



### President John Reports



A very big thank you to Olga Scaramuzzi, Joy Payne, Paul Clune, Chris O'Brien, Graham Simons and John Briscoe who helped me with the commencement of our anti-graffiti project last Saturday morning. We did a good and very quick job on Neil Anderson's wall which I am pleased to say as I write this report is still graffiti free. A special thank you to John Briscoe who assisted me last Wednesday morning when we removed the graffiti from the side wall of the dry cleaner's shop in Rawson Street using a special chemical solution. John's comment to me was – "this stuff is magic". We were working in not ideal conditions as it was raining lightly all the time we were removing the graffiti but we both survived. Already I am receiving favourable reports from shopkeepers regarding our work to date but there is still a lot more to do.

I have had a telephone call from the editor of the Northern District Times following the report I recently sent to him regarding our project together with photographs. It will make a great story which I believe will be published shortly and it will be of considerable benefit to our Club and to Rotary in general. Also I hope to speak with Alan Jones from Radio 2GB about our anti-graffiti project when I attend the sportsman's luncheon and auction at North Sydney Leagues Club on 1<sup>st</sup> February. He recently had a programme on 2GB about graffiti. The high pressure water machine kindly loaned to us by Brendan Lynch from Boronia Grove Function Centre works very well and we would be lost without it. I am very appreciative of Brendan's generous offer.

We will be working again early next Saturday morning and if anyone would like to help please contact me. At this time of the year with the humidity, the earlier we start the better. If the weather is fine I would like us to put a second coat of paint on Neil Anderson's wall

and also for us to paint the brick carport in Pembroke Street, right opposite Olga Scaramuzzi's surgery. It presently looks terrible covered in graffiti. I have already had the indemnity form signed by the owner.

On Sunday morning next I will be attending a DAC meeting at Hornsby Hospital in Monica's absence in the USA.

What wonderful guest speakers we had last Monday night in Katinga Schroeder and former Rotary Exchange Student, Kylee Clarke who is the mother of Ruby, a child with special needs. The people at Lifestart are doing such an important job and are deserving of our support. They are holding a Trivia Night sometime in May and this organization is certainly deserving of our support. Our quizmaster extraordinaire, Ken Owler I am sure would love to conduct another trivia evening.

Last Friday, 19th January, our outgoing Exchange Student Michael Sullivan left for Germany and I was at the airport to see him leave and to say to him - "Haben sie ein wunderbar Jahr in Deutschland".

Thank you to Roger Dunn who this week has put in a lot of preliminary work for the Street Fair to be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March next.

There will be a Board Meeting next Monday evening after our meeting.

*President John*

### The 4 Way test

"Of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the **TRUTH**?
- Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?"

The Epping Mission Statement...

*"To improve the well being of our community and foster international understanding through action by Epping club members embracing Rotary ideals"*

Monday 29 January, 2007

### CLUB MEETINGS CALENDAR

EPPING ROTARY MEETS EACH MONDAY 6.15 FOR 6.30  
BORONIA GROVE RAWSON STREET EPPING  
Apologies to Neil Anderson 9876 1676 by midday Monday

Date	Topic	Introduction	Appreciation /Report
Mon Jan 29	"Rapport Building the Key to a Long Life in Selling" Grant Kitchen	Keith Williams	John Goddard
Mon Feb 5			
Mon Feb 12			
Mon Feb 19			
Mon Feb 26			
<b>SOCIAL &amp; SERVICE</b>			
<i>HOSPITALITY THIS WEEK – Sudath Karunaratne</i>			

### *What's On This Week*

# 'Rapport Building the Key to a Long Life in Selling' Grant Kitchen

## Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2007

This promises to be a very interesting and educational evening. Come along and bring a guest.

*.John Royer  
Programme Director*

### *Outgoing Youth Exchange*



President John Edwards farewelled our Outgoing Youth Exchange Student Michael Sullivan at Sydney Airport on 19th January 2007.

Michael is going to Germany for his exchange year and will be with the Rotary Club of Duren, which is located out of Cologne.

Michael's parents report that after one of his flights in Germany was cancelled because of a storm, some hastily arranged train tickets enabled him to arrive safely.

He has seen snow for the first time and will be moving to his first host family this week.

Michael did well in his HSC and has deferred a Bachelor of Arts at Macquarie University until next year.

## *Graffiti Eradication Project*



Olga Scaramuzzi, Chris O'Brien, Joy Payne and Paul Clune hard at work removing graffiti in Epping



The "team" who made it all happen at Neil Anderson's wall.

## *Last Week....*



Kylee Clarke and Katinga Schroeder from Lifestart

## DISTRICT NEWS



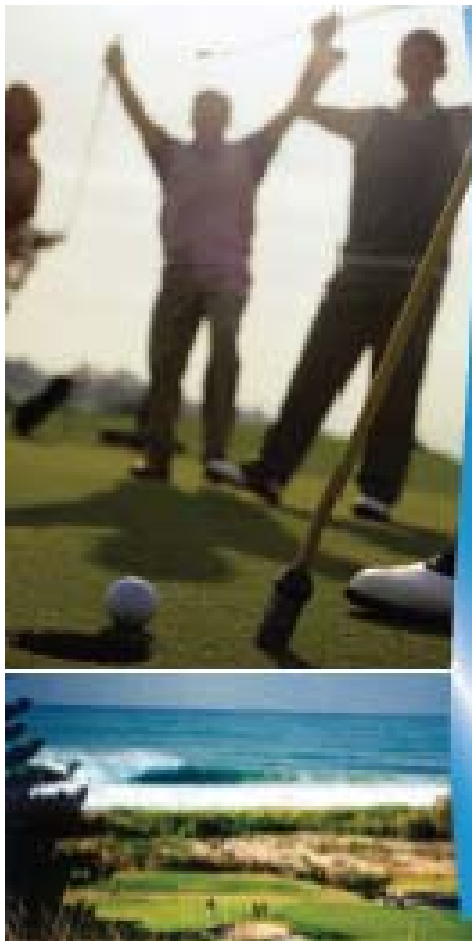
Rotary International

*Welcome to District 9680*



[www.rotarydistrict9680.org.au](http://www.rotarydistrict9680.org.au)

### *Golf Day*



# PCFA Golf Challenge

**FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2007  
MONA VALE GOLF CLUB**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO:

- Play golf with cricket legend Doug Walters?
- Win a vintage sports car?
- Score yourself a trip to the Masters?

**Register NOW!** Go to [www.prostate.org.au](http://www.prostate.org.au) and click on PCFA Mona Vale Golf Challenge for immediate online registration.

- ▶ Shotgun Ambrose start (12:30pm)
- ▶ Lunch provided
- ▶ Gala evening dinner



More details available from Secretary Peter Tugwell if you are interested in attending this Golf Day.

### *Nominations for the District Administration Committee*

The District Administration Committee (DAC), together with the District Governor, supervises the administration of our District. All District budgets and accounts must be passed by the DAC and all administrative functions must be processed through the DAC.

Three Club representatives are elected to the DAC for a period of three years, one being elected each year on a rotation basis. The ballot takes place at the District Conference in March 2007. Being a part of the DAC offers you the opportunity to contribute to the responsible administration of our District.

Nominate now for the position of Club Representative on the DAC. You need to be a Past President, with experience in administration and financial control.

The DAC meets six times each year on a Sunday morning. There is preparatory work for each meeting - examining and considering documents and accounts. Full details of the purpose of the DAC and the requirements of the Club Representative are found in the District Regulations on page 173 of your District Directory.

Nominations close on 23 February and should be addressed to District Secretary Pam Driscoll at [pamdriscoll@optushome.com.au](mailto:pamdriscoll@optushome.com.au) or PO Box 119, Balgowlah 2093.

## *MORE DISTRICT NEWS*

### *Nominating Committee to select our DG for 2010-2011*

We need 5 representatives from Clubs for the Nominating Committee to select the District Governor for 2010-2011.

Each Club may make only one nomination and the person nominated must be a current or Past President.

Please take the time to see if one of your members would take on this very responsible position.

Club nominations need to reach Pam Driscoll by mail, email or fax before **10 February 2007** and will be voted on and confirmed at the District Conference in Mudgee.

The committee elected at the District Conference will convene and interview nominees in 2008.

### *Applications for District Governor 2009-10*

Is there someone in your Club who you think would be a good candidate for District Governor? If so, please talk to them and encourage them to apply for the position of DG in 2009-10.

The closing date for applications is **Friday 30th March 2007**. The date for interviewing candidates is **Sunday 22nd April 2007**.

If you are hesitant to approach potential candidates yourself, please ring me and I would be happy to talk to them.

There is a Leadership Information Meeting, run by DGN Tony Castley, on **Sunday 18th February, 9-11am**. Tony and a small team of PDGs and experienced District leaders will be on hand to talk about District and RI and answer any questions. This would be an excellent way to gain information about all District roles, including the role of DG.

If you have any further questions or would like more information, please contact me on 9451 7663 or [pam@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pam@bigpond.net.au) or PDG Bruce Allen on 9683 6304 or [bjallen@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bjallen@bigpond.net.au).

Pam Pritchard

### *More on the Graffiti Eradication Project*



Should we get some of this paint for our anti-graffiti project?

Perhaps **Chris O'Brien** and **Roger Dunn** could advise us in this regard!

## *Youth Service*

### *RYLA*

Vanessa Sokalik, from the Shack, has recently completed RYLA.

Roger Dunn reports...

I collected Vanessa from the RYLA venue at Vision Valley yesterday afternoon, following her completion of the course. She had a tremendous week and gained a lot of extremely valuable experience that I'm sure will serve her well through her continuing career at The Shack and with youth as a whole. Having had only 3 - 4 hours sleep each night, due to the activities and ensuing debates, Vanessa looked as tired as I'm sure she felt. Whilst the event was buzzing along adrenalin had clearly been flowing and she was most effervescent - this was witnessed when Monica, John Edwards & I accompanied her to the Tuesday night dinner at the venue; however when the course came to an abrupt stop, so quite naturally did her body. Vanessa is intending to address the club at our meeting of 29th January to inform us of her RYLA experience.

## *Community Service*

### *Epping Street Fair*

Roger Dunn has sent the following email to Melissa Mulroney at The Epping Club as part of his ongoing coordination with her for our role in the Street Fair:

Good afternoon Melissa,

It was good to catch up with yourself, Megan & Adam last night. Following our discussions I will inform The Rotary Club of Epping this coming Monday evening of The Epping Street Fair requirements/commitments that we need to undertake to support The Epping Club effectively - I'll keep you duly informed. This shall include:

- 1) Providing of "volunteers" names, contact numbers and assigned responsibilities, although I request all communications be through myself, so that I may "keep my finger on the pulse".
- 2) Decide whether to use our food caravan, in addition to a promotional stall (in a prominent location) to educate attendees about The Rotary Club of Epping's benefits to the local community as well as internationally, how we function, plus new membership possibilities.
- 3) It is likely the charity we propose to receive proceeds will be The Shack, rather than RYLA this year. To be decided for advertising purposes.
- 4) Selling raffle tickets (main prize Plasma TV valued @ about \$2,000) prior to, and on the day of the event (5,000 tickets this year, compared to only 1,000 last time).
- 5) Providing of possible prizes for the Talent Quest, & Art Show (Primary & High Schools sculptures & paintings) - plus say two Judges (Michael & Jennifer Denham for the former?).
- 6) Can we source extra items for the Show Bags which we'll be distributing?
- 7) Any further ideas for raising money (in addition to the Jumping Castle, Show Bags, & Raffle)?
- 8) Appointing a member to inspect food stalls, on the morning of the event, to ensure compliance with regulations & approvals.
- 9) Allocating 3 Walkie Talkies (myself, Talent Quest Supervisor, Fund Raising Supervisor - good organiser needed).
- 10) Specifying those members who'll be marking out stalls & other sites in the early hours of 25th March (commencing circa 1:00am so that stall holders can commence setting up at 7:00 am or before).
- 11) Possibility of enlarging the event next year, by extending into Boronia Park and Rotary taking on that responsibility?

Would it make any difference to you whether I use The Epping Club facilities next Monday, or Tuesday, (22nd or 23rd Jan), to follow-up prospective sponsors?

Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Yours truly,

Roger Dunn.

# SEW + AID

Please be advised that we are looking for volunteer teachers for Vanuatu in April 2007.

There will be a Rotary team going to the Vanuatu on April 23<sup>rd</sup> for approximately 10 days and we will be combining a Sew+aid team along with the Rotary Team.

The program will be to start a new micro-loans sewing group on the Island of Santos, and this will be co-ordinated through the Rotary Club of Santos. Additionally we will spend some time giving further training to the group we started in Port Vila two years ago.

The number of teachers required this trip is flexible, but 4 would be ideal. As before, the training given will be in very basic clothing construction for the Santos group, and for the Port Vila group some slightly more advanced clothing construction and perhaps also a little on craft sewing such as quilting.

Please check the SEWAID website for full details. [www.sewaid.com](http://www.sewaid.com)

Tony Castley

## *Flash Jack*

### ***“CITIZENS MUST TALK ENGLISH***

*Migrants wanting to become Australians would have to be fluent in English under a plan being considered by the Federal Govt”.*

Daily Telegraph 28APR06

So Flash Jack reports:

### **TO BE A DINKUM AUSSIE .....**

The Immigration Officer was happy as can be,  
He turned his smile on Mustafa, and smiling still, said he,  
“You’ve satisfied requirements to emigrate to Oz,  
But there’s still one test left to do which you must pass because  
We like to think you have a grasp of English which is spoke  
By almost everybody in that country, every bloke  
And almost every lady, dare I say, by most kids too?  
So listen to the task which I am setting now for you.”  
Mustafa cocked his sunburnt ear to pick up every word.  
The thought of flunking at this point was nothing but absurd.  
“Now, Mustafa, make up a little story, paint a scene,  
Including these three words I give you, *yellow, pink* and *green*.”  
Our keen prospective Aussie looked to heav’n for inspiration,  
While on his swarthy forehead broke out beads of perspiration,  
His mustache curled, his heart beat faster than a cuckoo clock,  
Until he took a long, slow breath, then, steady as a rock,  
He said, “I now am ready to attack this language test,  
My story is prepared; and here it is, my very best:  
The telephone she goes *‘green, green’*, I *pink* it up and say,  
*‘Yellow*, this here is Mustafa, and how are you today?’”

Don’t treat this as a joke because he now lives close to you  
And troubleshoots for *Telstra*; it’s the best thing he can do.

## *Out & About with Paul & Stan*

**A Granddaughter's Wedding.** It was pleasing to learn of the wedding of Rosemary Cooper, Granddaughter of PP Wal Cooper. Last Saturday week Rosemary married David Andison, an Electronics Wizard, at the Uniting Church Springwood. Rosemary is the daughter of PP Wal's son the Rev. Steve Cooper, Minister of Springwood Baptist Church. Steve is also a Barrister. The reception was held at Penrith with the temperature at 47 degrees! Following in Grandfather's footsteps, Rosemary had guests in the church singing songs, which she conducted! Wal's immaculately turned out Statesman played a leading role in the celebrations which looked magnificent earlier in the day when we met for our first anti graffiti assignment. Our very best wishes to Rosemary and David for a long, happy and healthy life together.

**Work and Good Fellowship.** Working on Rotary projects with fellow Rotarians is always a rewarding and we have to say a revealing experience. It does highlight the very high degree of manual dexterity of some yet, alas, it does also identify the very real lack thereof in others. Wonderfully though, the fellowship engendered joins it all together in an enjoyable experience of getting a worthwhile community job done. It was all of that at our first Graffiti job. At work with fellows, were Olga Scaramuzzi and Joy Payne, showing us all how it should be done. How many medicos would be pleased to pressure hose, clean or paint a wall? How many professionals would do the same as Joy did?

It was all in the true spirit of Rotary. Good Program. Good fellowship!

**A Central Coast Saga.** When fire is about the F3 Freeway (as was the case last Monday), travel plans can be thrown into chaos and it is not always a good idea to travel north with the intention of returning the same day – especially when it is indicated that all will be well later in the day. One member (PP Paul) did so, with dire consequences. When, having lunch at the coast and hearing the not too favourable news, considered the alternatives for returning home and decided that the best plan would be to travel north west to Cessnock to Broke and the Putty Road. That Putty Road is still the long, seemingly endless, winding road, it has always been. It took some five+ hours to get home -too late for Rotary.

It was worse for PP Wal Cooper. Wal staying at his holiday home left there at 1.30pm, deciding to take the Wiseman's Ferry Route and what a disaster that was –a six hour wait for the ferry –incredibly, in the middle of this, the ferry master decided to have his lunch!. Thankfully, the Salvation Army were on hand supplying water to those waiting. Wal arrived home at 11pm that night and although setting out for Rotary – missed it of course! Moral in story- if fire about -before travelling, think carefully about the frying pan and the fire!

**Vital supplies.** Congratulations to President John for not only initiating the anti graffiti project, in addition, for the amazing, seemingly endless array of paints, rollers, paint brushes, stirrers, overalls and chemicals, he has obtained as donations, from a wide number of sources. The donations will enable us to proficiently and effectively move ahead with the program. It was most impressive to see when all was opened to use at our first assignment. Thank you John!

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### **Anniversaries and Birthdays**

<i>Wedding Anniversaries</i>	Wal and Dawn Dover	February 1
	John and Vivienne Corney	February 2

<i>Birthdays</i>	Ross Hinton	January 30
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*Paul & Stan*

### **Advance Australia Fair**

*Australians all let us rejoice,  
For we are young and free,  
We've golden soil and wealth for  
toil,  
Our home is girt by sea.  
Our land abounds in nature's  
gifts,  
Of beauty rich and rare,  
In history's page, let every stage  
Advance Australia Fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing,  
Advance Australia Fair.*

### **Rotary Grace**

*O Lord and giver of all good,  
We thank thee for our daily  
food,  
May Rotary friends and  
Rotary ways,  
Help us to serve thee all our  
days.*