

## President's report



It was good to see a positive role up for the AGM. The meeting accepted the new Constitution but the By-Laws created a lively discussion around President Elect Colin's proposed board structure. While the meeting decided to basically leave our club structure unchanged the discussion shows that our members are thinking about the club and are interested in the management structure needed to help the club go forward.
My congratulations to the new board members elected and I believe the team President Elect Colin has put together will be successful.
We have had a very good, and for me enjoyable, first six months, our fundraising has achieved more than $\$ 30,000$ and thanks to Colin McGowan our insurance claim has been settled in our favour. We have sent a cheque for $\$ 25,000$ to the Rotary Bush Fire Fund in Victoria and our 2 immediate past presidents are looking to distribute $\$ 9000$ each to their selected charities, I will announce the fund recipients at our next meeting. We are preparing a major event for the club on the $14^{\text {th }}$ February for these donations to be made so please put it in your diary together with the combined zone meeting at Springfield on Tuesday $22^{\text {nd }}$.
To start the New Year there is our informal meeting on 8th January at Geranium Cottage with the Club Assembly meeting being on the $17^{\text {th }}$. Our Mother's Day raffle is kicking off on $5^{\text {th }}$ February with a very busy February program with a Warrah working bee, Chiara's Kosciusko adventure, Ronald McDonald House, Nordby Picnic and our Book Fair in Early March. We are
starting the year running so look at your program to keep in touch.

Graham

## At our last meeting - 6 December 2010

AGM opened a bit late however that must be accepted due to the importance of the night. Directors' reports were short: Alan P reminded us of our commitments for next meeting and Kris Kringle.
Tim Bo is looking for painters (verb) for the containers next Sat. please contact him if you are available.
Bob D reminded us of his DIK session on Sat also, he has enough starters so if you're free grab your paint brush.
Tom updated us on RYPEN which Clive has been working tirelessly on to have 68 attendees booked out of a max of 72, TOP JOB CLIVE. Also Tom has wine available for Christmas off the back of the ute.
Col Mc advised he attended Cherrybrook Public School to participate in an Awards presentation at which he presented a cheque of $\$ 1000$ to the school from the club.
Brian asked if all those who haven't returned the gifts for Galston Meals on Wheels could they do so next Monday. The Tree of Joy now has all the cards out so it's progressing well.

We enjoyed our dinner then the AGM got under way with proceedings run by Keith and minutes by Bob D.

Elections for officers was held
President Elect for 12/13 Rob Hamer For 11/12

Secretary Barry Lambert
Treasurer Bob Davison
Board
Carol Russell
Trish Bell
Tony Makin
Tim Bowland
Clive Denmark
Rosemary Clark
AGM closed @ 9.08pm and we proceeded to normality with the raffle won by Tim Bi .
Heads and tails we were all out so the club won a bottle of white.
No sergeant's session due to the late hour.
Night reporter - Peter Cleary

Draft minutes from the AGM (Minus financials and individual Directors report) attached at the rear of this Bulletin.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



Tuesday 14 December 2010 Alison and Tim Bowland

Saturday 18 December 2010 Marilyn and Greg Pidgeon

Lyn and Bob Myers
Thursday 23 December 2010
Tuesday 28 December 2010
Margaret and Graham Evans
Saturday 8 January 2011
Anne and Rob Wansbrough
Thursday 13 January 2011 Jo and Hany Gerges


Birthdays


Tuesday 21 Dec 2010 - Ross Ballinger
Wednesday 22 Dec 2110 - Rob Hamer
Friday 24 Dec 2010 - Anne Wansbrough
Tuesday 28 Dec 2010 - Lynne Henderson
Tuesday 28 Dec 2010 - Jo Gerges
Wednesday 29 Dec 2010 - Helen Lambert
Friday 31 Dec 2010 - Pamela Makin
Friday 7 Jan 2010 - Cawas Sahukar
Wednesday 12 Jan 2010 - Alison Bowland
Sunday 16 Jan 2010 - Rosemary Clarke

## Chiara's Family of the week

Every member is encouraged to invite Chiara out with them, if weekends are a problem or are booked then a meal during the week.
Please send your invitations via Tim and Alison who will update the spreadsheet and publish it on a regular basis.

| Chiara Giacomin (Italy) |  |  |  |
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| Family of the week program |  |  |  |
| Week <br> Ending <br> Sun | Host Family | Planned Activities | Chiara with You |
| 12 Dec | Bickford |  |  |
| 18 Dec | Bickford | Christmas Party Dinner Dance |  |
| 19 Dec | Bickford |  |  |
| 26 Dec | Bickford | With Mum and Dad |  |
| 2 Jan | Bickford | With Mum and Dad |  |
| 9 Jan | Bickford | With Mum and Dad |  |
| 16 Jan | Bickford | camping with Bickfords | Bickford |
| 23 Jan | Bickford | camping with Bickfords | Bickford |
| 30 Jan | Bickford |  |  |
| 6 Feb | Bickford | Rowing | Clarkes |
| 13 Feb | Savio | Kosciusko walk | Club |
| 20 Feb | Savio |  |  |
| 27 Feb | Savio | 25-27 Feb Umina Beach (Umina RC) | Umina Beach R.C. |
| 6 Mar | Savio |  |  |
| 13 Mar | Savio | Singapore with Savios | Savio |
| 20 Mar | Savio | 18-20 March Conference Canberra |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 19-26 } \\ & \text { Mar } \end{aligned}$ | Savio | With Savio's over Easter |  |
| 27 Mar | Savio | 25 March safari |  |
| 3 April | Savio | Safari | NA |
| 10 April | Savio | Safari | NA |
| 17 April | Savio | Safari | NA |
| 24 April | Savio |  |  |
| 1 May | Savio |  |  |
| 8 May | Davison |  |  |
| 15 May | Davison |  |  |
| 22 May | Davison | Week in city | Davison |
| 29 May | Davison |  |  |
| 5 June | Davison | Farewell to Students Function |  |
| 12 June | Davison |  |  |
| 19 | Davison |  |  |


| June |  |  |  |
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| 26 <br> June | Davison |  |  |
| 3 July | Davison |  |  |
| 10 July | Davison |  |  |

## Youth Exchange Christmas Party



If you would like to attend this great event see the form at the end of this Bulletin

Food for thought
From a retired and respected member of the Courts.

Dear Julia,
Let's put the seniors in jail and the criminals in a nursing home. This way the seniors would have access to showers, hobbies and walks. They'd receive unlimited free prescriptions, dental and medical treatment, wheel chairs etc and they'd receive money instead of paying it out. They would have constant video
monitoring, so they could be helped instantly, if they fell or needed assistance.

Bedding would be washed twice a week, and all clothing would be ironed and returned to them. A guard would check on them every 20 minutes and bring their meals and snacks to their cell.

They would have family visits in a suite built for that purpose. They would have access to a library, weight room, spiritual counseling, pool and education.

Simple clothing, shoes, slippers, PJ's and legal aid would be free, on request. Private, secure! rooms for all, with an exercise outdoor yard, with gardens. Each senior could have a PC, a TV, radio and daily phone calls.

There would be a board of directors to hear complaints, and the guards would have a code of conduct that would be strictly adhered to.

The "criminals" would get cold food, be left all alone and unsupervised. Lights off at 8 pm , and showers once a week. Live in a tiny room and pay $\$ 900.00$ per month and have no hope of ever getting out.

Justice for all we say.
Contributed by Rod Crosweller

## Political Humour

(The attitude reflected below is not necessarily that of the Editor who absolves himself of all such Political comment)

An airplane was about to crash; there were 5 passengers on board, but only 4 parachutes.

The first passenger said, "I am President Obama, the chosen one. The world needs me, I can't afford to die." So he took the first parachute and left the aircraft.

The second passenger, Julia Gillard, said, "I am the prime Minister of Australia and I am the smartest woman in Australian history,
so Australian people don't want me to die." She took the second parachute and jumped out of the aircraft.

The third passenger, Bob Brown, said, "I'm the leader of the Australian Greens and the nation needs my guidance and my boyfriend would miss me." So he grabbed the parachute next to him and jumped.

The fourth passenger, ex-PM John Howard, said to the fifth passenger, a 10-year-old schoolgirl, "I have lived a full life, and served my country the best I could. I will

|  |  | Clulb Programe 2010-2011 | All Program Changes thru Colin |
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| McG (7 Dec 2010) |  |  |  |

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| Mon | 28 | Youth Night -RYPEN, RYLA, NYSF reports | Yes | Tom Westcott |
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| Mar-11 |  | Literacy Month |  |  |
| Mon | 7 | Friends of Botanic Gardens- Deryl Mason (or following Mon) | Yes |  |
| Wed | 9 | Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 |  | Bob Dvson resid |
| Frid | 11 | Our Clubs First Book Fair (starts 12 noon, Uniting Church, NLRd, Cbrook) | Yes |  |
| Sat | 12 | Book Fair (start 8am) and PETS Training with Canberra District | Yes |  |
| Mon | 14 | Meeting |  |  |
| Frid | 18 | District Conference, Canberra- ACT NOW-Take the Lead- Keynote Speaker Jack Thompson | Yes | Colin McGowan |
| Sat | 19 | District Conference, Canberra- ACT NOW-Take the Lead | Yes |  |
| Sun | 20 | District Conference, Canberra- ACT NOW-Take the Lead | Yes |  |
| Mon | 21 | Meeting |  |  |
| Sat | 26 | Hills Home Show BBQ Fund Raiser (Also PETS Meeting) | Yes | Carol Russell |
| Sun | 27 | Hills Home Show BBQ Fund Raiser | Yes |  |
| Mon | 28 | Meeting |  |  |
| Apr-11 |  | Magazine Month |  |  |
| Mon | 4 | Meeting |  |  |
| Sat | 9 | District Assembly for new directors (tbc) |  |  |
| Mon | 11 | Meeting |  |  |
| Wed | 13 | Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 |  | Tim Bowland resid |
| Mon | 18 | Meeting |  |  |
| Sat | 23 | Bunnings Thornleigh BBQ (Easter Sat) | Yes | Barry Lambert |
| Mon | 25 | No Meeting- Anzac Day and Easter Mon |  |  |
| Tues | 26 | Lions Anzac Day dinner (tbc) | Yes |  |
| May-11 |  | Community Month |  |  |
| Sun | 1 | Last day of the trailer raffle. Mothers Day Sun 8th |  |  |
| Mon | 2 | International Night + Raffle Draw for Trailer Raffle |  | Tim Bowland |
| Sat | 7 | Australian Rotary Health Day at Rosehill Races (if is same as last year) tba | Yes | C Russell C Wright |
| Mon | 9 | Ross Ballinger past members night |  | Ross Ballinger |
| Wed | 11 | Combined Club Board Meeting at 7.30 Thornleigh |  | Thornleigh |
| Sat | 14 | Weekend away- absolute highlight of the year | Yes | Carol/Prue |
| Sun | 15 | Weekend away- absolute highlight of the year | Yes | Carol/Prue |
| Mon | 16 | Meeting |  |  |
| Mon | 23 | Meeting- Community Service Presentation |  | Dick Bushell |
| Sun | 29 | Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal (tbc) |  | Dick Bushell |
| Mon | 30 | Vocational Awards | Yes | Rosemary Clarke |
| Jun-11 |  | Rotary Fellowship Month |  |  |
| Mon | 6 | Final Presentation of Swiss Exchange Student Chiara Giocomin | Yes |  |
| Wed | 8 | Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm |  | CMcG residence |
| Sun | 10 | Bunnings Thornleigh BBQ |  | Barry Lambert |

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| Mon | 13 | Queens Birthday Pub Hol |  |  |
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| Mon | 20 | Youth - Art Competition Prizegiving | Yes | Tom Westcott |
| Fri | 24 | Club Changeover Dinner- Epping Club | Yes | CM/GC |
| Mon | 27 | No Meeting (on first meeting Day after Changeover) |  |  |

Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2009/2010<br>Venue: Springfield House, Old Northern Road, Dural Monday 6th December 2010

President Graham called the meeting to order at 7.05 pm stating that the primary purpose of the AGM is to agree the proposed changes to the Constitution and the Bylaws, followed by the election of office bearers for 2011/2012. He then proceeded with general Rotary business not specific to the AGM which was recorded and published in the Club Bulletin for the meeting, and not in these AGM minutes.

At 7:45pm Pres. Graham invited Secretary Keith Ball to run the AGM. Larry was appointed the Returning Officer, and Bob Davison the minute taker for the AGM. He confirmed that we have a quorum ( 33 of 47 members in attendance) and advised that we need a minimum $75 \%$ affirmative to carry a motion.

Keith presented the 2009/2010 AGM minutes for acceptance - accepted by Rob Hamer, seconded by Bob Davison.

## Review of the Constitution

The RI Council on Legislation meets every three years to review the Rotary constitution. Keith has put our Club Name and details to this constitution, which we are otherwise required to adopt (as distributed to the members). A motion was moved by Larry Jacka and seconded by Rob Hamer that the revised constitution, as proposed, be accepted. This was put to a vote by the members: 33 in favour, nil against. Adoption of the Constitution was carried.

## Review of the Club Bylaws.

Wesley Koni has completed his education and the bylaw providing financial support to Wesley was deleted.
RI had proposed changes to the Bylaws in the area of Board members, committees and roles. Our Board had reviewed these at the November Board meeting to increase the possible members on the board from 6 directors to 9, and keep the officers unchanged, such that the Board could be increased from 11 to 14 . Other changes proposed by RI were non contentious, and incorporated.

There was much discussion from the members around the changes to the Board.
Dick Bushell presented a case against the proposed increase in the Board members. In his experience we used to have 4 directors which was increased to 6 . To increase this further
makes the Board unwieldy. Dick had general agreement to his objection and agreed to present an amendment to the Bylaws.
Brian Furrer referred to the terms of leadership committee and operational committee as used in the Bylaws (they are not defined). We are an operational club, and that is where our Board should be focussed. The Pres Elect (PE) should take the proposed Services Director role to gain experience working with the five avenues of service to assist in his Presidency year. Hence this Director position is not required. International Director could take the Foundation role. The Bylaws should support our Club that is activity focused.

Pres Graham then discussed the Club visit by DG George Papallo where the proposed RI Board structure was discussed. The proposed Projects Director rather than individual directors for each avenue of service was devised for very large clubs in the US, and may not suit our clubs requirements. We were encouraged to determine the structure which works best for us.
Our Board resisted the RI push towards the new (proposed) board structure over the past two years. The Bylaws have been drafted to give us maximum flexibility as our needs and member skills change.

At this point, Keith conceded that the wording of the proposed Bylaws may not be ideal towards this intent. He felt that limiting the board to have 6 directors could be acceptable if the PE \& Board Elect has total flexibility as to how these Board positions are assigned.

Pres Elect Colin then explained that the larger Board is a two edged sword. District prefers a smaller Board, the current Board wants flexibility to have a larger Board. He agreed that the Projects Director should be the Pres Elect. He proposed we have the flexibility to increase the Board up to 14 to give us more focus on the avenues of service, and more flexibility to future boards. In 2011/2012 he was proposing to increase the Board only by 1 to include Foundation and Public relations (as one portfolio). If need be then we could consider separate Admin and operational Board meetings.

David Turnbull expressed concern that by increasing the size of the Board it becomes unwieldy, and we should not consider separate admin and operational Board meetings. The Board should function as one integrated team directed by the President, as it functions today. The structure of the Board isn't broken - so why try to fix it?

Several other members also expressed the view that the current Board structure with 6 directors functions very well. It was also agreed that we can appoint operational committees independent of the board, and as many as we choose - these are not limited by the Bylaws. Hence there was a general concensus that the current Board structure having 6 directors was preferred.

Dick then proposed an amendment to the Bylaws that reduced the Directors from 9 to 6, appointed roles "in consultation with" the Directors Elect. The list of committees was retained initially, and that any club member could be appointed to chair a committee.

Both Tim Bowland and Colin Baxter proposed that we retain the current Bylaws, and just remove the reference to Wesley.
Pres Graham then stated that we should not list the committees in the Bylaws, as currently and as proposed.

The final conclusion was that Dick produced an amendment which was recorded by Bob and then read out to the meeting.
The amendment, as proposed by Dick, was seconded by Graeme Yeates.
It was carried on a member vote: 27 For, 4 Against, 2 Abstain.
Further it was proposed to modify the amendment so as to remove the naming of the committees, and that the Pres Elect, in consultation with the Directors Elect, will define the committees. The term Directors Elect was changed to Board Elect. This modified amendment was proposed by Pres Graham, seconded by Barry Lambert.
The modified amendment was carried on a member vote: 32 For, 1 Against.
The modified amendment to the proposed Bylaws so carried is:
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## Bylaws Article 2: Board of Directors

The committee of management, being the governing body of this club pursuant to article 10 of the constitution shall be known as "the board of directors" and shall consist of up to 11 members of this club, namely, no more than 6 directors elected in accordance with article 3, section 1, of these bylaws, the president, president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and the immediate past president.

## Bylaws Article 3: Election of Directors and Officers <br> Section 1

(a) At a regular meeting one month prior to the annual general meeting, the presiding officer shall ask for nominations by members of the club for President-Elect, Directors, Secretary and Treasurer.
(b) The nominations shall be presented by members to the Secretary in writing at any time up to the time for election. The nominations duly made shall be placed on a ballot in alphabetical order under the positions of President-Elect and Directors and shall be voted for at the annual general meeting.
(c) The candidate for President-Elect receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected to that office and shall serve as a Director for the year commencing on the first day of July next following the election and shall assume office as president on 1 July immediately following that year.
The President-Elect will serve as a member of the Board as President-Elect, Vice President, Club Services Director, and Club Administration Director for the year commencing on the first day of July next following the election.
(d) The candidates for Secretary and Treasurer receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected to those positions.
(e) The six candidates for Director receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected as Directors.

## Section 2

Within two months after their election, the President-Elect, in consultation with the Board Elect, shall elect a sergeant at arms and allocate responsibility for all committees deemed necessary for the effective running of the Club in the coming year.

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If necessary, the President-Elect, in consultation with the Board Elect, may appoint any Club member to chair one or more of the committees.
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(Note: only Articles 2 \& 3 were modified. The remainder of the proposed bylaws were accepted unchanged, and not reproduced here)

## Election of 2011/2012 Committee members.

Larry Jacka retracted his nomination to the Board. Then there was a single nomination for each position hence an election was not necessary:

- President Colin McGowan
- President elect (\&Club Services) Rob Hamer
- Secretary Barry Lambert
- Treasurer Bob Davison

The following members were elected to the 6 Directors positions:

- Rosemary Clarke
- Tim Bowland
- Carol Russell
- Trish Bell
- Clive Denmark
- Tony Makin

As per the new Bylaws the Sergeant at Arms position and Directorship appointments will be completed by the Pres Elect in consultation with the Directors Elect within two months.

## Treasurer's Report - Carol Russell

Carol handed over to Pres. Graham who gave an overview of the 2009/2010 audited accounts.
Revenue was significant for the year, being of order $\$ 250 k$, significantly more than the previous year. This is due to abnormal items, including district changeover monies ( $\$ 22 k$ ). The auditors lump all income as fundraising which is incorrect and Pres Graham will have rectified for future years. In "Note 7." There is a net surplus which is incorrect and will be revised in the final accounts.

The accounts were accepted by Keith Ball, seconded by Larry Jacka They were carried on a member vote: 32 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain.
<Graham to provide copy of accounts for the final AGM minutes>

## General Business

There was no general business during the AGM, apart from discussions noted above.

## Director's Reports

Bob Davison asked for clarification on year to date directors reports for inclusion in the AGM minutes. Due to lateness of completion of a very active AGM, the reports will be tendered at the Board meeting this Wednesday for inclusion in the final AGM minutes.

The AGM closed at 9:05pm and normal meeting proceedings continued.
Minutes by: Bob Davison $-6^{\text {th }}$ December 2010


## INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS' <br> "CHRISTMAS PARTY <br> BBQ \& DANCE"



Santa will be there!
Email, Mail or Fax acceptance to:
Paul Wynn
Rotary Club of Gladesville
P.O. Box 303

Gladesville NSW 1675
Email; wynn@ozemail.com.au
Name:
(Please attach separate sheet of names if form covers multiple guests) Postal Address (for tickets) $\qquad$
Phone: (H) $\qquad$ (M)
Number of tickets [Write number in appropriate box(s) below]:

Rotarians \& Friends @ $\$ 50.00=\$$ $\qquad$

Students @ \$45.00
$=\$$ $\qquad$

Children Under $15 @ \$ 20.00=\$$ $\qquad$
TOTAL:
$=\$$ $\qquad$
Post Cheque Payable to 'The Rotary Club of Gladesville' Or I authorise The Rotary Club of Gladesville to charge my

Visa $\square$ Mastercard
Card No.: $\qquad$ Expiry Date: $\qquad$ 1
Name on Card:
Signed:
Date:
${ }^{6}$ Celebrating Rotary Youth Exchange!!'

