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Richard Battersley- Cameras

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Community Presentations

Duty Roster

This week – Monday 7 February 2011		Next meeting – Monday 14 February 2011	
Chairman	Brian Furrer	Chairman	Hany Gerges
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Up-coming events

Saturday 5 February 2011
Start of Trailer Raffle
Organiser : Rob Hamer

Friday 11 February 2011
Ronald McDonald House Dinner
Organiser : Douglas Lam

Sunday 5 February 2011
Fund Raising Sausage Sizzle
Bunnings Dural
Organiser : Barry Lambert

Sunday 27 February 2011
Nordby Picnic
Kokoda Memorial Park

Meetings

Monday 6.30pm for 7.00pm – Springfield House – 245 New Line Road, Dural
<http://www.wphcrotary.org>

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 book them in. Phone **9439 1422** or email dturnbull@lhogroup.com.au **before 11am** on the day of the meeting.

President's report



An enjoyable evening, the holiday season is over and we are now back to normal.

It was interesting to listen to our guest speaker and the commitment Ron has made to help other people in third world countries is truly fantastic, it is a great example of how Rotary and its members are contributing to a better world.

As regards our commitment we are gearing up for a busy period in the next two months. Please read your bulletin and keep up to date with the activities each week as we will need help.

Our next events are the Sausage Sizzle this weekend on Sunday and RYPEN at the Salvation Army Training Centre in Collaroy and Ronald McDonald House on Friday next, let Ross Ballinger know what you can bring. We have our presentation night on Monday 14, it should be a partners night and don't forget the combined meeting on the 22nd.

My thanks to Rob and Janet Hamer for standing in as Camp Parents at RYPEN on short notice, much appreciated.

There are still two places for Chiara's walk so let me know if you are interested.

Graham

At our last meeting – 31 January 2011

Pres. Graham opened the meeting and welcomed our visitors, Ron Marcus from RC of Castle Hill and our very special, Chiara.



Chiara started with her week – the last week of holidays so she made sure she enjoyed it. On Tuesday she went to the City with school friends and there was a really colourful and interesting building in front of the Opera House (hard to describe). On Tuesday night there was a party for exchange student Mateus, to celebrate his birthday and because he was soon to return home. Mateus is such a funny guy, and it is sad to say goodbye.

Wednesday was Australia Day and was the best day ever. She went to the Big Day Out where there were lots of bands and people everywhere – so much fun. She saw a favourite Italian band (strange to hear them sing in English) and Chiara had her Italian flag which she waved wildly. People thought it strange on Australia Day, but Chiara didn't mind. On Thursday it was too hot to go out so she stayed inside with the air conditioning. On Friday she went to Manly with friends, another nice day.

Saturday was the last day with the Bickfords. Sharon left at 6am for the airport to fly to Namibia, much too early for Chiara to get up to see her off. Later that day she moved house to the Savios and is very happy (they do spoil her).

That night they took her to Twilight at Taronga Zoo where there was a cover band of the Beatles – and Chiara loves the Beatles! On Sunday Chiara went on a ski boat, but didn't think she could ski so she

was pulled behind the boat on a biscuit (or was that a doughnut?). Today was her first day back at school, and it was great to catch up with all her friends. Now she is in year 12, "and I feel so powerful ☺"

Barry Lambert thanked all those who helped with the BBQ on Australia day. David Turnbull, Barry & Joan Freeman, Colin and Ann Sharp, Graham Cuthbertson, Rosemary, Tim Bowland, Trish and Carol. It was hot and there weren't too many customers. Then it was pointed out that that Barry forgot Pru – he paid for that later.

The next BBQ is Bunnings Dural this Sunday: am is David Turnbull, Graham Evans, Jim Simpson, Cawas Sahukar and pm is Max Henderson, Brian Furrer, Barry Lambert and Channa Jayasuriya.

Tom reported that he has the movie we are looking to theme our Conference fancy dress on (I can't mention it due to confidentiality agreement) and everyone is welcome to Tom's tomorrow night for a viewing.

Pres. Graham reported:
Next Wed 9th is the Board meeting at Rosemary's, and on Tue 15th is a meeting for the new Board at Colin McGowan's. There are two places left for the Mt Kosciuszko weekend on 18-20 Feb. There are four students (Chiara, Anna, Lewis and Eric) going. If interested contact Pres Graham.
Don't forget that Friday 11th Feb is Ronald McDonald House

Ross has shirts for people to try on to determine size before they order. Alternatively visit Ross's home on the weekend. We are getting the same as last time (yellow t-shirt, and light blue dress shirt) as we look very distinctive as a group in them. This will be the last order for a while.

Cawas announced there will be a brief fundraising meeting straight after the club meeting.

Rosemary announced that they are now getting the art packs together for the art competition. We need all the members to bring in their old RDUs (Rotary Down Under

magazines). We also need more sponsors – see Bob Myer. The final presentation is 20th June.

Tim Bowland reported on the Book Fair. Bob Myer is posting some flyers. Ross is organising posters and banners, which will be up on 13th Feb.

Tim also reported they they still need a volunteer couple to replace he and Alison who now cant make the RYPEN weekend – Rob volunteered he and Janet, well done!

An update on the container – there is a working bee this Saturday from 8am to prepare the site at Cherrybrook Bush Fire brigade. Contact Tim if you can help. The container will be emptied on 11th March, then moved into place.

Tim then advised that the next DIK working bee is Sat 5th March (we will most likely be loading a container) and Sat 18th June.

Bob Davison advised that the attendance data has been loaded into a spreadsheet for analysis. The Membership committee was intended to meet Wed this week, but this may be deferred to next week – committee members will be contacted.

Tim Bickford gave an update on our outbound exchange student, Brittany, in Denmark. She has spent a night in hospital as food didn't agree with her, but all is good now. She travelled fairly light, and has been shopping for winter clothing. She goes to language school soon.

He also mentioned that Sharon has emailed from Namibia, and described her breakfast with two rinoceri (there was much discussion on the plural of rinocerous), baboons and surrounding birdlife.

Then on to our guest speaker. Channa introduced Ron Marcus of Castle Hill Rotary Club (he has been a member of Rotary for 36 years).



He is a Past President, OEM and a retired electrical engineer from Integral Energy. His topic is RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Services) and a project in Mongolia where he spend five weeks in Aug/Sep 2010 replacing an old Cat Lab installed in 2003 with a newer one.

A bit of history about Mongolia, Russia moved out in 1991 and took everything with them, especially from the hospitals. The population is near 3m, and mainly Buddhist, with 25% being severely poor. The capital is Ulaanbataar which has a very large hospital, but inadequate equipment. In 2003 the SAN Hospital donated a 12 year old Cat Lab. This machine has been invaluable, analysing about 1500 patients per year (a typical unit in Australia treats a quarter of this number). But now the unit is old, and unmaintainable. The replacement machine was donated from a Brisbane hospital – it is only nine years old, which is the normal replacement cycle in Australia as the hospital would lose a government subsidy at 10 years old. The hospitals donate the machines as they are deinstalled for free, a task that takes the RAWCS team two full days. Then it is packed in a container and shipped. Ron presented a video which shows the team at work installing the Cat Lab, the Philips engineer, and several of the Mongolia Cardiologists and hospital staff who operate and manage the Cat Lab ongoing. The main unit weighs several tonnes and has to be installed in such a way as to manage the weight. It is a complex unit with 3klm

of cables and several PCs to interconnect. Ongoing maintenance is important, and there is remote access so that it can be managed from Australia (or anywhere), as need be.

After the installation, there was handover ceremony which concluded at 1pm, then the Cat Lab treated seven patients on the same day.

Ron also showed some photos of equipment the RAWCS team had installed in Fiji, Nepal, Sri Lanka. The team can be very proud of what they are doing.

A very interesting session, thanks Ron.

Chiara drew her own ticket out of the box, and took a bottle under Gino's direction.

David extracted fines – he does that so well, and we actually enjoy it ☺. Rosemary had an anniversary, so Rob took her into the City for two nights of luxury. Clive arrived in time for the heads and tails, which was won by Pru. He had been at a RYPEN meeting and gave an update.

Brian Furrer is next week's chairman, and the speaker topic is **cameras**.

Bob Davison, night reporter.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Anniversaries



None this week



Birthdays



Tuesday 8 February 2011
Amala Jayasuriya

Sunday 13 February 2011
Toni Trumm

Speakers Needed Urgently

We urgently need speakers for our upcoming meetings. If you have any suggestions please contact Colin McGowan

Hi from Belgium

From: Héloïse Hansen
[mailto:lolotte006@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 6 January 2011 3:26 AM
To: Alan Paynter
Subject: Hi from Belgium

Dear Lyn & Alan,
Thank you so much for your Christmas card, it made my day :)
I wish you and your family all the best for 2011.

At the moment, I'm studying for my "first semester exams". Christmas holidays are not really fun... But then, I'll have two weeks of holidays and I'll go back to Uni on February 7th. This year I study how to translate and how to interpret, and I really enjoy it ! If I pass this year I'll probably go to Spain (with the Erasmus Program) for 6 months (January to July 2012), but of course I'll have to study there too and pass some exams. I'm really excited about it.

And I think that about it for the news. I have to study most of the time, so my life isn't really exciting like it was in Australia. Talking about Australia, I saw on the news the flood in Queensland, it's so awful ! I hope you don't have a member of your family or a friend living there, and if you have, I hope everything is OK.

Lots of love from Belgium,
Héloïse

PS: Say "Hello" to all the members of the Rotary Club for me and wish them all a Happy New Year !

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Good News Story from Afganistan

Press Release (13 Dec 2010)

contact: Stefan Sojka

PR Director, The Rotary Club of Ryde
Ryde Rotary and the Indigo Foundation celebrate the building a school for 1000 students in Borjegai, Afghanistan.

Sydney, December 2010 - A local Rotary Club has found a way to make a difference in war-torn Afghanistan. Ali Yunespour, an Afghan refugee now living in Sydney was inspired by his involvement in two Rotary programs - Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) - to do something for his people back home.

Through his work helping newly arrived immigrants from Afghanistan, Ali learned of the work one of his friends had been doing with Indigo Foundation, an Australian NGO, to establish schools in Afghanistan and, convinced of the value of education in bringing peace to the world, resolved to do what he could to further that work. Ali

sought the opportunity to speak to the Rotary Club of Ryde about his thoughts. In early 2009 the club started working with Ali and the Indigo Foundation to formulate a feasibility study for a school for 1000 boys and girls in Borjegai, a location in Afghanistan where schooling is limited, due to very cold winters and the lack of any school accommodation other than tents. The project approach utilized The Rotary Club of Ryde's strengths in project development and direction and Indigo Foundation's very successful in-country network.

A clearly articulated memorandum committed all parties - including village leaders in Borjegai - to their defined roles, documented the project program and schedule, key milestones and resource commitments, and identified risks and risk management strategies.

The Rotary Club of Ryde provided project direction, high level management and \$76,000 (AUD), covering construction work, school supplies and teachers salaries; Indigo Foundation utilized their tested network and contacts for funds transfer and disbursement and in-country management and administration; the Borjegai community provided a substantial proportion of the manual labour, and, of course, the land for the building.

Humour

These are classified ads, which were actually placed in a U.K. newspaper:

FREE YORKSHIRE TERRIER.
8 years old.
Hateful little bastard.
Bites!

FREE PUPPIES.
1/2 Cocker Spaniel, 1/2 sneaky neighbour's dog.

FREE PUPPIES.
Mother is a Kennel Club registered German Shepherd.
Father is a Super Dog, able to leap tall fences in a single bound.

COWS, CALVES: NEVER BRED.
Also 1 gay bull for sale.

JOINING NUDIST COLONY!
Must sell washer and dryer £100.

WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE.
Worn once by mistake.
Call Stephanie.

**** And the WINNER is... ****

FOR SALE BY OWNER.
Complete set of Encyclopaedia Britannica, 45 volumes.
Excellent condition, £200 or best offer.
No longer needed;
got married, wife knows everything.

PS:Statement of the Century
Billy Connolly - "If women are so bloody perfect at multitasking, how come they can't have a headache and sex at the same time?"

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 Giacomini (Italy)

Family of the week program

Week Ending Sun	Host Family	Planned Activities	Chiara with You
6 Feb	Bickford	Rowing	Clarks
13 Feb	Savio		
20 Feb	Savio	Kosciusko walk	Club
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	
19-26 Mar	Savio		
27 Mar	Savio	25 March safari	
3 April	Savio	Safari	NA
10 April	Savio	Safari	NA
17 April	Savio	Safari	NA
22-25 April	Savio	With Savio's over Easter	
24	Savio		

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April			
1 May	Davison		
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		
16 June	Davison	Chiara leaves for home	

		Club Programme 2010-2011		Last update 1 Feb 2011	
Feb-11		World Understanding Month		Partners	
Sat	5	Start of Trailer Raffle			Rob Hamer
Sun	6	Bunnings BBQ Dural			Barry Lambert
Mon	7	Richard Battersley- Cameras			
Wed	9	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30			R 'mary C resid
Fri	11	Ronald McDonald Meal		Yes	Doug Lam
Mon	14	Tim Bowland arranging cheque presentation to Charity following insurance resolution.			Tim Bowland
Tues	15	2011-12 Board Members prel meeting at 7.30pm at Colin McGowan's			CMcG
Fri-Sun	18-20	Chiara Kosciusko Walk		Yes	Graham Cuth
Mon	21	Meeting rescheduled to tomorrow night			
Tues	22	Uganda Orphanage -Rosie O'Halloran. 6 Rotary Clubs invited. At Springfield House.			Graham Cuth
Sat	26	Warrah Working Bee			Dick Bushell
Sun	27	NORDBY Retirement folks 8-12noon,Kokoda Memorial Walkway BBQ area (adjoining Cafe end Killoola St Concord)		Yes	CM/CR
Mon	28	Youth Night -RYPEN, RYLA, NYSF reports		Yes	Tom Wesdcott
Mar-11		Literacy Month			
Sat	5	DIK			Bob Davison
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	Rotarians against Malaria- George McLelland			Tim Bowland
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 Training/Meeting)			Carol Russell
Sun	27	Hills Home Show BBQ Fund Raiser			
Mon	28	Ian Waterson- The Real "Cold Case" (Cold Case Investigator)		Yes	Ross/Helen B
Apr-11		Magazine Month			

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Mon	4	Treska Roden -Etiquette in Busisness		
Sat	9	District Assdembly for new directors (tbc)		
Mon	11	Meeting		
Wed	13	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30		Tim Bland resid
Mon	18	Anzac talk- Graaham Bermister		
Sat	23	Bunnings Thornleigh BBQ (Easter Sat)		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 Mothers Day Raffle		Tim Bowland
Sat	7	Australian Rotary Health Day at Rosehill Races (if is same as last year) tba	Yes	Crussel/C Wright
Mon	9	Ross Ballinger past members night- Roslyn Savio talk on best 5 trips she has ever done	YES	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		
Sat	21	Bunnings BBQ Dural		Barry Lambert
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 Giacomini	Yes	
Wed	8	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm		CMcG residence
Sun	10	Bunnings Thornleigh BBQ		Barry Lambert
Mon	13	Queens Birthday Pub Hol		
Sat	18	June		Bob Davison
Mon	20	Youth - Art Competition Prize giving	Yes	Tom Westcott
Fri	24	Club Changeover Dinner- Epping Club- everyone to attend- suit/black tie	Yes	CM/GC
Mon	27	No Meeting (on first meeting Day after Changeover)		