



THIS WEEK:

Dr Bob Frater

Dr Bob Frater is Vice President for Innovation at ResMed Ltd. He currently holds several other consulting and Board positions.

For over more than 40 years, Bob has researched electronics, telecommunications, radioastronomy instrumentation, electroacoustics and biomedical devices.

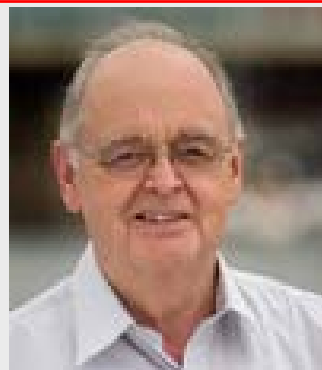


In 1996, he was made an Officer of the Order of Australia for his contributions to science in Australia and internationally, including his work on the construction of the highly successful \$50 million

Australia Telescope at Narrabri in northern NSW.

Bob has been with ResMed since 1999, after leaving CSIRO where he had been Deputy Chief Executive for 11 years.

He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences & Engineering, and chaired the Research Advisory Committee of the Australian Business Foundation until September 2008.



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ROTARY MATTERS

ROTARY – People like you and me

Kenneth the Wonder Boy!

A ROTARY INTERNATIONAL GOOD NEWS STORY ...

Five years ago in a remote village in the PNG Highlands, a very small boy fell headlong into an open fire. Miraculously, he survived. Unfortunately, he sustained hideously painful and disfiguring burns primarily to his face and upper torso but also to his hands. This brave little fellow is called Kenneth Ari.

Kenneth survived without medical intervention for four years. It is a tribute to his mother's care that he survived so well. But burns scars are forever and can be compounded by contracture and fusion of the traumatised tissues.

Kenneth faced a very uncertain future indeed until he was 'discovered' by a visiting medical team from Westmead Children's Hospital.

They enlisted the help of ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) and Rotary swung into action.

It was decided to bring Kenneth to Sydney for 'face saving' reconstructive surgery. Local Clubs in PNG assisted with logistics and liaison and many marvellous Rotarians from District 9680, under the leadership of North Ryde Club President and ROMAC Chair, Rob Wilkinson have looked after Kenneth and his father Ari since they arrived in Australia.

The Rotary Club of Sydney donated \$30,000 to off-set the cost of Kenneth's hospitalisation and treatment. The project came under the International

Service Committee umbrella. We received and would like to gratefully acknowledge, the generous support of the **Roth Foundation** who support our **Adrian Golding 'Gift of Life'** initiative on a continuum.

I'd particularly like to acknowledge also, the efforts of our ROMAC representative Ian Conley and Bruce Edwards.

Kenneth is going home a very different little boy with a very different future thanks to the surgical and nursing skill, professionalism and dedication of the Westmead Burns Unit ... and the combined efforts of determined Rotarians.

Sometimes an opportunity for 'Service above Self' presents us also with a 'feel good' opportunity. This is such a time. Rotarians; please take a bow.

Ann Burleigh

Director, International Service Committee



Please remember to sign up for the Annual ANZAC Day Rotary Barbecue. Fellowship is order of the day and gives all members in the Club the chance to catch up on such an important day.

We are running two sites: Hyde Park and Town Hall, therefore we need as many volunteers as possible.

Please email President John Given at:

jgiven@zions.com.au



Fiducian Annual Charity Golf Day & Dinner 29 April 2010

Last year the Fiducian Annual Charity Golf Day & Dinner raised over \$35,000 for last year's Rotary project "Youngcare". This year, Fiducian will be supporting two worthy charities, Home Hospice and Lou's Place:



- Home Hospice supports families and helps them to manage the trauma and relationships that surround families caring for terminally ill loved ones.

- Lou's Place, is a unique daytime drop in centre in Sydney for

women and their children who are in crisis needing some medical, legal or counselling assistance as well as, life/job skills and referrals.

We are hopeful that every Rotarian will help in making the day a success as we work together to support these charities and make a difference in the lives of many.

The cost is \$220 per person or \$2090 for a table of 10 (includes round of golf). it also includes a three course gourmet dinner, lunch packs and drinks on and off the course and auction items.

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What's for Lunch?

Main: Grilled wild gold - band snapper fillet on garlic mashed, brocolinni, saffron lemon sauce.

Salad: Thai beef salad

Vegetarian: Vegetable and mushroom fritatta served on tomato basil sauce and balsamic dressed mesclun lettuce

Dessert: Warm bread and butter pudding with Brandy custard, fresh strawberries and Whipped cream.

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!

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- 30 Mar Dr Robert Frater, VP Innovation, Resmed.
- 25 April ANZAC DAY BBO - Hyde Park & Town Hall - Participation by all members & friends!
- 29 April Fiducian Annual Charity Golf Day and Dinner, Killara Golf Club
- 5th May ROTARY MEANS BUSINESS - 6pm, Castlereagh Hotel, 169 Castlereagh St, Sydney.
- 1 June Max Cryer, author of "Who Said That First."
- 15 June The Premier of NSW, The Hon Kristina Keneally



What's Y-FIN?

It's a multi-stranded youth leadership-development and micro-finance management project in the Solomon Islands. It's also one of this year's President's Projects and comes under the International Service Committee umbrella. We'll be sharing more updates as the complex initiative unfolds but in the meantime, we've got a **Date for your Diary**.

On **Saturday – 19th June 2010**, per courtesy of the *Dominican Sisters*, a **Monster Fete** will be held in the beautiful grounds of *Santa Sabina College, Strathfield. The Dominican Sisters in *Honiara, have also offered significant and much valued local support for the Y-FIN project, through co-partnering with the Rotary Club of Sydney and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association Asia Pacific Region.

The Fete will offer all the fun of the fair for the whole family but it will also be an opportunity to showcase the Rotary Club of Sydney in general and the Y-FIN project in particular.

Sue Walker and soon-to-be-Rotarian Susy Coslovich, are hoping to fly in a contingent from the Solomon Islands and the involvement of Sydney based Pacific Islanders has already been assured. They will dance, sing and cook up a storm of food for our enjoyment – and funds raised will go towards the fantastic Y-FIN program for the development of SI youth.

Ann Burleigh

Director, International Service Committee



Would you like to join representatives of District 9750 to participate in a National Immunisation Day in India in January?

Please email owles@ozemail.com.au for information.

**Please send your news to the Bulletin Editor,
Tony Benner at Tel. 9279 0261.
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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

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What others are saying about Rotary

"Rotary has the ability to organise campaigns to mobilise support for some of the worthiest causes that exist, and that makes Rotary a precious resource."

– **Kofi Annan, former UN secretary-general**

"I would be proud and enthusiastic to be associated with Rotary in any way."

– **Ted Turner, former head of Turner Broadcasting**

"Thank you, Rotary, for recognising that a world without polio is possible. You have been the catalyst for the world to accept and carry out the challenge of eradicating polio from the earth."

– **Bill Gates, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**



Welcome to new members -Kate Morison and Hans Gnodtke - inducted last week.

Happy Birthday to these members:

**Bill Neill
Bruce Edwards**

