



THIS WEEK:

Bob Leece

Guest Speaker this week is Bob Leece, the NSW Infrastructure Coordinator-General.

Bob Leece is the former CEO of Tenix Group, Deputy Director-General of the Olympic Coordination Authority and CEO of the Olympic Roads and Traffic Authority, the two bodies which delivered the "best ever" games in Sydney in 2000.

Apart from his epic contribution to the Olympics, Bob proved his organising skills in 1999 in the wake of the hailstorm that swept south Sydney suburbs from Redfern to Botany.

A year ago, the NSW Government created the office of the NSW Infrastructure Co-ordinator General and the Nation Building and Jobs Plan (State Infrastructure Delivery) Act 2009 (Nation Building Act) came into effect.

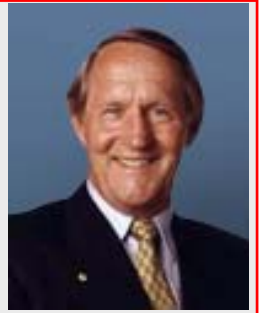


The legislation was aimed at fast tracking new infrastructure development in NSW so as to meet the Federal Government's time-frame for spending its \$42 billion economic stimulus package. The package includes a \$29 billion boost to construction activity.

As Coordinator-General, Bob Leece key responsibilities are:

- plan and oversee a programme for delivery of infrastructure projects within the timeframes required for Commonwealth funding as set out under the Nation Building and Jobs Plan
- advise on appropriate tendering and procurement procedures for the delivery of the projects within those timeframes, and
- carry out or coordinate State government agencies in delivering infrastructure projects.

Bob is a past member of the Rotary Club of Sydney.



2 March 2010

ROTARY MATTERS

ROTARY – People like you and me

105th Birthday Celebrated

From kicking a soccer ball in Cape Town, South Africa, to illuminating prominent landmarks with the End Polio Now message, Rotarians around the world on 23 February celebrated the 105th anniversary of the first Rotary club meeting.

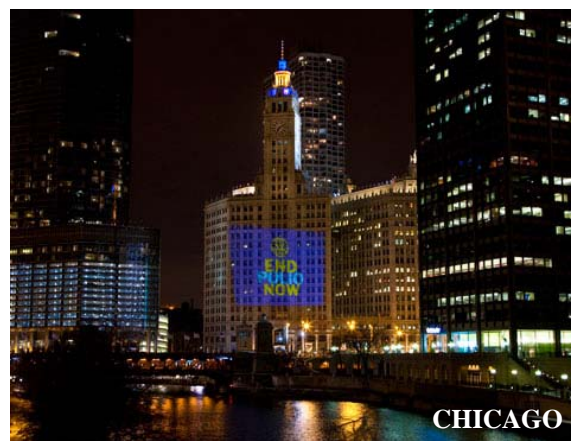
On this day in 1905, Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Hiram Shorey, and Silvester Schiele met to talk about their personal and professional experiences. Harris then unfolded his general plan for a club. Out of this simple beginning sprang the world's first international service organisation, which has now grown to include more than 1.2 million members in over 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

Rotary International helped celebrate the milestone by spelling out End Polio Now on the side of RI World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, and by lighting up the Wrigley Building in downtown Chicago. The Rotary Club of Chicago celebrated its own 105th anniversary immediately after the lighting.

Other sites illuminated include the Pyramid of Khafre in Egypt; the Taipei Arena in Taiwan; the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, Spain; the Old Port Captain's Office on the V&A Waterfront in Cape Town, with world-famous Table Mountain as the backdrop; the Obelisk of Buenos Aires, Argentina; the Lake Marathon Dam overlooking the historic Marathon Memorial Battlefield in Greece; and the Royal Palace at Caserta in Italy.



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ROTARY DISTRICT 9750

WOMEN IN ROTARY
Celebrating Women's Achievements
INAUGURAL DINNER



Wednesday 17 March 2010
Parliament House
The Stranger's Dining Room
6.30pm for 7.00pm
Cost: \$95.00 per person

Guest Speaker: Angela Catterns
ABC Broadcaster and Social Commentator

You are invited to this wonderful celebration
to participate in the inaugural awards
to women in our community.

Registrations are now open.

Please contact
Janice Hall (District Chair)
janicehall@optusnet.com.au or 0402 40 18 50.

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Post cheques to: PO Box 4057 TOWRADGI NSW 2518
Fax : (02) 4284 3951
Enquires to: (02) 4284 3951 or
conference@rotaryd9750.org.au for registration form

HURRY ALONG!

Please diarise this important and fun evening:

Rotary Club of Sydney Jewish House Function
at Jewish House Flood Street Bondi NSW 2026

Date 7.00pm Wednesday 24 March 2010

A rather special fun evening of Jewish
Food and Humour

Price to be finalised - About \$ 75 per person

Numbers limited so book early with:-
Bert Rosenberg, Joe Botta, Terry Carson, Ken
Hacker, Mark Jacobs and Paul Vertes.

What's for Lunch?

- Hot:** Braised veal shank with garlic mashed, English spinach served with sauce robert
- Dessert:** chocolate profiteroles and chocolate brownie
- Vegetarian:** Potato gnocchi in a creamy mushroom, basil sauce & grana parmesan
- Salad:** Caesar salad with prawns

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Tina Stanton - Club Projects Coordinator

Mark Dyer - Website/Administration

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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- 9 Mar Bob Leece - Infrastructure Coordinator General - NSW Premier's Office
- 16 Mar Gemma Sisia - An Australian woman in Tanzania
- 23 Mar Gabrielle Upton - Legal Counsel at the Australian Institute of Company Directors.
- 24 Mar **Jewish House Function, Flood St, Bondi**
- 30 Mar Dr Robert Frater, VP Innovation, Resmed.
- 29 April **Fiducian Annual Charity Golf Day and Dinner, Killara Golf Club**
- 1 June Max Cryer, author of "Who said that First."

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).

A detailed registration form will be placed on Sydney Rotary ClubRunner.

Golf carts are limited and if any Rotarian needs one, please let Indy or Elizabeth (Phone 8298 4600) know, so we can reserve them on priority for Rotary.

Exploring ClubRunner

The front page of your ClubRunner website has the following downloadable documents for you to peruse:

- WHY JOIN ROTARY?
- Membership Application Form
- Rotary Basics
- ShelterBox
- Rotary Means
- Sydney Rotary Projects 2009/
- Sydney Rotary Survey Results
- Patricia's Year - Presidential Report 2008/2009
- Eulogy - Late Ray Patteson
- RAWCS List of Projects requiring
- Rotary District Newsletter - March 2010
- Rotary Matters 9 March, 2010

Please check the Downloads section on ClubRunner for a list of Projects needing Volunteers - Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS)



**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.

Rotary District 9750, Club # 18206, chartered 1st May 1921

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Happy Birthday to these members:

**Patricia Harrison
Col Westman
Julian Ledger
Diana Richards**

