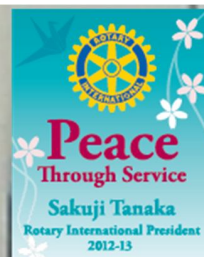




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Monday March 25

Anne Harcombe – Dress for Success

Monday April 8

Gary Musgrave from Cancer Council NSW

Monday April 15

An expose of the current work of the Royal Flying Doctor Service - Greg Woodward.

Duty Roster

Next Meeting - Monday 25 March		Following Meeting – Monday 8 April	
Speaker Host	Barry Freeman	Speaker Host	Clive Denmark
Night Reporter	Larry Jacka	Night Reporter	Barry Lambert
Front Desk	David Turnbull	Front Desk	Ian Roberts
Front Desk	Ian Roberts	Front Desk	Ros Savio
Steward	Col Wright	Steward	John Fletcher
Steward	Bob Myer	Steward	Peter Cleary
Photographer	Steve Baker/Ross Ballinger	Photographer	Steve Baker/Ross Ballinger

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Upcoming Events

Monday April 1 Easter – no meeting	Saturday April 13 DIK Working Bee - Minchinbury
Tuesday April 2 Working Bee Warrah	Monday April 22 Anzac Meeting with Larry Jacka

Meetings

Monday 6.30pm for 7.00pm – Springfield House – 245 New Line Road, Dural. <http://www.rotarydistrict9680.org.au>
Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Inc. PO Box 103 West Pennant Hills 2125 Australia

APOLOGIES: If you are unable to attend or are bringing a guest (even if they are your partner) you must notify Jilda.
Phone 9439 1422 or email accounts@lhogroup.com.au before 11am on the day of the meeting.

****If you are expected and do not show you may be required to pay for the meal****

Presidents Report



Nine of us attended District Conference (David & Jill, Barry & Joany, Clive & Jenny, Miska, Bev & I) and just prior to the meeting all the men marched into Springfield dressed in our costume for the Saturday night. The theme was "A Night at the Museum" so we dressed as Knights. We won the 1st prize of the night, "Closest to Theme" award. In addition, there was a paper plane contest, and out of the 50 or so entrants, our Miska had the winning entry – his won by a huge margin. The conference was more than just fun, and I'll talk a bit about that later.

At our meeting of 18th March our guest speaker was Steven Caruthers, a naval historian, talking on "The First Salvo" when Sydney Harbour was invaded on 31st May 1942 by three Japanese midget subs. The talk was very informative, and disclosed information that was kept from the public at the time. The remains of the submarine which fired it's torpedoes in the harbour was only discovered in 2006, and although it is located 1cm short of 3 miles

off the Northern Beaches (State Government domain) the Federal Govt has taken responsibility of this protected site. I could go on, as Steven did, his presentation was mesmerising. The members all wanted him to keep going, so we finished the meeting at 9pm, with member agreement. Steven's book is "Japanese Submarine Raiders, 1942" which he had on sale for a discounted \$20.

We have agreed to host an exchange student from Norway. Her name is Vilde Christine Sollien, she arrives mid July and her 17th birthday is 15th August. Tom has agreed to be her Club Counsellor, and so far we have two host families (Rosemary & Rob Clarke and Christine & Rob Ferguson) and expect next years outbound to be a third. We need one more host family for three months. Miska is Bev's and my ninth student and being a host family is a greatly rewarding experience. If you would like to know more about what is involved, just talk to me.

Barry Lambert is liaising with Bunnings to organise a painting working bee for Warrah. On Tuesday 2nd April we are painting with people from Bunnings, and on a weekend after that our Club will finish off the job (Barry has yet to finalise this). Please bear this in mind now, so that we have lots of support for this worthwhile community project.

District Conference last weekend was in Nowra held at a very new conference centre which worked extremely well. DG John informed us that the centre manager was using our conference as a model for promoting to other organisations. We had an excellent dinner on the Friday night where the GSE team from Turkey was introduced, as were members of the outgoing GSE team. Our guest speaker was Richard Saunders, an international sceptic. He spoke of "paranormal" events, such as spoon bending and talking to the dead as you would expect a sceptic to do, something along the lines that people believe they see/hear what is expected. He then used that positioning to talk about anti-vaccination which is a trend being experienced at home (some people prefer to get measles rather than take the vaccine) as well as overseas with difficulties faced to complete the Polio project.

Saturday was the main day of conference. DG John Dodd opened the conference, our last as D9680. He introduced RIPPR (Rotary International Presidents Personal Representative) Bhichai Rattakul from Thailand who gave a very interesting talk (he was personally involved in the elimination of land mines in Cambodia). His first conference in Australia was in 1966 at Manly and he has since been impressed with Rotary in Australia. His message was well received with a standing ovation.

During the day we had many speakers. There was a four way test debate between a student from Cheltenham Girls High School and one from Brigidine College of St Ives – a brilliant demonstration. We had three worthy vocational excellence recipients. Our RIPPR spoke on the issues within Rotary, of declining membership and his view that we need to get back to basics AND reduce bureaucracy within Rotary HQ. I thought we were doing the latter, but he gave examples of going the wrong way. Saturday night was brilliant. It was held at the Fleet Air Arm Museum just out of Nowra, a large hanger type building containing historic aircraft from Sopwith Camels to helicopters used in the Vietnam war. We could explore the museum, the meal was excellent, dancing, and as detailed above, we were successful with our costumes. A perfect evening.

Sunday was a mix of business and presentations. It was announced that the 2014 District (D9685) conference will be a one dayer on 23rd Feb 2014 in Chatswood. This is mainly because the Rotary International Conference will be held in Sydney 1-4 June 2014. I strongly recommend you think of attending this RI conference, and /or offering to be a volunteer of some form. You will hear a lot more about the RI conference over the many months in its lead up.

Just a reminder that we have a working bee at DIK (Donations in Kind) on Sat 13th April, I will be asking for volunteers shortly.

Our next meeting of 25th Mar is a partner's night with speaker Anne Harcombe – "Dress for Success". I will see you there.

President Bob Davison

Night Report

Sergeant Ros opened the meeting and introduced President Bob.

President Bob introduced Stephen Carruthers, our guest speaker who would talk later about the Japanese midget submarine attack on Sydney Harbour.

President Bob then outlined the details of the Rotary District Conference, held over the previous weekend. President Bob and 8 others from our Club attended and enjoyed the content and the hospitality. We, of course came away with a prize for the Saturday night dress up.

Miska gave a brief rundown on his activities over the last week including Conference, his winning throw in the paper plane competition and the fact that he has moved abode and is now living with Bob and Bev.

Graham Cuthbertson then formally introduced the guest speaker Stephen Carruthers and discussed his background.

Stephen then proceeded to outline the details of the midget submarine attack on Sydney Harbour and talked generally on other issues associated with Japanese submarines in Australian waters.

In May and June 1942 the war was brought home to Australians on the east coast when the Japanese attacked Sydney Harbour from the sea.

In the late afternoon of 31 May 1942 three Japanese submarines, sitting about seven nautical miles out

from Sydney Harbour, each launched a Type A midget submarine for an attack on shipping in Sydney Harbour. The night before, submarine I-24 had launched a small floatplane that flew over the harbour, its crew spotting a prize target – an American heavy cruiser, the USS **Chicago**. The Japanese hoped to sink this warship and perhaps others anchored in the harbour.

After launching the three two-man midget submarines, the three mother submarines moved to a new position off Port Hacking to await the return of the six submariners sent into the harbour. They would wait there until 3 June.

As is now history, one submarine was caught in the boom nets and destroyed, one was located in Taylors Bay and destroyed and one fired 2 torpedos at USS **Chicago** but missed and hit the converted ferry HMAS Kuttabul, with the loss of 19 Australian and 2 British lives.

This submarine then managed to escape and the whereabouts were unknown until November 2006, when the mystery was solved as divers discovered the wreck of the submarine off Sydney's northern beaches in 54 metres of water. We will probably never know if Lieutenant Ban and his navigator, Petty Officer Ashibe Mamoru intended to rejoin their 'mother' submarine or whether they had no intention of returning and simply scuttled their vessel. It may well have drifted up the coast, with currents until reaching its' final resting place.

The vessel is now a 'war grave' and is protected, although vandals have managed to remove the propeller. In total Japanese submarines sunk 21 ships off the Australian coast with the loss of 671 lives.

A most interesting talk, which was enjoyed by members.

Night Reporter David Turnbull

Photos from the Last Meeting

President Bob proudly showing the first prize Trophy from the District Conference



Grahame Cuthbertson Introducing the Guest Speaker Steven Carruthers



Photos from the 2013 District Conference

The 'Knights of the Museum'



All the Knights, young and old





Report from Bethany Ferguson in Denmark

Hej!

The past month has been amazing and hectic here! I am going to try and sum it all up because so much has happened!

On the 20th of February my sister, Kate, came to visit me here in the wonderful, cold land of Denmark. She is currently studying at Norwich University in England so she only had to travel about 3 hours, which is awesome. She arrived Wednesday afternoon, so I met her in the city after school and showed her around the town a little bit, but we were both tired so we decided to go home so Kate could meet the family.

On Thursday 21st Feb: Kate came to school with me :) I loved my new friends meeting my big sister because she is such an important part of my life, and for her to see and understand exactly what happens most days. After the first two classes my counsellor picked us both up and we went to a Rotary meeting, where Kate met more Danes! After that Inge picked us up and we drove out to Jellington where we saw a famous and old boulder and two hills where in one of them the first King of Denmark is buried and in the second is his wife.

Friday 22nd Feb: Kate and I took the day off and took a train 30mins north to a city called Århus where

we spent the day. As soon as we got there we went straight to the AROS Museum. We only spent 1 and half hour there, but we could have easily spent longer because there are so many different exhibitions and interesting art works to look at. Some of the most well known artworks in the museum is 'Boy' which is a 5 meters tall sculpture. Another famous part of the museum is the Rainbow panorama, which shows a beautiful view of Århus through different coloured windows.

Then we went to The Old Town which is a town with all old buildings put together and it looks like an actual old 1800's town. After walking around there for a bit we went shopping together which was really fun.

Saturday 23rd Feb: Inge, Arild, Kate and I went to Copenhagen for the day! We went on a VIP tour inside the Parliament House – more like a castle – and had tea in the private office with one of the Parliament members. We also saw the changing of the guards at the Queens Palace, took a photo with the Little Mermaid statue which is a popular attraction in Copenhagen and saw many churches, museums and old buildings. Overall it was a lovely day.

On Sunday it was time to say goodbye to Kate and send her back to England. I was not as sad as I thought I would be when I was saying goodbye because it happened pretty fast, but I did feel her presence missing when I went home.

After a crazy week with Kate it was nice just to go back to school and back to "normal". Everyday spending time at school, getting to know my classmates more and doing the work that I can do.

Tuesday afternoon my friend Camilla came over, and together we cooked. The past few weeks I have really been focusing on making great friendships with my peers and meeting HEAPS of new people. After a crazy week with Kate it was nice just to go back to school and back to "normal". Everyday spending time at school, getting to know my classmates more and doing the work that I can do.

Tuesday afternoon my friend Camilla came over, and together we cooked food for 100 people, because on Thursday night my host mum and a few others were making dinner for the church service in the town. It was a really nice night and I enjoyed having a fun, easy night.

The rest of the week flew by, and before I knew it, it was Friday and I was leaving for the train to go to Lalandia for the weekend. The Rotarians had planned a 'get2gether' for all the exchange students in Denmark, newbies and oldies. There were about 200 of us altogether and got to spend the weekend at a water theme park/activity place. It is not like any of the parks in Australia so it is hard to explain, but it was a lot of fun and I loved meeting all the oldies and hearing all their "wisdom" and stories!

After a full-on weekend of not sleeping much, getting blisters on my feet from ice skating so much, dropping a bowling ball on my foot and laughing so much my stomach hurt, it was time for everyone to say goodbye and go home. But not for me. After the get2gether my friend generously let me stay at her house in Copenhagen until it was time to meet my class at the Copenhagen Airport, to fly to England!

Last week I spent the whole week in Manchester, England with my class from school for study trip. Throughout the week we went to many different museums, visited a High School, Old Trafford and shopping. Two girls had their birthday in England and it was great to celebrate that with them and see what they do for a birthday. During the week, I made it my own personal goal to talk to everyone in the class and find out something about them. I found that after I asked them about them, they thought I was interested in the Danish ways, and they were easier to talk to and more open which was nice.

Once I got back from England on Friday the 8th March, everything went back to it's normal, busy self. Now I have the major assignment I have to do as well as do some presentations in other English classes

about Australia. I have already done one yesterday, and I think it went really well, as afterwards they seemed interested and asked many questions.

Every week someone new from my Rotary club invites me to spend time with them and usually to meet their family and last night I got invited to a gentleman named Jørn's house for dinner and then I went with his son who is 15 years old to his Scouts meeting. I had never been to a Scouts meeting before this and I did not know what to expect, but it was great. They were studying all about being healthy and one of the topics was about your muscles and so we went as a group to this old ladies house, which specializes in therapy massages. We got shown how to massage properly and then all received a massage, which was well needed! It was lovely to meet his family and I cannot wait to meet more people and see how they live.

Bethany

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Anniversaries - 24 March - Jim and Dianne Simpson
 - 2 April - Douglas and Kaija Lam

Birthdays - none this week

Food for Thought



1. Money cannot buy happiness but...somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Mercedes Benz than it is on a bicycle.
2. Forgive your enemy, but remember his name.
3. Help a man when he is in trouble and he will remember you when he is in trouble again.
4. Many people are alive only because it's illegal to shoot them.
5. Alcohol doesn't solve any problems, but then neither does milk.

Contributed by Rob Hamer

Humour



My son came home from University and I asked him, "How are things going?"

He said, "Good"

I said, "And the professors?"

He said "Good."

I said, "They have always had a good football team there. How do you think they will do this year?"

He said "Good."

I said, "Have you decided on your optional course this year?"

He said, "Yes"

I said, "What is it?"

He said, "Communications,"

		Club Program 2012-2014	RED YES = PARTNERS on a meeting night.	
		Updated 21/03/2013 by RWH	Tentative date hold only	
Mar-13		Literacy Month		
Mon	25	Anne Harcombe - Dress for Success	Yes	Rob Hamer
Apr-13		Magazine Month		
Mon	1	Easter Monday - No meeting		
Tue	2	Working Bee at Warrah School (painting)		Bob Davison
Mon	8	Gary Musgrave - Cancer Council NSW		Rob Hamer
Wed	10	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.		
Sat	13	DIK Working Bee. Minchinbury	Yes	Bob Davison
Sun	14	District Assembly - for the new committee		Clive Denmark
Mon	15	An expose of the current work of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Greg Woodward. Confirmed 01/12/2012		Rob Hamer
Mon	22	Anzac Meeting - our own Larry Jacka on Albert Jacka VC, MC and Bar.	Yes	Rob Hamer
Thu	25	ANZAC DAY		
Mon	29	The Kimberley at the Crossroads - Lynn McColl - The Wilderness Society Sydney. confirmed 06/12/2012		Rob Hamer
May-13		Community Service Month		
Mon	6	Youth Night - Reporting on their MUNA experience.		Rosemary Clarke
Wed	8	Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home. Combined current and incoming Boards		Bob/Clive
Mon	13	Club's (26th) Anniversary meeting (Past Members night).	Yes	Ross Ballinger
Mon	20	Philip Smith - ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) presentation		Rob Hamer
Sun	26	Red Shield Appeal doorknock	Yes	Bob Davison
Mon	27	David Rosenberg - Inside Pine Gap: The Spy Who Came In From The Desert - confirmed 06/12/2012		Rob Hamer
Jun-13		Rotary Fellowship Month		
Mon	3	Youth Debate		Rosemary Clarke
Mon	10	Public Holiday - No meeting		
Mon	10	BBQ Bunnings Thornleigh.	Yes	Barry Lambert
Wed	12	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.		
Mon	17	Pride of Workmanship Awards	Yes	Peter Cleary
Mon	24	Ian Faulks - Australia's road safety performance: Seat belts, RBT, and speed cameras - so why are people still dying? . Confirmed 10/12/2012		
Fri	28	Changeover Dinner The Epping Club		Bob/Clive

Please don't forget to book an outing, dinner or activity with Miska
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Miska's Family of the Week Program

2012-2013			
Week Ending Friday	Host Family	Planned Activities	Miska with You
April/May	Davison	Safari briefing – St Albans Anglican Church – Lindfield -TBC	
Sun 5 May – Sat 25 May	Davison	Safari - Confirmed	
15 June	Davison	Farewell to students - TBC	

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