July 23rd at the Stamford Plaza Hotel 33 Cross St Double Bay.

So, why not join the Rotary Matters Editor in visiting Double Bay this Wednesday (23 July) and give Double Bay our support, at the same time enjoying breakfast with good company. And, we will guarantee to have your picture in the next edition of the Bulletin.

Please send an email to the Editor right now (rotarymatters@people.net.au) to book a seat!

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?"

Coming Up!

- 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
- 26 Aug Luncheon - Joy Gillett, Aust Rotary Health & Research Foundation
- 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
- 23 Sept Luncheon - Tania & Warren Hughes. "Love has no limits."
- 17-19 Oct **District 9750 Conference, University of Technology Sydney.**
- 16 Dec **Christmas Dinner**

Please transfer these dates to your PDA or Diary.



Our club sponsored Jonah Lucero and Katie Mannix to the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment held in the Royal National Park on the first weekend in May this year.

In a large group of 14-16 year olds, they met new people, developed new skills, working as a team to solve problems and challenges. Both had a wonderful experience which will guide them in their future endeavours.

On 8th July Jonah thanked the club with a card and speech and received his certificate. Thanks were also extended to Gary Price and his company Materialise, who have coordinated the District presentation of RYPEN for the last 10 years.

Diana Richards

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.

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

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

Please book in **now** for tomorrow's luncheon. Geoff McIntyre has 4 guests attending from the law firm 'Church and Grace' - that's potentially more reassuring than Sly and Fox or the accountancy firm, Robb & Cheetham!



How are we doing?

Attendance for June: 37%

Members as at 30 June 150



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