



# This Week: THE CHANGEOVER

This week we thank Patricia Harrison for all her great work over the past year and we welcome John Given as the President our Club and meet his new team. The Changeover Dinner will be held in the Cello Restaurant at the Castlereagh Hotel at 6:30pm for 6:45pm.

7th July  
2009

ROTARY MATTERS

**No luncheon this week, instead, a great dinner at the same venue at 6:30pm for 6:45pm**

According to John Given, the Dinner will be an evening of tradition and fellowship with the entertainment for the evening being provided by Sydney's own choir of hard knocks, The Sydney Street Choir, led by the well-known choirmaster Peter Lehnar.

The theme for the evening is 'International' recognising Rotary's global representation and celebrating the great mix of nationalities in our great club.



The dress code for the evening is lounge suit so please get into the International theme if you can and wear something that depicts your cultural background. It may be anything from a pin to full national dress depending on how daring you are. Guess what the new President will be wearing?

## Mr President!

### John's Business Background:

John Given has had 25 years senior management experience in the office products, stationery, plastics, manufacturing and construction industries. He commenced his career in naval shipbuilding both in Europe and South Africa, then moved into civil construction in England.

On arrival in Australia in early 1983, he moved into sales and marketing joining Eldon Office Products (a leading US manufacturer) as National Sales & Marketing Manager. This was subsequently followed by an appointment in 1986 to General Manager of Rubbermaid Australia, (which absorbed Eldon) an American Fortune 500 company, in a start up operation.

Over the next 10 years, John helped Rubbermaid establish itself in Australia as a leader in its respective markets. Having completed his tasks at Rubbermaid, John was then involved in establishing Dalton Office Products a division of Dalton Packaging. Leading brands in the portfolio included Pilot pens and Rapesco office products.

During this period with Rubbermaid and Dalton, John travelled extensively throughout USA, Europe and Asia, benchmarking best business practices for use in Australia. He then embarked on a new career path of recruitment, both permanent and contract, having experienced frustration in the past at the scarcity of true and experienced recruitment specialists in sales and marketing.

John's return to front line management did not take long with him now working at Zions doing what he does and enjoys best, building business, providing invincible customer service and taking products to market in a way that suits the consumer, not prehistoric distribution channels.



### Rotary Background:

John Given's first association with Rotary began in August 2002, prior to this he had been involved with Apex for about six years.

John was Sergeant in 2003/4, Director (Teams) 2004-6, Presidents Aide 2006-08 and President Elect 2009.

When asked why he accepted the nomination to be President, he replied "How can you refuse a great club like ours which since 1921, has contributed in many significant ways in serving the City of Sydney and its citizens whose needs have been greater than ours.

John plans to bring to Sydney Rotary, Friendship, Fellowship and Fun!

### Personal Details:

John's fiancé is Helen Sligar, There are two children: Hayley, 23, studying Environmental Sciences at Macquarie University and Craig, 21, studying Commerce



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## MR PRESIDENT (continued)

and Economics at Macquarie University. He also has one over-grown Welsh corgi (actually belongs to Helen's mum) and he has just put in a new doggie door as her hips (the dog) could not get through any more.

Business has seen John in many places in the world but he still has many others to visit. He started with China two years ago and Canada last year.

Football (okay! for you Aussies Soccer), Baseball (divisional winners 3 out of last 4 years), Golf (but not often enough)  
Hobbies: Cooking, Gardening, Collecting Asian furniture (mostly antiques), Collecting watches (currently 20 plus)

And yes John declares nothing beats Haggis mashed potatoes and neeps (turnip) and he wears his kilt (Royal Stewart Tartan) as often as possible.

(NB Haggis is not on the menu on Tuesday night!)

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## 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?"



## Around the Club with Annie B

Great to see some old friends at Rotary lunch last week. We don't see much of Dr **Stuart Howe** these days as he has an academic teaching load at Westmead Dental Hospital on Tuesdays which makes regular Lunch attendance almost impossible. Uni holidays and hey presto! Good to see you Stuart.

Dr **Rod Rate** has joined us for Lunch these last few weeks but heads West again now. He added to Club coffers by suggesting the Sergeant should fine those who have been to WA and *not looked him up* - and fining those who haven't been to WA for well - not being to WA. It's been great to have you back Rod. I guess we'll have to be content with your email avalanche again.

**David Begg** rocked up too on his self confessed 'Annual Visit'; please don't leave it so long next time DB. At least he brought news that the lovely **Natalie** is not only alive but thriving and working full time for ASIC on the 'Storm' case. News too that the little Begggs [6 & 4 now, how time flies] are enjoying lots of extra **DaddyBear**.



**Chris McDiven** or "Grandmother McDiven" as Barry O'Farrell called her, will be pleased to accept your congratulations and indeed give you all the details of the precious newcomer to their clan.



Speaking of Clans - **Sue Davidson** and Dr Frank D have been busy with Scottish Week but took time out to come to Rotary and co-host with PE **John Given**, the Earl of Dunmore and his Countess.

No names, no pack drill but I can't resist sharing this ... one [male] Rotarian has pink painted toenails courtesy of his young grand-daughter.

all together now 'Aahh' - *that* is love, don't you agree?

That's all from me as your out-going Fellowship and Events Director and part time Clayton's Sergeant.

cheers ... **Ann Burleigh**



## The 17th Annual Oasis Ball

You have the opportunity to join **Karen Loblay** and many other Oasis supporters at this year's Oasis Ball



on Saturday, 29 August 2009 at Star City Casino's Grand Harbour Ballroom, and help homeless and disadvantaged young people get their lives back on track.

Oasis gives homeless and disadvantaged young people hope, help and opportunities to access relevant education, training, jobs, counseling, and drug/alcohol programs. It cannot begin this work until young people are off the street and in a safe, stable environment.

On any given night, Oasis helps to accommodate and feed more than 100 homeless young people. Oasis provides street outreach and accommodation (crisis, medium term and transitional) services, but also offers numerous cutting edge programs.

Enjoy a fun night full of fun and entertainment from Australia's favourite artists and comedians and bid on a range of unique items and experiences in the live and silent auctions. Tickets are available from Karen.

All funds raised at the Ball go directly to help Oasis rebuild shattered young lives.

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A grand total of \$200,000 for YoungCare - Members applaud Patricia Harrison on her successful year as Club President.





# Coming Up!

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- 7 July Changeover DINNER - no luncheon.
- 14 July Presentation of Members Projects
- 21 July Magistrate Hillary Hannam Parramatta Children's Court
- 28 July John Watkins, former Deputy Premier & CEO of Alzheimer's NSW.
- 29 July Rotary Means Business, 6pm, 2nd Floor, Castlereagh Hotel.**
- 4 Aug Warwick Watkins, Deputy Chancellor of UTS.
- 11 Aug Pieta Thornton, President & Co-ordinator Victims and Witnesses of Crime Support
- 18 Aug Katie Lahey, Business Council of Australia
- 25 Aug His Excellency Ernesto de Leon Ambassador of the Philippines
- 1 Sept Dr YKK, Founder President & CEO of Mindbloom
- 8 Aug Rob Edwards from It's Time Foundation Conservation
- 15 Aug Marie-Louise Carroll National Relationship Manager Surf Life Saving Foundation

Please transfer these dates to your Diary.

Rotarian Karen Loblay is organising a Rotary table at the Salvation Army's Oasis ball on 29 August. Please contact Karen if you would like to support this worthy cause. Mob 0407 720 700 (02) 9299 0555

## Using ClubRunner

[www.clubrunner.ca/sydney](http://www.clubrunner.ca/sydney)

If you are one of the few members who are not sure about logging on to ClubRunner, especially to register for an event, here is what you need to do:

1. Go to [www.clubrunner.ca/sydney](http://www.clubrunner.ca/sydney)
2. Click on login.
3. Your Login Name will be the first initial of your first name, then your surname, all in lower case, followed by 4814, eg **jsmith4814**
4. Your Password will be first name initial then your surname, eg **jsmith**



The next Rotary Means Business is on 29th July at 6pm at the Castlereagh Hotel. Put that date in your diary now and invite some of your business associates.

Please send your news to the Bulletin Editor,  
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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.

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## ROTARY IS.....

Rotary is a worldwide organisation of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders.

Members of Rotary clubs, known as Rotarians, provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

There are 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

As signified by the motto Service Above Self, Rotary's main objective is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world.

Happy Birthday to these members:

- Ben Wise

