



**5th May
2009**

This Week: Michael Dureau

Michael Dureau FTSE has a proven track record as a successful CEO in both expanding and contracting markets in Australia, NZ and Asia and, more recently, a leader of new technology development and studies of key environmental issues facing Australia.

As CEO of ALSTOM Power, based in Sydney, he has built the company in its various guises (ABB Power Generation, ABB ALSTOM Power) from orders of 60MAUD in 1996 to over 600 MAUD in 2002. Key to this success was the development of an export business in Asia and North America based on a strong Australian platform of new business and service alliances.

His focus on risk evaluation and management enabled ALSTOM Power to take on large projects in Australia and Internationally with desired outcomes.

In January 2003 he was appointed by The Senate of the University of Sydney as an Adjunct Professor of Engineering and then, following his retirement from ALSTOM in April 2003, he accepted the position of Executive Director of The Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering (TWC). He is a long serving

member of the Industry Advisory Network of The University of Technology Sydney.

Recognising an urgent need of the Electric Power Industry in Australia for properly trained power engineers he led a dedicated team of senior managers from the Power Industry in collaboration with the Deans of Engineering from around Australia to set up Australia's first Electric Power Institute.



He was elected the first Chairman of the Board of The Australian Power Institute .

In 2003 he was awarded the Prime Minister's Centenary Medal for Services to Electric and Power Engineering.

He is an Honorary Fellow of EA and has been listed several times as one of Australia's Top 100 Most Influential Engineers including 2008.

ROTARY – People like you and me

Fiji Scholarship Project

Through the International Service Committee, the Club has successfully applied for a Matching Grant from the Rotary Foundation to provide scholarships for students of Government secondary schools in Fiji.

The project was shared with the Rotary Club of Suva East and the funding should be sufficient to provide tuition fees for about 150 students this year. The students have been chosen as academically capable but unable to afford the tuition fees to continue their schooling.

A small group of Club members, Bruce and Zeny Edwards and Hashim Durrani, have just returned from a visit to Fiji to review the project (and enjoy an overdue holiday). We were warmly welcomed by the

members of the Rotary Club of Suva East and hosted us to three dinners during the week we were in Suva.

They also took us to visit two of the high schools which will be benefitting from the scholarship project. By Australian standards these schools are not well-equipped although the students seem to value (and enjoy!) their studies. Each school has a wish-list of improvements they would like to make, and



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we will try to help out over the next few months, again working in partnership with the Rotary Club of Suva East.

There were major political changes while we were in Fiji. The Military threw out the Constitution, re-appointed the current Ministry for a 5 year term, sacked the senior judiciary and the Governor of the Reserve Bank of Fiji, censored the press, devalued the currency by 20%, and retired all public servants aged over 55 (with 2 weeks notice). With all this going on we were particularly grateful for the time and hospitality given by our hosts.

While it is easy to be critical of Fiji politics it was very clear to us that ALL Fijians are deeply affected by the downturn in their tourist industry, which is the country's biggest industry by a long way. Australia and New Zealand need to target their sanctions carefully to avoid hurting the general population

which cannot influence actions by the Military.

As you can see the trip was not all hard work!

If anyone is planning a visit to Fiji please think about a visit to the Rotary Club of Suva East because it would be great to build on our relationship with them."

Bruce Edwards

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Planning Session



Incoming President John Given is pictured below with some of the members of his new team as he briefs them on some of the new programs planned for the New Year. All will be revealed in July - it will be worth the wait!

Bruce Edwards' Postcards from Fiji



Rewa Boys



Interact Rampur



Rampur College

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

Fiducian Golf Day

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

Last year, 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. Afterwards, 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.

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.

What's for lunch this week:

Hot Dish

Pan seared Ocean Trout on Black Olive Mash & Lemon Burre Blanc

Dessert

Sticky Date Pudding, Butterscotch Sauce, Vanilla Ice cream

Vegetarian

Three Cheese Tartlet, Green Salad & Red Onion Marmalade

Salad

Smoked Salmon & Prawn Salad with Mild Lemon Wasabi
Vittoria Coffee & Whittard Teas

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!

- 5 May Michael Dureau -
- 9 May **District 9750 Assembly at Sutherland, mainly for incoming office bearers.**
- 12 May Clary Castrission - 40K Home Foundation
- 14 May **Fiducian Golf Day**
- 19 May Citizenship Ceremony
- 20 May **"A Night at the Museum 2" Polio Challenge Film Screening**
- 27 May **Rotary Means Business, 6pm, 2nd Floor, Castlereagh Hotel.**
- 2 June Dr Chris Caton, BT Economist
- 9 June Soukup Scholarship Awards
- 16 June tba
- 23 June President Patricia Harrison - Summary
- 30 June Barry O'Farrell, NSW Opposition Leader

Please transfer these dates to your Diary.



The Rotarian Conversation

--Bill Gates, by David Rensin, The Rotarian - May 2009

Bill Gates spoke with The Rotarian during a sit down interview in San Diego.

Someday, the global philanthropic and practical influence of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation might more than equal the enormous impact of Microsoft, the company Bill Gates co-founded in 1975.

It's not an impossible goal. According to New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof, Gates describes himself as "equally maniacal" about his new career as a full-time humanitarian and "has thrown himself into work at his foundation. He is now trying to do to malaria, AIDS, polio and lethal childhood diarrhoea what he did to Netscape, and he just may succeed."

Read the whole interview here:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/TheRotarian/Pages/therotarianconversationgates.aspx>



Happy Birthday
this week to
these members:

- Moss Akbarian



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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