



# The Waratah



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## President Greg's Rap



November is the month for us to celebrate our own charity, **The Rotary Foundation** that was created

in 1917 as an endowment fund "for doing good in the world".

The Rotary Foundation supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through local, national and international humanitarian, educational and cultural activities. The Foundations programs give a value in excess of US\$100 million each year. The funds are used to support an amazing range of activities such as Group Study Exchange (GSE) teams, matching grants for international projects including our recent project in India, Rotary World Peace Scholars and of course the exceptional PolioPlus program.

Of course the Rotary Foundation can only continue to "do good in the world" if Rotarians provide financial support. Members and clubs can give to the Foundation in many ways however the **Centurion Club** established in our District is a very easy way to show your support. With an initial donation of \$100 you receive a certificate and "Centurion" pin to recognise your participation in this very worthwhile program – you are

## Curry on at Hornsby!

Varun Batra organised a fantastic night out at the Annapoorna South Indian Restaurant in Hornsby last Friday. Forty-three of us packed into an upstairs room and enjoyed a banquet of delicacies, including four starters, three mains and dessert, all for the princely sum of \$29! The pictures here and on page 2 show that a great night was had by all. Thanks Varun!



encouraged to give \$100 per year as long as you are able to do so. Of course all donations to the Rotary Foundation are fully tax deductible.

Further details on the Rotary Foundation and the Centurion Club can be found on pages 85-95 of the District Directory.

Our club has a very high level of Rotary Centurions and with just a bit more effort we could achieve our goal of 100% participation. I hope that you are able to join us in supporting this very important Rotary program.

Yours in Rotary

## This week ....



**Melbourne  
Cup  
Night**

**Chair:**  
Russell Crofts

**Attendance:**  
Megan Tilley; David Limburg

**Fellowship:**  
David Dean; Tem Elliott





### Rotary Foundation Month Polio update

In 1985 Rotary International committed to ridding the world of polio.

With the World Health Organisation, United Nations Children's Fund and the Centres for Disease Control & Prevention have immunised over 2 billion children and reduced the incidence by 99%. However, the last 1% is the biggest challenge, but to protect the children of the world and the \$US600m already contributed by Rotarians to date, we must succeed.

To commemorate its 50th anniversary, the Polio Hall of Fame will next week induct Rotary International as a member, along with our three partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

The Polio Hall of Fame was established in 1958 by the Georgia Department of Labour's Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation. Seventeen pioneering heroes in the early battle against polio were inducted into the hall, including former U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt and vaccine inventors Jonas Salk and Albert Sabin.

### More pictures from the Annapoorna



### Public Relations report

PR director, Steve Cartland, is working hard to ensure we get maximum public exposure for our Concert next month. He reminded us that PR is a valuable tool in our quest for new members.

Steve is in contact with the *St Ives Village News* and the *North Shore Times*, the two main vehicles for publicity. He has also arranged for details of our programme to be displayed in the local libraries and is distributing copies of *Rotary Down Under* to doctor's surgeries. Steve would welcome any help in identifying more surgeries which will allow us to do this. Successful PR requires us all to do our bit to promote Rotary at every opportunity.



### Thank you, Rotary!

St Edmund's is a special high school in Wahroonga, catering for students with sensory and intellectual disabilities. The school offers an individual program of study for each student, giving them the essential independence they need to transition to work. All Board of Studies subjects offered at St Edmund's revolve around work opportunities students need after school.

Recently students in the junior school chose to manage a shop they called B Plus B. It came about from the help of Rotary and RYDA, whose combined efforts helped students by providing further work opportunities. RYDA asked the students to make brochures and collate information which in turn would be given to students in all local high schools to educate them in road safety. Research tells us that education helps dramatically reduces driver injury and death.

School Principal, Judy Newbert, said that this commitment of Rotary has given St Edmund's students real life experience, various opportunities and an increased self esteem and in turn has encouraged teenagers to drive safely.





## Paul Harris said:

Whether it is that Rotary was born under a lucky star, or whether it is that its “will to be” was undeniable, the net results of the clash of ideas and ideals among the members of the first club marked the beginning of the renaissance of Rotary.



*This Rotarian Age*

## Did you know?

We often speak about the objects of Rotary, but there is in fact only one – to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis for worthy enterprise!

The wording of the object however goes on to define four areas where the object is to be applied, which we now recognise as the Four Avenues of Service – Club, Vocational, Community and International.

Note that Youth is not mentioned, as these are activities which fall within the other avenues, e.g. Youth Exchange is international. The separation of youth in Australia is simply to emphasise this specific area of service.

## RAWCS update

Peter Perry recently attended the quarterly meeting of the Eastern Region of Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) in Goulburn.

Peter contrasted the meeting with some of the meetings he attended in the Region’s early days. Then only a handful attended and the amount of money passing through the Region was only a few thousand dollars.

In the year just ended, contributions totalled \$980,000 and \$1,100,000 was paid out on the many projects the Region now supports!

The meeting was dominated this time by the passing of DIK Chief Ken Nicholls and in a tribute to his work with RAWCS, a school project in the Philippines has been named in his honour.



You can find out more about the Eastern Region at [www.rotary.org.au/rawcseastern](http://www.rotary.org.au/rawcseastern), or you can attend one of the quarterly meetings to hear first hand what is going on.

## Last week ...

Faye Yarroll told us about here experience as a recipient of two cochlear implants and the profound effect it has had on her life.



Faye was born with severe hereditary hearing loss and had to cope with two hearing aids from an early age. She learnt to lip read and develop her memory, both of which served her very well.

Life changed when she received her first implant in 2005. She was selected to receive the latest version of the implant and showed us a sample of the implant and the receiver she wears behind her ear. The implant stimulates nerves within the ear, whereas a normal hearing aid simply amplifies sound. The “big day” is three weeks after the operation when the implant is switched on. Implants cost \$30,000 each, but last a lifetime. Fays said words cannot properly express the gratitude she feels towards Cochlear and Prof. Bill Gibson, her surgeon - it has been a wonderful experience.

## District Conference



Registration forms for the Newcastle Conference are now available from President Greg. There are three packages available – 4 days @ \$340, 3 days @ \$290 and 2 days @ \$240. There are special reduced rates if you want to bring any non-Rotarian/partner guests.

Accommodation is of course extra. We have reserved 15 rooms at the Travelodge, Steel Street, Newcastle, at \$145 per night. We have provisional bookings for 12 of these and will probably need one for

YES Doriane. We should be able to get more rooms if necessary, but, in any case, we will need to firm up the reservations in a couple of weeks.

We strongly recommend that newer members in particular should experience a District Conference, which is guaranteed to fire up your enthusiasm for Rotary in a very entertaining environment.



## Attendance Report – Wk 18

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Members present</b> | <b>28</b> |
| Members' Partners      | 1         |
| Other Guests           | 4         |
| <b>Total Present</b>   | <b>33</b> |
| <b>Total Members</b>   | <b>52</b> |
| Attendance – week      | 61.2%     |
| Attendance – year      | 66.0%     |
| Members on LoA         | 1         |

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### Celebrations

**Birthdays:** Nov 6 – Don Thomson; Nov 7 – Chris de Zylva; Nov 8 – Grahame Rivett

**Club Anniversary:** Nov 10 – John Steel (2004)



### Other diary dates

- Saturday 8 Nov:** RotarACTIVE Bush Dance and CEROC (modern jive). West Pymble Community Hall. Contact: Katie on 0413 310 053.
- Sunday 23 Nov:** Shopping Centre Booth. Contact: Margaret Dean
- Saturday 6 Dec:** Popular Classics Concert, Centenary Centre, Ravenswood School, Cecil Street, Gordon. Tickets \$45 (\$40 concession)
- Thursday 11 Dec:** Combined Service Clubs Carols, Christ Church, St Ives. Contact: John Isaacs
- Thursday 12 – Sunday 15 Mar 2009:** District Conference, Newcastle
- Wednesday 22 Apr – Friday 1 May 2009:** Tour of Tasmania with Gourmet Garden Tours. Contact: Anne Thompson

### Next Week ...

#### Rotary E-club One



- Chair:** David Dean
- VOT:** Derek Molloy
- Attendance:** Don Murphy; Steve Cartland
- Fellowship:** John Isaacs; Surya Patel

### Donations in Kind



Following the sad passing of PDG Ken Nicholls, who ran the DIK operation for the RAWCS Eastern Region for the past 10 years, please note that all communications regarding DIK should in future be addressed to Miriam Jacka, who is the new DIK Chief. Her contact details are: 9624 6592 or 0450 110 336 – email miriam.jacka@hotmail.com

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INNOVATIONS

### Future programme

(Changes are underlined)

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| <b>19 Nov</b> | <u>Kuringgai Youth Development Scheme</u> Speaker: <u>David Citer</u><br>Chair: Gordon W King VOT: Barry Barnes<br><i>Duties: Geoff Fallow; Gordon R King; Bev Paton; Chris de Zylva</i> |
| <b>26 Nov</b> | French Night Speaker: Doriane Bennet<br>Chair: John Steel VOT: Anne Thomson<br><i>Duties: Margaret Dean; Tim Wilson; Deirdre Agnew; Lindsay Smith</i>                                    |
| <b>3 Dec</b>  | <u>University Daze</u> Speaker: <u>John Lanser</u><br><u>Chair: Peter Perry</u> VOT: Tem Elliott<br><i>Duties: Roger Corbin; Chris White; John Tainsh; Paul Gratien</i>                  |

Please indicate your apology or your intention to bring guests by 6pm Monday by email to: [attend@stivesrotary.asn.au](mailto:attend@stivesrotary.asn.au). Those on duty are reminded that the task includes set up/pull down of the meeting regalia. If you cannot make a duty, it is **YOUR** responsibility to find a replacement.

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