



**29th July
2008**

Susan Wyndham

This week's guest speaker is **Susan Wyndham, 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.



NEXT WEEK:

On 5th August, our guest speaker will be Sarah Garnett - Footpath Library. Intrigued? More details in the next issue of Rotary Matters!

ROTARY – People like you and me



Last week, Federal Opposition Leader, Dr Brendan Nelson addressed a packed room of Rotarians and their guests.

Many of the more controversial questions were asked by the media after the luncheon, which saw the Club featured on TV that night.

Amongst other topics, he commented on the future of Australian Federation:

"Well one of the things that's important to Australia's future is examining the federation and constitutionally how our three tiers of government work: what are the responsibilities that each of those tiers have? How do we raise the money in Australia and then distribute it from the three tiers of government? And what we are doing is we will be running a major forum next month to look at constitutional issues and we will publish and release a major options paper for Australians to consider in terms of the constitutional choices that we've got to make.

Mr Rudd gets into a lather about whether Australia should be a republic or not and whatever one's attitude to that, the main issue that faces us as Australians is how can we best govern ourselves in a world quite different from that of the late 19th Century."



At last, Garry Browne receives his Past-President's badge from Club President Patricia Harrison.

Last Chance to Go Indian!

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

Birthday greetings this week to **John Snelgrove**.

Yes, as reported exclusively last week, our Sergeant **Peter Townsend** is off to China for the Olympic Games. We look forward to receiving special reports and pictures.

When Max Moore-Wilton speaks to us next month, let's hope someone asks him how he justifies the sky-high parking charges at Sydney's international gateway!

Did somebody make **Lynn Ralph's** day by ringing her on 0417 232 958 and offering to host an Exchange Student? If not, please do so by Tuesday's luncheon. We want to see Lynn smiling!



What do District Treasurer **Michael Dunn** and Club Treasurer **Craig Douglas** talk about when they get together? Who is going to win the Bledisloe Cup? Nope! More like, How much GST did you pay last year?

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: Fillet of salmon on bed of mash served with pesto crust

Dessert: apple crumble with custard & cream

Salad: Smoked salmon & prawns garlic aioli

Vegetarian: Broccoli & cauliflower cheesebake



Could Geoff McIntyre be briefing Membership Director Harry Fox on how to bag a few Lions?



ROTARY DISTRICT 9750

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GSE (Group Study Exchange) Programme

Two weeks ago I mentioned the upcoming Group Study Exchange programme for which nominations are being invited for a trip to Brazil in April/May next year.

The team consists of a Leader, an experienced Rotarian, and six team members, who need to be between the ages of 25 and 40, be in the early stages of their careers or professions with at least two years of experience in their chosen field, live or work in our Rotary district, are Australian citizens and are not immediate relative of a Rotarian.

So what is in it for them?

The opportunity for young people working in areas related to the education and protection of youth to expand their horizons and gain international exposure.

They will travel to Brazil where they will spend four weeks meeting people working in similar vocations to theirs so as to expand their knowledge. They will also learn something of the culture and geography of the host country.

What is in it for Rotary?

It fosters international understanding between two diverse countries and cultures.

It encourages Rotary clubs in Brazil to develop service projects and programs that assist youth at risk. The group should bring back ideas that may lead to Matching Grant projects via the Rotary Foundation, and to facilitate this the successful candidates will, upon being invited, join a Rotary club in our district for a period of not less than 12 months.

What is in it for the Rotary Club of Sydney?

The opportunity for a business associate or friend of a Rotarian to take part in a once in a lifetime adventure.

The chance to learn about Brazilian culture both from the outgoing team on their return and also by hosting a member of the incoming team from Brazil.

I was involved with the last incoming GSE team when I hosted two young ladies from North Carolina, and it was a delight to have them in my home for a week. But the most ongoing benefit came from meeting the other hosts from the other city clubs and from the Campbelltown, Wollongong and Sutherland areas of our District.

So please give some thought to the young people that you know who might be appropriate to join the team.

Applications close on 11 September. If you would like further information, please let me know.



Upcoming Speaker

On 12th August our guest speaker will be Max Moore-Wilton AC, often referred to by the tabloid media as "Max the Axe" during his public service days.



Mr Moore-Wilton was appointed an Executive Director of Macquarie Bank and Chairman of Macquarie Airports in April 2006 and Chairman of Macquarie Media Group in March 2007. He is also Chairman of Sydney Airport Corporation Limited and President of the Airport Council International (ACI) Asia / Pacific Region.

In December 2002, Mr Moore-Wilton was appointed Executive Chairman and Chief Executive of the privatised Sydney Airport Corporation. Under his leadership Sydney Airport achieved a greater commercial focus as Australia's premier airport, while delivering sustainable returns to shareholders in a challenging trading environment.

Mr Moore-Wilton has had a distinguished career in both the private and public sectors.

Prior to his appointment at Sydney Airport, Mr Moore-Wilton was Secretary to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet from May 1996 where he oversaw fundamental reform of the Commonwealth Public Service.

Mr Moore-Wilton was appointed a Companion in the General Division of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day Honours List 2001

He has held a number of positions as either Chairman or Board member of a number of major Commonwealth and State business enterprises, and has extensive experience in the Australian transport sector.

With an address entitled "Sydney - the Gateway to Australia", this would be an ideal opportunity to invite business colleagues to hear one of Australia's leading businessmen.



Sarath Dasari caught up with guest speaker, Dr Brendan Nelson and will probably cop a fine from the Sergeant.

Coming Up!

- 31 July** Social - Indian Dinner, Surjits, Angel Place, CBD.
5 Aug Luncheon - Sarah Garnett - Footpath Library
12 Aug Luncheon - Max Moore-Wilton AC - "Sydney Airport - the Gateway to Australia."
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."
30 Sept Luncheon - Dr Charlie Frew - Bowel Cancer
7 Oct Luncheon - Ethics Hypothetical debate
17-19 Oct District 9750 Conference, University of Technology Sydney. (Earlybird closes 31 July)
16 Dec Christmas Dinner

Please transfer these dates to your PDA or Diary.



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THE ROTARACT CLUB OF SYDNEY CITY WARMLY INVITES YOU TO OUR
GOLD MEDAL OLYMPIC THEMED
INTERNATIONAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Brooklyn Hotel (corner George Street and Grosvenor Street), Sydney
Friday the 8th of August

(Official Opening Day for the Olympic Games Beijing 2008)

6:30 p.m.

\$15 Entrance

Food and drinks available at the bar. Starters from \$5.90. Mains from \$ 14.00

See you there!

For RSVP: Tara.McKenzie@uts.edu.au, or via Facebook link to event page on Sydney City Rotaract Group page

BERT'S CORNER

The flight was delayed and the pompous company chairman comes up to the check-in counter insisting that he be given a first class seat on the next flight.

The ticketing attendant says: "I'm afraid that you'll have to wait your turn and there were many people ahead of you"

"Do you have any idea who you're talking to?"

The ticketer smiled, reached for the PA mike and turned up the volume:

"May I have your attention please. We have a passenger here who doesn't know who he is. If anyone can identify him please come to the counter."

Bert Rosenberg

cc Iguana-Joes, Gosford



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 June: 37%

Members as at 30 June 150

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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