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A Rotary initiative

There are many places around Australia where Rotary has left its mark in the community. Perhaps one of the most moving of these places is the memorial to the 645 sailors lost with the sinking of HMAS Sydney in 1941.



Our roving reporters Bob & Helen Harvie recently visited this place and while there took this photograph, at sunset – the Rotary wheel is evident in the foreground.

The Rotary Club of Geraldton initiated the building of this memorial. On 19 November 1998, on the anniversary of the ship's loss, the ground on which this memorial was to rise was dedicated. As the strains of the Last Post were played, a flock of silver gulls flew overhead, heading out to sea, and the concept for the striking cupola of this memorial was conceived.

The cupola which dominates the memorial, consists of 645 interlocking silver gulls, all fabricated from stainless steel, one gull for each man lost in the Sydney. This cupola, 9 metres high, is supported by seven pillars, one for each of the seven seas.

The completed memorial, which cost \$3 million, was dedicated on 18 November 2001. A fine example of making dreams real. For more information on the design of the memorial go to: <http://ahoy.tk-jk.net/macblog/MemorialtoHMASSydney.html>

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DON'T MESS WITH CHILDREN – EPISODE 4

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture.

‘Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, ‘There’s Jennifer, she’s a lawyer,’ or ‘That’s Michael, He’s a doctor.’

A small voice at the back of the room rang out, ‘And there’s the teacher, she’s dead.’

Last week's attendance

Guest Speaker: Mr Peter Nduati
Club Guests: Nil
Visiting Rotarians: Nil
Other guests: Mr Aubrey Newman (guest of Ken Goard)
Makeups: Nil
Members present: 21
Percentage: 67.8%

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY

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DINNER ROSTER

	THIS WEEK - 9 July	NEXT WEEK – Wed 16 July
Program	President Shukry Sahhar Club Assembly	Dr Jannette Lindesay Climate change – past, present and future
Introduction	N/A	Val Bland
Appreciation	N/A	Peter Evans
Fellowship	Peter Evans Eric Taylor	Des Henderson-Kelly Eric Taylor
Raven Recorder	Gary Scott	Norma Donaldson
Birthdays	Nil	Peter Evans 14 July, Margaret Ellis 15 July
Anniversaries	Nil	Eric & Rosemary Taylor 18 July

Stop Press

Attendance Chief Ros Osbourne reports that last week's apologies for non-attendance was not good.

Please remember, dinners not eaten cost the Club money!

You must tender apologies to Ros Osbourne by 3pm on Tuesday if you are not coming. See the rear of this Raven for her contact information.

TONIGHT

Club Assembly

President Shukry and his board will outline their draft plans for the year and members have an opportunity to provide input.

Last week's meeting

President Shukry Sahhar invited us in this new Rotary year to make our dreams real. In welcoming our speaker, Peter Nduati, from Nairobi in Kenya, Shukry reminded us of the project our Club had initiated along with the Rotary Club of Nairobi in gaining a matching grant to build toilet facilities in a local school. Rotary spreads its influence in many ways.

Ajit Banerjee introduced the guest speaker, Peter Nduati. Peter comes from Nairobi in Kenya where he is a Director of the Emmanuel Kidogo Rescue Centre. He is in Australia, visiting Canberra and Melbourne, seeking to raise \$72,000 to assist the centre.

In his presentation Peter alerted members to the plight of the 125,000 street children who live in Kenya, 60,000 of whom live in Nairobi. The rescue centre has been set up to assist these children and young adults. It is at present catering for fifty children from the ages of seven to nineteen. The streets of Nairobi where the street children live are



narrow and squalid. Many children have no homes, some are orphans and many have been abused. They have no opportunities to gain an education. As children they become victims of crime and police brutality, and many turn to drugs. The Rescue Centre offers these children hope. They are provided with food, shelter, healthcare, education and vocational training. They are encouraged to gain skills so that they can become self sufficient.

The Rescue Centre seeks to empower the young people, a future generation in Africa. This work costs money and Peter is in Australia seeking help. Each child costs \$60 per month for food, clothing and shelter, and \$60 per term for primary education. Secondary education costs \$450.

In thanking Peter for his presentation, Jim Grainger asked the Board to consider these young people and their need for assistance. Rotary Clubs in both Canada and Australia have already become involved assisting the EKRC.

Board Bytes – Keith Avent

The Board met on 2 July. Some matters discussed are indicated below. Several other matters raised at the Board will be on the agenda for tonight's assembly.

Rotary Western Desert Project: David Fox, the Project Leader, reviewed recent offers of help, as related at our dinners. This is going extremely well, and is a good pointer to a highly successful and extremely worthwhile initiative by the Club.

Model United Nations Assembly: The Club will sponsor Jack Jones, Michael Tolhurst and Edward McGinness of Marist College for the assembly at Old Parliament House on 15-17 August.

Schools & Youth Programs: Youth Development Director Gary Scott will be re-examining our student award program at Canberra College, and checking out schools and youth organisations of relevance to our youth development initiatives in the Club's territory.

Rotary Scenic Cycle Tour 21 September: Publicity is hotting up.

Trash & Treasure clean-up: The Board breathed a heartfelt sigh of relief at the successful and smooth final transfer of this contract to the Rotary Club of Mitchell-Gungahlin.

Club News

Future meeting venue: Peter Evans reported that he continues to seek a new venue for club meetings but has been unable to get a firm commitment from the Southern Cross Club. Other venues were suggested including the Thai Restaurant in Deakin, and revisiting the Statesman Hotel. The Embassy Motel can provide their usual services until 31 October.

Annual dues: The annual subscription for the year remains unchanged from last year – ie. \$230. This can be paid by cheque, cash or direct credit to the Rotary Bank Account BSB 062905 Account 10073240. The fees are due on 1 July (or thereabouts!) and you have the option of paying in two instalments of \$115.

Parking at Showground, 'World Youth Gathering' 12 July: Gary Scott distributed the rosters. He has approached the Rotary Club of Canberra City to assist on this project and may need to call on extra members from our own club tonight.

District Changeover Sunday 29 June at Hellenic Club: Past President David Fox reported that he and Jenny had attended the District Changeover last weekend. He encouraged us to celebrate our strengths and to apply in this Rotary year for District awards.

Farewell to the green bag: Piers Booth reported on the last visit by this club to Trash and Treasure to clean up the site. It seems that the last was the best ever session!

The club bulletin: President Shukry congratulated Raven Editors, Robin Cromer and John Gray for the classy new format.

RAVEN REPORTER

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Cyclo-tourists in Scotland – John & Julia Widdup

1 July: On the way to John O'Groat's at the northern tip of Scotland.

We have reached Oban after a hard ride yesterday (53 miles) up and down hills as we crossed from Loch to Loch. Oban is a hub to go out to many of the islands eg Mull. The weather here is damp and blustery.

We have been travelling through the western isles and went to the Isle of Aran by ferry and then across to Kintyre by ferry. Camping is fairly sparse up here and the midges are active and biting in the evening and early morning.

“ When you look back you see some spectacular hills and wonder how you got there. When you look ahead all you see is hills ... “

In total we have had about 10 wet days but most of the time we have been riding in overcast occasional sunny conditions – the rain comes in the evening or in the early mornings. We are going to Fort

William tomorrow and then up the Great Glen to Inverness. They tell us that Fort William is the wettest place in Scotland!

We have had no trouble with the bikes save a couple of punctures.

We have had to travel on a couple of A routes through this area as there are no other routes and in this area they are not heavily trafficked. Consequently there is quite a bit of traffic going past, compared to the single track roads we had been travelling on previously. On the whole the drivers have been good and patient

particularly when they have to wait for us to get to that top of the winding hill. When you look back you see some spectacular hills and wonder how you got there. When you look ahead all you see is hills as the roads wind up and down between high hills.