

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
Meet 1st & 3rd Monday
6pm for a 6.30pm start
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TONIGHT CLUB ASSEMBLY

CLUB ASSEMBLY IS YOUR NIGHT

It is a night when plans and projects are outlined for the 2009-10 Rotary year. It is your chance to put forward ideas, recommendations, ask questions and learn about this marvellous Club to which you belong. It is a good night to bring along a potential member as they will gain a lot from the meeting as will all members, new and of longer standing!!

Rotarians and "Friends of Rotary CBD" Individual Fund Raising

Have you had your \$30 dinner yet?

It is a new Rotary year, and we are continuing with our individual fund raising. If you are unable to host a \$30 per person dinner, here are some other suggestions.

Keep in mind that we are asking each member to raise \$120 to donate to Rotary CBD. Results of fundraising is donated on your behalf to our many projects including The Rotary Foundation. So get fundraising today!.

Have your \$30 dinner and invite friends
Sell homemade biscuits at work
Auction off unwanted items on eBay
Hold a morning tea for your friends or work colleagues
Ask friends/family for donations.. Have a garage sale,
Sell your kids homemade cards.

"Sweet" Stall

In August, Rotary CBD is planning to have a sweet stall at Rozelle markets.

To do this, we need YOUR help! You do not need to man the stall if you don't want to, we are just asking that you **make your speciality, whether that be cookies, quiches, slices, or any other tasty treat.** Please contact Sally Hetherington to offer your much needed assistance.

CLUB NEWS Coming Events

BLACK AND WHITE COCKTAIL PARTY



Attention members here is one date to put in your diary- 26th August 2009!

On Saturday, 26th August, The Rotary of Sydney CBD will be holding a Black and White Cocktail function at our beloved Marriott Hotel. The evening will be fun filled, with entertainment, canapés, auctions, raffles, and of course plenty of everything to drink.

Invitations will be circulated soon, but make sure that you free up this night. Donations for the auctions and raffle are most welcome! **Contact Sally Hetherington, (supergirlsally@hotmail.com) if you would like to donate or for further info. Stay tuned!**

COMMITTEES – YOUR CHOICE

"WHICH ONE WILL YOU CHOOSE"?

Have you chosen your committee yet?
Every Rotary CBD member is required to act on a committee. There are plenty to choose from, so please contact the nominated Director today. **Names and contact details can be found on the last page of the bulletin.**

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM
6.00 REGISTRATION
6.30 CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:
CHAIRPERSON – SAA Kim Smith

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
 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.
By: Rotarian: Mei Tsang

THE TOAST AUSTRALIA
WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
BY PRESIDENT AMY HING-YOUNG

CLUB ASSEMBLY

REPORTS BY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

"HAVE YOUR SAY"

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
PRESIDENT AMY HING-YOUNG

CLOSE: ROTARY 4 WAY TEST

MEET YOUR NEW MEMBERS

We welcomed three new members to the club at our Changeover Dinner on 29 June 2008, Mei Tsang, Bridgette Baylouni and Garry Phillips.

Herewith a short profile on each – later we shall get them to give a job talk.



MEI TSANG

Mei was born in Hong Kong and immigrated with her brother to Australia 20 years ago. She lived in Adelaide with her brother and aunt's family, and completed her Bachelor of Electrical and Electronic Engineering degree at the University of Adelaide.

After graduation she moved to Sydney and started her career as an engineer with Alcatel, and help delivered on a national telecomm project with Telstra. Then she spent 5 years with Cisco Systems as an R&D engineer. During that time she worked with Cisco's international teams to deliver technologies for the global market. She worked at Avaya Communication to develop tools for customer's production networks while undertaking part time study for her MBA at the Macquarie University, and graduated in 2007. After spending a short time as an IT consultant, she is now working as a Test Manager at the Macquarie Group Limited. Her personal hobbies includes travelling, reading, and bushwalking.

BRIDGETTE BAYLOUNI



Bridgette attended Bethlehem college in Ashfield, finishing yr 12 in 1993. Straight out from school she went to work for a family friend as his PA. During this time she discovered a love for Law and went on to work for various law firms as a Secretary.

In 2004 Bridgette met her future husband and they opened up a women's retail shop in Balmain. After 18 months realised the retail was not for them. They sold the shop and married, then did some travelling.

In 2008 after coming back from Switzerland Bridgette worked for the Hilton Hotel as a PA to the Vice president of Hilton Australasia. In November of that year discovered that she was pregnant (this was a wonderful moment for Bridgette and George) She left the Hilton in January, enjoyed the next months being pregnant, and studying for her Real Estate license. 6 weeks after having baby Michelle she dived into work at her Real Estate office (in partnership with her brother) and has not looked back.

Bridgette tells us that being a new mum and a thriving career, life is grand so now becoming a Rotarian she can play an active role in the community and give a little back to society.

FAREWELL TO BEN

It is always a sad occasion to say farewell to a member and President Amy expressed out thanks and good wishes to Ben Fung as he heads off for a life in Shanghai or other mystical places.

Ben has been our Treasurer for the past 2 years and a very regular attendee at meetings and has helped on many projects.

Bon Voyage Ben and our good wishes go with you!



A BIT OF HUMOUR

Two lawyers are in a bank, when, suddenly, armed robbers burst in, waving guns and yelling for everyone to freeze. While several of the robbers take the money from the tellers, others line the customers, including the lawyers, up against a wall, and proceed to take their wallets, watches, and other valuables.

While this is going on, one of the lawyers jams something into the other lawyer's hand. Without looking down, the second lawyer whispers, 'What is this? '

The first lawyer replies, 'It's the \$100 I owe you!'

GARRY PHILLIPS

Garry Phillips was born in Auckland NZ and spent his school age years on Waiheke Island – an island in the Hauraki Gulf approx 30km from Auckland.



Married to Raewyn, with grown up children Nicole and Blair (both married). Raewyn still lives in NZ to tend to the family pets and runs the finance and admin for the Slique Group of companies. They get together as often as possible and hope to both finally settle in Australia.

Garry started working life as a Post Office technician (on Waiheke Is.) and completed an undergraduate degree in electronics and telecommunications, and spent 9 years teaching electronics at the Post Office Training School. Joined the NZ Territorial Army in 1971 and was commissioned in the Signals Corp, and spent 13 years as a part time soldier as well as full time work and family. Travelled regularly overseas on Army Service as well as on business.

He left Post Office to join private enterprise (Plessey NZ) where he ran the telecommunications division of the company when the industry deregulated. Went back to Telecom on a golden handshake and eventually left to run his own business.

He has now been involved in the stone and tile industry in NZ for 13 years (and in Australia for 3) and is a recognized industry expert in restoration and maintenance of tile and stone surfaces.

He enjoys fishing (all types) and family research (genealogy) as hobbies. Garry was a member of the Downtown Rotary Club of Auckland for almost 3 years and left due to business pressures. Met up with Jim Harrison and Kaye last December at a cabaret night put on by Kaye and was "co-erced" into rejoining Rotary by Jim.

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

Resignation: It was with sincere regret that the resignation of **Silvija Smits** was accepted. We are sorry lose Silvija after 10 years of membership. Silvija is entering a new adventure with Town Planning, however she hopes to get along to visit when time allows. We wish you well Silvija and extend thanks for your contributions to our Club over the years.

GET WELL - DR SEV OZDOWSKI
Sev entered hospital in June for surgery which was successful but complications set in and he has been seriously ill in intensive care ever since. However we are pleased to advise that at last he is feeling a little better and slowly regaining his health. He is not available for visitors. He sends his heartfelt thanks for the lovely flower arrangement sent by the Club last week.

NEW PROGRAMS FOR THE YEAR

Maori and Pacific Islander Youth initiative, RYLA, RYPEN, Life for Kids, Key College (The School for Street Kids) and many others.

FUND RAISING PROJECTS – arrangements are well in hand to bring in much needed funds to support our Service projects – as noted above, the Back and White cocktail Party, Rozelle Markets, The \$30 Dinners, Trivia Night , Nathans Bequest and MANY other exciting events.

THE ROTARY SINGLES AND COLLEAGUES NIGHT

"Camaraderie with like minded people", a membership development opportunity

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP EVENT – being developed for this year.

MEETING ATTENDANCE – "Missing Members"

It was noted that some members are falling behind in their attendance requirements . It was also noted that the meetings of Sydney CBD occur only twice a month and that has eased any pressure on members. This does not apply to those n leave.

It is important to request Leave of Absence through the Secretary John Hepworth if you are going away or are sick – otherwise we look forward to having our company at meetings.

ROTARY MEETINGS REPLIES ARE ESSENTIAL

It is imperative that all members (and guests) reply to the notice sent out on the Thursday before each Rotary meeting to advise of their attendance or apology at the Rotary meeting. A reply is needed immediately by return email one way or another..!

CHRIS JOANNOU'S GUITAR "TRAVELS ON"

Last week we received an email below from Ritchie Kisielnicki, who bought the guitar which our Honorary Member Chris Joannou donated to fundraise for Nathans Bequest.

"I'm writing to let you know that since buying the bass I've done something I've wanted to do for as long as I remember, join a band.

So we have starting gigging around Melbourne and are getting a great response and starting to build up solid crowds at gigs.

I thought that it could be a great opportunity for us as a band to work with Nathan's Bequest to help spread awareness for youth suicide and mental health problems...

It's something I feel strongly about so would love to help out and having the bass on stage is a great segway to grab the crowds attention.

So at very least if you have flyer's or cards we can hand out at gigs we'd be happy to do so, and would love to talk further about what we can do..

We are in the midst of putting together a press pack but for now details of our band Gabbaflasted are at www.gabbaflasted.com "

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

Clare Patterson – it was great to hear from Clare last week. As most of you know Clare was our first Indigenous Doctor Scholarship holder. She passed her finals a few years ago with flying colours and commenced work at Royal Prince Alfred where she decided to undertake the Surgeons Degree.



She had previously worked at Wagga Hospital during her internship and decided to go back there as they are so short of doctors in the rural area. She put her Surgeons course on hold to do at a later date

She has recently been working in ICU at Goulburn Base Hospital, but she will soon return to Wagga.

Why – because she has now married and her husband Graham is based there as ambulance Officer **AND she is expecting her first baby in October.**

Care has worked non-stop for about 15 years and needs a good rest and this is the only way she can get it – she claims!

Congratulations Clare and good wishes for the coming months. We look forward to seeing you and a “new little Rotarian” when you are travel up to Sydney later in the year.

LAST MEETING – 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS

In keeping with the Club’s Multi Cultural diversity we celebrate the national day of the countries of origin of some of our members each year – it was America’s 4th of July Celebration last meeting where we highlighted that country and our member **Kim Smith!**



What a wonderful night it was and enjoyed by 40 members and friends. Kim organized the “all American” event – with a wonderful Barber Shop Quartet, delicious American Hamburgers (the best I’ve tasted ED.) and apple pie and ice cream! If that wasn’t enough we enjoyed the most enlightening and entertaining address by **Walter Jennings.**

It was one of the most enjoyable nights we have experienced. Thank you Kim Thank you Walter.



Over \$700 was raised in the night due to generous donations of goods by Shirley Doust, Kim Smith, Walter Jennings and Pres. Amy Hing-Young

Kim’s Guests (below)

enjoy the meeting while the “usual suspects” hassle all in sight to take the raffle tickets!



(Below) Sally and Lyndsey show new member, Mei how to “perform” at a Rotary event ?



A new lady in **Andrew Sih’s** life? No – she has been it for all of *her* life – meet Andrew’s daughter from Adelaide!



Immediate Past President Jim beat all comers’ for the Coca Cola Handbag – HMMM!



The only way to eat a hamburger- Hashim and Jim “tuck in”!

Shirley and Joan were much more delicate reserved! (oh yeah?!)



THE \$30 FUNDRAISING DINNER

What a great success the \$30 Dinners have been. Members host a dinner at their house (or favourite restaurant/BBQ)- Invite their friends around – charge them \$30 pp (BYO) and tell them a little about our club while they enjoy a great night out (or lunch/brunch) with you!!

Some members have raised quite a lot of money this past year for this very different “fun” - fund raiser. Others are waiting until the warmer weather.

Last week Benjamin Pittman, Shelley Sammut and Rees Rear combined to share the fund raiser. Ben cooked the meal, the function was held at Shelley’s home and



Rees did a great job of PR, gathering a great number of their friends who arrived in fine spirit and left with “greater spirit” about 12 MN!

The food was excellent, the camaraderie was unmistakable and the \$780 raised was brilliant! Congratulations Shelley, Benjamin and Rees.



ATTENDANCE RULES

Reminder to all members of the Rotary rule that you need to attend 50 percent of meetings at your own club. Even if you are doing make-up meetings at other clubs you still need to actually attend a minimum of 50 percent of Sydney CBD Rotary’s meetings.

And – don’t forget to advise Secretary John Hepworth of your make-ups! He really needs to know!!

**ALWAYS A GREAT EVENT
ROTARY CLUB OF DRUMMOYNE
ART SHOW**

The 32nd Drummoyne Rotary Art Show is being held from the evening of Friday, 24th July to 4pm on Sunday, 26th July at the civic hall in Marlborough street Drummoyne. It is always an excellent event – try to make it.

CLUB NEWS

CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

Some members have told us that they had not received their subscription notice for the 2009-10 year, so notices have been now sent to ALL members. Most people have responded

– but others are still delaying. WHY?

It is the responsibility of all Rotarians to pay their dues on time! We must meet our commitments to Rotary International and Rotary District 9750 or we lose our Charter!

We have made it easier for members during this economic downturn to pay half yearly and for those members under 25 years of age to pay quarterly. (and we do have a few in that range!)

Quotes

'Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out'- Robert Collier

...'Computers make very fast, very accurate mistakes'- Unknown

ROTARIAN OF THE MOMENT!

Name: **Joan Richards OAM**

Where were you born? **Moree NSW**

What is your favourite holiday destination? **Everywhere!!**

What really annoys you? **Not much.**

If you weren't name Joan, which name would you choose?

Marilyn Munroe – because of our likeness!

What is your favourite attribute of Rotary CBD? **Friendliness and family atmosphere.**

What is the most important lesson you have learnt in life?

“Walk a mile in another persons shoes” before making a judgement on others.

(Questions above from Sally – and from SMH below)



TELL ME ABOUT YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH ROTARY, INCLUDING HOW YOU BECAME INVOLVED?

I was formerly the Executive Secretary /Officer of the Rotary Club of Sydney 1979 – 1996. First female member of Drummoyne Rotary following the admission of women by Rotary International in 1989. Instigated the formation of the Rotary Club of Sydney CBD as the first evening club in the Sydney Central Business District in 1996. President of The Rotary Club of Sydney CBD 1997-98. Instigated and became Chairperson of the District 9750 Indigenous Australians Goodwill Committee in 1997(embracing at that time 58 Rotary Clubs in an area from Rose Bay to Shell Harbour).

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE THINGS YOU HAVE ACHIEVED WITH ROTARY THAT YOU HAVE BEEN PROUD OF?

The Build a Boat Project for kids from disadvantaged backgrounds. The young people were taught to build a 12ft wooden sailing boat and then learnt to sail it.

This project had a dramatic effect by changing their negative attitudes, due to having achieved something, working as a team and learning new skills. This led to improved school results and many went on to a more fruitful and more positive way of life.

Following the tremendous success of this project it was taken up by the Salvation Army as a Work for The Dole Government program. Since then numerous other teams have built and worked on boats throughout NSW

The Rotary Club of Sydney CBD supported me in my year as President as we implemented The Indigenous First Aid Project to train indigenous people from 17 areas throughout NSW to become Accredited First Aid Teachers. The fully accredited First aid Teachers returned to their own communities to deliver First Aid and train other people in their community .

TELL ME ABOUT YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH INDIGENOUS ISSUES. WHY DO YOU THINK THIS IS AN IMPORTANT AREA TO ASSIST?

I have worked tirelessly for reconciliation of indigenous and non-indigenous Australians in areas of health and education and training and human rights.

Through my network of indigenous friends who gave of their time to join me in going out and speaking to Rotary Clubs and other associated organisations, hundreds of Rotarians their friends and families, Rotary Youth Exchange Students, Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotary Youth program participants and overseas Rotary Group Study Exchange Groups now know more about aboriginal culture, traditions and history.

Through my efforts Rotary District 9750 joined with other Rotarians and walked with their Banner as a large group part of 100,000 others on the **Walk for Reconciliation over the Harbour Bridge in May 2000.**

Some of the larger projects I have instigated and headed up - The Indigenous Australians Goodwill Committee's, Kids at Risk Project. By organizing and building the facilities at “Linga Longa” at Rollands Plains, the property of Aboriginal Human Rights Advocate Jack Beetson enabled him to conduct sessions for the rehabilitation of street kids and kids from dysfunctional families.

This program was very successful and helped turn around the life of young people and lift them out of a further life of crime.

To run this programs we built bunkhouse to accommodate 30 people, a commercial kitchen, Ablutions block, Stables, Round Yard, Office/Gym and supply a solar and septic system and many other items for the facilities.

This invaluable program could never have been developed unless we had the backing and support of Rotary District 9750 and many individuals.

All of this was achieved with NO Federal or State Government or community funding .

HOW DID YOU FEEL TO BE HONOURED WITH AN AUSTRALIAN HONOUR IN 2006?

I was completely astounded. I felt that they must have



made a mistake because even though I have worked a lifetime in so many areas and communities to assist others, I have been repaid a thousand times. Just to have a child, old person or a homeless person give me a big smile and say “Thanks Lady” – that is more than adequate!

Having said that, I am very humbled by this recognition and will share it with the members of the Rotary Club of Sydney CBD and Rotary District 9750 and the hundreds of people who have helped and continue to help me make this community and country a better and happier and fairer place for all of us.

