

ROTARY CLUB OF SYDNEY CBD



BULLETIN

*The City of Sydney based Rotary Club
actively addressing community issues
in partnership with business*



The Rotary Club of Sydney CBD
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Rotary District 9750
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2008-09 DK Lee
District 9750 Governor 2008-09 Barney Koo

21 July 2008

THIS WEEKS SPEAKER
THE HON. PATRICIA FORSYTHE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Patricia Forsythe was appointed Executive Director of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce in September 2006.



Prior to joining the Sydney Chamber of Commerce, Patricia served as a Member of the NSW Legislative Council from 1991 to 2006, during which time she held a variety of shadow portfolios.

Prior to her election to Parliament, Patricia was Executive Officer to the Minister for Local Government and Planning from 1988. Her earlier career roles were as

Government Affairs Manager for a National Manufacturers Association and prior to that as a high school teacher in NSW State and Independent Schools.

Patricia holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Diploma of Education from Newcastle University, which is also the city in which she was born and raised.

Patricia's interests include reading, skiing, golf, opera and ballet and visiting art galleries. Patricia is married and has two adult children.

WELCOME TO CBD ROTARY PATRICIA!

ROTARY 20/20 – THE NEXT GENERATION
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTIAL
CONFERENCE

"Building the New Model for Rotary"



Rotary
International
President DK Lee met
with the Prime
Minister Kevin Rudd
last week.

Over 450 Rotarians from around Australia met in Canberra 11-13 July to discuss and resolve various ways of keeping Rotary relevant to the 21st century. Your club, Sydney CBD Rotary was more than well represented with 10 members and partners attending. Our District 9750 was well represented too which was very pleasing to District Governor Barney Koo.

Many issues relating to changing community values and attitudes were articulated which brought about a plethora of initiatives and ideas relating to membership and particularly for inter-generational change. During the "workshop" sessions many suggestions were put forward to make clubs more inviting and interesting.

Your Membership Chairperson PP Joan Richards will furnish items of interest each week as well as putting some of the better ideas into action.

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM**6.00 PRE - DINNER DRINKS****6.30 CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:
Chairman – Past President Graham Steer****ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY****Rotarian – Bruno Castro e Silva**

I wish to acknowledge we are holding this meeting on the land of the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. I wish to pay my respect to their Elders, past and present, and to all the Gadigal people and the Eora Nation.

THE TOAST AUSTRALIA**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
BY PRESIDENT ELECT JIM HARRISON****Reports****SPEAKER: The Hon. Patricia Forsythe****Introduction: Shirley Doust****Questions****Vote of Thanks: DGN David Brawn**

**Acknowledgements
President Jim Harrison**

CLOSE: ROTARY 4 WAY TEST**WELCOME PRESIDENT JIM HARRISON****“This is my Life”**

President Jim was born in a small market town called Limavady in the North West of Northern Ireland. For those of you who don't know, Limavady, which received its Royal Charter almost four centuries ago, is located in the Roe Valley, an area steeped in history and renowned for its scenic beauty and its many myths and legends.

Jim was educated at Limavady Grammar School and later at Queen's University of Belfast where he graduated with a BSc in Engineering in 1966. Following graduation, Jim left Ireland and worked for Standard Telephones & Cables Ltd (London) and, as a Graduate Engineer in the Development Laboratory, worked on the development of a prototype Stored Programmed Control Electronic Telephone Exchange.

In 1969 Jim emigrated to New Zealand and commenced employment with the New Zealand Post Office (NZPO) on St Patrick's Day. Whilst at the NZPO Jim held various engineering positions in Head Office and the Districts, including positions such as District Engineer, Invercargill and Regional Engineer, Christchurch. Whilst at Wellington Head office Jim also took the opportunity to return to University part-time to study for a BCA Degree in Business Administration at Victoria University.

Telecom NZ was separated from the NZPO and established as a State Owned Enterprise in 1987 and Jim was promoted to District Manager, Wellington, and



shortly afterwards took up a new position as Managing Director of Telecom Central Ltd. Jim restructured Telecom NZ's central North Island operations and established a new Regional Operating Company and was later posted to the South Island as Managing Director to streamline and restructure the Company's operations in Telecom South Ltd.

In January 1991, Jim was promoted to the position of Director of National Telephone

Operations and Executive Chairman of all Regional Operating and Network Companies and Chairman of the Technology and Operating Councils of Telecom NZ. Jim was also a Director of various Management Boards and held these positions until December 1992 when he resigned shortly after the completion of the privatisation of Telecom NZ.

During the NZ Health Reforms Jim was appointed by Government to the Canterbury Crown Health Enterprise Advisory Committee and later the Canterbury Crown Health Enterprise Board. In February 1993 Jim was appointed Chief Executive Officer to transform the Wellington Area Health Board into a Crown health Enterprise, called Capital Coast Health Ltd, and run the public hospitals in the Wellington Region in a more efficient and effective manner.

Jim retired to Sydney in 1999 and, having been a Rotarian in New Zealand for many years, joined the Sydney Rotary Club and later transferred to the Sydney CBD Club in 2004 where he served as Treasurer for over 2 years.

At the age of 62 Jim commenced a new career working for Leadmaster Australia as a Customer Relations Manager and has been involved in profiling Companies and participating in various marketing and sales campaigns for large telecommunications and information technology Companies.

Jim is a Chartered Engineer and member of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (London), the Institution of Professional Engineers in NZ and a member of the Institute of Directors in NZ.

He has been a Rotarian for 25 years and Rotary has been a major part of and influence in his life. Other interests include reading, walking, sport and travel. He has three adult children living overseas and every two years he travels to visit them in New Zealand and England as well as his only sister who still resides in Northern Ireland.

CLUB NEWS

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO SYDNEY

Club member/ District Governor Barney and Lorraine Koo were Aides to DK and his wife Young Ja Chung when they visited Sydney last Tuesday.



(L-R Barney Koo, Lorraine, Young Ja, DK Lee and the Deputy Consul Korea Mr Hyo Sung Seok)

The International President had a packed schedule when he arrived in Sydney, attending a Civic Reception in Ryde, a meeting with the Korean Community, visiting The RI Secretariat and attending the special luncheon attended by over 200 Rotarians in Sydney, before flying out to New Zealand where he will attend another 20/20 New Generations Meeting will be held.

Most of our CBD members attended the Canberra function – so it was left to Barney and Lorraine Koo, Roger Kilburn and Grace to be our representatives at the Sydney event!

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

New Members – it was noted that Philip Carroll and John Hepworth have accepted membership and will be inducted at the 4 August meeting.

Resignation – The Board accepted with regret the resignation of Martyn Simmons and he was extended an invitation to become a Friend of Rotary CBD.

Friend of Rotary CBD – Invitations have been extended to PP Judith O'Neill and Julie Welsh.

Club Administration- Chair Roger Kilburn has almost completed the roster for Committees and all members will be allocated to one or more of the Service Committees.

Calendar of Events is in the final stages of completion, but a little forward news is that we will celebrate an Indigenous Australians Day and a Brazilian Night. Further news later.

International and Rotary Foundation – it was agreed that we “adopt a village” in PNG or similar country to supply specially treated mosquito nets, through the Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) program.

Rotary Foundation – The Board agreed that a sizable donation be made to the Rotary Foundation in the drive to eradicate Polio from the world.

Youth Programs – it was agreed that we continue our youth programs such as RYLA, RYPEN, Science School and Youth Exchange.

Vocational Service – We will stage a Pride of Workmanship Award this year.

Membership – will receive a boost this year with special membership programs to be announced later.

Other Special Activities

Shelter Box

President Jim announced that CBD Rotary had donated 8 shelter Boxes in total this year including 2 donated by Lorraine Koo and the 1 by David Brawn in the name of Suzanne Campbell.

This brings to 13 Shelter Boxes donated by this Club in the last 2 years. Congratulations to all who have driven this project especially to Shirley Doust Chair International Committee

Nathans Bequest – The Committee has been hard at work organising an exceptional fund raising dinner, 8 November 2008. We look forward to a full report when further progress is made.

Mathy Awards – Rotary CBD prize of \$10,000 will be presented at the Finals on 28 October by The Rotary Club of Sydney CBD to assist in career advancement and reflect the record of and potential for community involvement of the recipient as a ‘Rotary Ambassador’. The recipient will be required to perform as an Ambassador for Rotary in Australia and/or overseas and assist fundraising and community service for the Rotary club of Sydney CBD.

We would appreciate it if any member has entrée into further funding for this project . Donors will receive a tax benefit.

Please speak with President Jim Harrison if you can assist.

New Hope Ball – Crèche for the Street kids and Orphans in Brazil.

A Grand Ball will be held on 6 March 2009 at La Montage to raise the desperately need funds for this international project.

DISTRICT NEWS

The Rotary Club of Drummoyne Art & Quilt Show at 6.00pm for 7.00pm Friday 1st August 2008 also on Saturday and Sunday 2nd and 3rd August at Canada Bay Civic Centre, Cnr. Marlborough Street & Lyons Road Drummoyne, \$15 per person on opening night

Drinks & light refreshments included

Enquiries to secrcd@yahoo.com.au

This is the 31st Art Show held by Drummoyne and it is a “MUST ATTEND”. High profile artists always exhibit at this wonderful Art Show.

Change of venue for Rotary Club of Corrimal

The Rotary Club of Corrimal are now meeting at Collegians Club in Balgownie Road, Balgownie Wednesday at 6.00 for 6.30pm

Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team to Brazil D4530

Applications are now open for a Team Leader and 6 Team members for our GSE Team to District 4530 in Brazil. **FULL DETAILS HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL MEMBERS – LOOK IN YOUR EMAIL INBOX!!**

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 1 September 2008 Team members . For further information call

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COMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS**TONIGHT**

21 Ms Patricia Forsythe – CEO Sydney Chamber of Commerce

AUGUST – MEMBERSHIP EXTENSION MONTH

August 4 – Mr Ian McRitchie “About Timor Leste”

August 11 – Board Meeting

August 18 - Mike O’Hagan speaks about “staying ahead of the changes” - from a managing business point of view

SEPTEMBER – NEW GENERATIONS MONTH (YOUTH)

September 1 - Professor Cyndi Weickert from the Schizophrenia Research

September 8 - Board Meeting

September 15 –District Governors Official Visit

September 21 - Rotary Youth Exchange 50th anniversary celebration – 11.30am Sharks Leagues Club Cronulla

OCTOBER – ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

October 17-19 **District Conference**

Nov 8 - Nathan’ s Bequest Dinner

6 March 2009 – New Hope Ball

FRONT DESK ROSTER for the NEXT FEW WEEKS

The members Rostered should be at the club **before 6pm - If you are unable to accept this duty please exchange with another Member.**

REGISTRATION DESK AND RECEPTION

Date	Front Desk	Meet & Greet
21/7	Ben Fung Benjamin Pittman	Kaye Gordon
4/8	Ben Fung Michelle Kilburn	Eugenia Miroshnikoff
18/8	Ben Fung Michael Kenyon	Doug Kerr
1/9	Ben Fung Toni Adams	Bruno Castro
15/9	Ben Fung Shirley Doust	Georgina Finn

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

ANDRE W SIH BY 12 NOON EACH MONDAY OF ANY APOLOGIES OR GUEST NUMBERS
Text Mob: 0415 816 241 (“no say – you pay”)

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