



**31 March
2009**

THIS WEEK: Senator Kim Carr

Kim Carr has been a Labor Senator for Victoria since 1993.

He was appointed as Shadow Minister for Industry, Innovation, Science and Research in December 2006, a position he previously held in 2003/4. The combination of these policy areas under a single portfolio reflects the Labor Party's commitment to growing vibrant, R&D intensive, Australian enterprises.



Kim has previously served as Shadow Minister for Housing, Urban Development, Local Government and Territories; Shadow Minister for Open Government and Public Administration, Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation, and the Arts; as Labor's Parliamentary Secretary and Senate Spokesperson for Education; as well as Labor Manager of Opposition Business in the Senate.

His policy interests include innovation, industry, science, research, education, and cultural heritage.

Kim graduated from the University of Melbourne with a BA (Hons), MA, and Dip Ed, and taught in secondary schools in Melbourne's northern suburbs for over ten years before becoming a policy advisor to the Victorian State Government on conservation, education, and



Commonwealth/State relations.

He is married, and has three daughters and one son.

Update:

Last week the Senator announced that the Government would provide \$83 million to early stage start-up companies, who have been starved of funds due to the global financial crisis.

He said these firms are the next Cochlear, Gekko Systems and ResMed. They are doing ground-breaking work in cutting edge areas like clean energy and biotechnology.

He added that if we lose these innovative companies we will never get them back. The companies that could benefit from this fund employ at least 1000 people in high-skill, high-wage jobs.



NEXT WEEK:

April 7
Rudi Filapek-Vandyck -
Journalist and Business
Commentator



ROTARY – People like you and me



Au Revoir Harry!

Harry Fox was inducted into our Club in 2005 and immediately made his mark. He has been a Director for the last three years and one of the people involved in a smooth transition of administrative duties since the closure of our office. He has recently been involved in the setting up of ClubRunner which will simplify the management of member details and

also make the administration of functions much easier.

Unfortunately for our Club, Harry and Sarah are moving back to New Zealand on Friday, both for professional and family reasons, and we wish them all the best with settling back in to Christchurch.

So au revoir Harry. We all hope to see you when you visit Sydney from time to time. Please don't forget Rotary, you will never find another Club quite like ours, but I am sure there will be one in Christchurch that will welcome you with open arms.

Patricia Harrison

Still a few to go...

As you know, the Rotary Club of Sydney is using ClubRunner for much of its administration.

This powerful communication tool also provides an Online Club Directory.

However, some members are a little slow in checking out this useful website and updating their personal details.

Please visit the site at
www.clubrunner.ca/sydney
and join the online crowd!

OUR 2008/2009 BOARD

| | |
|---|--|
| Patricia Harrison President | pharrison@intersuisse.com.au |
| John Given President Elect | jgiven@zions.com.au |
| Taine Moufarrige Vice President | taine@servcorp.com.au |
| Geoff Wilbow Vice President | geoff.wilbow@fiducianfs.com.au |
| Garry Browne Past President | GBrowne@stalex.com.au |
| Jean Elborn Honorary Secretary | jeanelborn@bigpond.com |
| Craig Douglas Honorary Treasurer | cdouglas@dmcgroup.com.au |
| Ann Burleigh Fellowship/Events Director | annburleigh@ozemail.com.au |
| Ian Conley International Director | iconley@bigpond.net.au |
| Harry Fox Membership Director | harryfox@wilsonlearning.com.au |
| Tony Benner Public Relations Director | pr@corpfocus.com.au |
| James Allen Service & Awards Director | j.allen@stantonchase.com |
| Indy Singh | indysingh@fiducian.com.au |

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

Would you like to be a Mentor?

We have been approached by the Eastern Suburbs Community College, which helps overseas professionals secure a pathway into the workforce through work experience and one-to-one mentoring. The program is funded by the NSW Government.

People with overseas qualifications often face obstacles when looking for work in their field of expertise here in Australia, particularly when English is their second language. They need to become familiar with the workings of the labour market and learn about local workplace culture and practice.

If anyone would be interested to act either as a host employer or a mentor, helping our overseas professionals to establish a solid footing in their quest for a career and enable them to feel part of the local community, please contact President Patricia.

What's for lunch this week:

Hot Dish

Chicken breast filled with caramelised leek & balsamic mushroom on Italian slaw

Vegetarian

Baja vegetable curry on Puy lentils

Salad

Chargrilled chicken, rocket, olive, fusilli, fetta, sundried tomato with French dressing

Dessert

French apple tart, creme anglaise & chocolate icecream

Vittoria Coffee & Whittard Teas

This week, Team Australia comprising Michael Klim, former Olympic swimming champion, Rotarian Garry Browne, CEO Stuart Alexander & Co and two online competition winners will set off to Germany to participate in an eccentric annual European event called the Fishermans Friend Strongman Run. Over 7000 participants will face an 18km run littered with 32 obstacles including hay bales, mud traps and mounds of old tyres.

Garry will be combining his passion for gruelling long distance physical challenges with raising awareness and sponsors for Australian Rotary Health to fund research for mental illness in Australia. For further information, please visit www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au

See how our Michael "fish out of water" Klim and our adventurous triathlete Garry Browne perform. GO TEAM AUSTRALIA!



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?"

Directors Report

At last week's meeting, James Allen was one of the Directors to give a rundown on current activities. Other reports will be published at a later date.

James spoke about the Service & Awards committee – a combination of community service & vocational service covering a wide range of activities

Some of the activities include:

- Vocational Service award – that is coming up in may
- Community service award – just happened and we had Elaine Henry from The Smith Family speak to us the previous week
- Caltex Teachers' awards
- Mount Eliza award
- Soukup Scholarships – work done through very able committee chaired by bert Rosenberg

Two key activities coming up:

The Great Debate at Parliament House on 9 May in conjunction with the Rotary Clubs of Darling Harbour and Sydney Cove.

There will be six Rotarians debating the topic, ***"It is better to do good with bad intentions than to do bad with good intention."***

After the debate, dinner to follow in Strangers Dining Room. The event is limited to 90 people. The cost will be \$165 with proceeds going to the President's Project.

The other major activity is the **MS MegaSwim** which will raise money to support sufferers of MS in their 'Go for Gold' scholarship program.

It will be held on July 4 and 5 at Homebush Olympic Pool with teams of 15 swimming for 24 hours. President Patricia Harrison is organising a team to participate.

If you know of a company that might be interested in getting involved, please talk to James.

It's a great cause, it's a good team building exercise and it won't cost the company anything.

Fiducian Golf Day

The Fiducian Charity Golf Day will be held on 14th of May at the prestigious Killara Golf Club.

Last year, the weather was great and after a few short lessons by a professional the event started. First time participants John Given and Chris McDiven were tremendous assets for their teams, but unfortunately did not figure in the prizes. There were prizes for the first four teams and for the longest drive and a shot nearest the pin.

A packed lunch was provided along with drinks on the course. There were two wine tasting holes with a one shot penalty for not downing a taste of red or white. After conquering the manicured bunkers and greens, participants met for a drink and then settled down to a sumptuous three course dinner. Former Wallabies star Ben Darwin made an impassioned plea to the near capacity 120 attendees, to contribute generously.

A number of items such as sports memorabilia, wines, ladies cosmetics, chocolates and holiday activities were auctioned and Indy Singh as the auctioneer for the night, brought out a few laughs.

All in all, everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly and the best part of the day, was that we raised around \$50,000 for the President's project, which was to raise money for the Inspire Foundation.

We hope that Rotarians will support the event this year and contribute generously to Youngcare.



HOLLYWOOD SYDNEY HARBOUR CRUISE

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS EVENT
BROUGHT TO YOU BY MY SHELTER GROUP & SYDNEY CITY ROTARACT



WHEN:
SATURDAY,
18 APRIL 2009

VESSEL:
MATILDA III

THREE LEVELS OF EXPANSIVE
ENTERTAINMENT DECKS WITH 360
DEGREE VIEWS

BOARDING TIME:
7.00PM

TICKETS PER PERSON :
\$70 BEFORE 18 MARCH 2009
\$80 AFTER 18 MARCH 2009

TICKET INCLUDES OPEN BAR OF
BEER, RED, WHITE & SPARKING
WINES, SOFT DRINKS & JUICES, FINE
CUISINE PREPARED ON BOARD BY
EXPERIENCED TEAM OF CHEFS

DRESS CODE:
YOUR FAVORITE
HOLLYWOOD CELEBRITY

DEPARTURE FROM:
THE COMMISSIONER STEPS,
WEST CIRCULAR QUAY

LOCATED ON THE WALKWAY BETWEEN
INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL AND CIRCULAR QUAY

DEPARTURE TIME:
7.30PM RETURNING AT 10.30PM

PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE ON TIME
FOR BOARDING TO AVOID BEING LEFT BEHIND

100 % PROFIT WILL GO TO THE WATOTO
ORPHANS IN AFRICA. MAKING A DIFFERENCE
IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD.

BOOKINGS & PAYMENT BY 12 APRIL 2009:
JULIE CHEANG | 0411 423 080
JULIE.CHEANG@MYSHELTER.ORG.AU
ELAINE LIM | 0416 030 688
ELYNIE@GMAIL.COM

Coming Up!

| | |
|----------|--|
| 31 March | Senator Kim Carr |
| 7 April | Rudi Filapek-Vandyck - Journalist and Business Commentator |
| 14 April | Julian Ledger - The Sydney Harbour YHA Project. |
| 21 April | Rev Dirk Ficca - Executive Director of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions |
| 25 April | ANZAC Day Barbecue |
| 28 April | John Gaden - Anzac Day - Gallipoli |
| 5 May | Jim Patrick, Cochlear |
| 8 May | Great Debate at Parliament House |
| 12 May | Vocational Service Awards |
| 14 May | Fiducian Golf Day |
| 19 May | Citizenship Ceremony |
| 27 May | Rotary Means Business, 6pm, 2nd Floor, Castlereagh Hotel. |
| 2 June | Dr Chris Caton, BT Economist |
| 9 June | Soukup Scholarship Awards |
| 16 June | Glenn Stevens, Governor of the Reserve Bank |
| 23 June | President Patricia Harrison - Summary |
| 30 June | Barry O'Farrell, NSW Opposition Leader |

Please transfer these dates to your Diary.

Speakers for Rotaract

Vice President Geoff Wilbow reports that Sydney City Rotaract is now meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 6.30pm in the Card Room at Castlereagh Hotel, 169 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

Members of Sydney Rotary (and eventually Rotarians from other clubs and others) will provide a guest speaker on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The address will start at 7.00pm and will go for about 40 minutes (including questions).

Speakers are asked to arrive at 6.30pm at the start of the Rotaract meeting and to stay sometime after their talk to mix and talk informally with Rotaract members.

Jonathan Sims, Sydney City Rotaract President said the Club was seeking a series of inspirational people in professional leadership roles to talk about their take on personal success / leadership and inspiration/ innovation as well as give a summary of their career story.

Wilhelm Rohde has already spoken to the Club earlier this month.

Geoff Wilbow is arranging a speaker for the 8 April and will then start to develop an on going programme for the 2nd Wednesday of each month.



At Rotary Means Business last week, business consultant James Cowie exchanges business cards with Lydia Leung (wife of Rotarian Andrew Sih) and Robert Vander Wall.

Happy Birthday this week to these members:

- Bill Neill
- Bruce Edwards



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

The Rotary Club of Sydney, GPO Box 1523, Sydney, NSW 2001, Tel. +612 8014 8073

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



Please send your news to the Bulletin Editor,

Tony Benner at Tel. 9279 0261.

rotarymatters@people.net.au