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ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKTOWN CITY INC.

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Meetings held Tuesday Nights. 6 for 6.30 in the Marana Room at the Blacktown Workers Club, Campbell Street Blacktown



DUTIES FOR THE 11th. FEBRUARY

Meet & Greet	Dinner Fees	Grace & Loyal Toast	International Club Recognition	Program Chair	Note Taker
Scotty Mcinally	Paul Reid	Jack Kestle	Roma Price	Mel Gray	Ray Stanwell

UPCOMING DUTY ROSTER

DATE	18th. February 2020	25th. February 2020	3rd. March 2020
DINNER FEES	Geetha Eruvatt	Len Winter	Keith Waller
GRACE & LOYAL TOAST	Dick White	Geetha Eruvatt	Ivan Kelly
INTERNATIONAL CLUB RECOGNITION	Bob Gardiner	Spiro Constantinou	Roma Price
PROGRAM CHAIR	Tess Sayas	Mel Gray	Keith Waller
NOTE TAKER	Paul Reid	Tess Sayas	Geetha Eruvatt

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

DATE	February & March
11th. February	Guest Speaker, Megan Thomas - Dementia Australia
18th. February	Guest Speaker, Geetha Geeganaga - NBN
25th. February	Guest Speaker, Dr James Nol - Blacktown Hospital Radiology Dept. Radiation at Home
3rd. March	Guest Speaker, Megan Thomas - Dementia Australia

14th, & 15th. March	Blacktown Show - Please see Rob if you can assist
21st. & 22nd. March	Annual Horse Show - Please see Rob if you can assist

ROTARY GRACE

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

THE 4 WAY TEST

Is it the TRUTH?
 Is it FAIR to all concerned?
 Will it build GOODWILL &
 BETTER FRIENDSHIP?
 Will it be BENEFICIAL to all?

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS - FEBRUARY

Date joined our Club - Tony Orr 15th. David Bamford 18th.
Birthdays - Paul Reid 7th. Manie Stalker 15th. Liz Amper 28th.
Partners Birthdays - Mary Makinson 12th.
Wedding Anniversary's - None for this month

CLOSEST MAKE UP CLUBS

Holroyd - Mondays 6.00pm for 6.30 Merrylands Bowling Club
Mt. Druitt - Wednesdays in the Bistro 6pm for 6.30 before heading to the meeting rooms.
St. Mary's - Tuesdays 6.00pm - 7pm & then for a meal 7.00 to 8pm a meeting room in the St. Mary's Band Club. 1st; 2nd. & Tuesday of the month.

A REMINDER FROM PAM

APOLOGIES & OR GUESTS NAMES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS ARE REQUIRED BY MID-DAY MONDAY. PLEASE TEXT OR PHONE PAM ON 0414764604 IF YOU HAVE A GUEST OR CAN'T ATTEND. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE ON THE DUTY ROSTER TO ASSIST FOR THE NIGHT & ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING COULD YOU ASK ANOTHER MEMBER TO TAKE YOUR PLACE FOR THAT NIGHT.

LAST WEEKS NOTES TAKEN BY KEITH

President Mel welcomed all to the meeting. Our guest speaker this week is Ken Fairfax & he will be giving a talk on his younger days as a Solicitor living in country NSW. Ivan led us in Grace & the Loyal Toast & Len read the International Toast celebrating the Rotary Club of Grenada.

Tonight along with the national day of Grenada celebrated on the 7th. of February we recognise the Rotary club of Grenada. It was established in 1968 and it has 31 members. The President is Abraham Lester Andall and the Secretary is John Williams.

Grenada is a country in the West Indies in the Caribbean Sea at the southern end of the Grenadines Island chain. St. George's is its capital and largest city and English is the official language of Grenada. Over 90 percent of Grenada's homes were either damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Ivan on September 2004; the incident was a catastrophe for the island nation.



After the French, the British took control of the island. The British realised the potential of the island and pushed hard to leverage sugar plantations there. The small island country also supports its economy by lucrative tuna fish catching, which is done by its people with the help of just 85 boats. They catch tuna fish worth millions of dollars every year.

There is a "Jumpers Hill" in Grenada. The hill got its name when the Caribs (earliest inhabitants of Grenada) were chased by the French, who were trying to take control of the island. The Caribs reached the top of the hill and had no way to escape. Ultimately, they jumped off the hill and perished.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Mel had a meeting with Blacktown Police with David Bamford, Paul Reid & Keith Waller at the Police Station on Friday 31st. January to discuss and set a date for this years POTY award night.

Directors Report Continued

Police felt that the date of 3rd. February was not close enough to the State awards and felt 19th. May would be better suited. However, this date will still have to be confirmed.

Mel will be attending the next Presidents meeting. Unfortunately, Keith and Elizabeth will not be able to attend as well due to district budgeting.

Keith thanked everyone for there help and contribution in organising guest speakers, we are booked out through to end of March have bookings in April and May but will need more speakers throughout the year.

Rob's said there is working bee on 15th. February to clean out the Trailer will need members on the day.
March 14th. & 15th. is Blacktown Show and will need as many helpers on the day.
March 21st to 22nd. is Annual Horse show again as many as possible, please.

Pam's report on the TIB. Thanks to the Rotary Club of Greater Springfield and the AusCongo Network our first Teacher in a Box is on its way to the Democratic Republic of Congo. Thanks also to the Rotary Club of Caloundra and Mark Ward. Through their efforts a National High school on the island of Mindanao, Philippines will soon be using Teacher in a Box to enhance student education.

And Mel held the Sargents Session & he's sounding just like Gary !!!

President Mel introduced our guest speaker Ken who gave us his talk on "Tales of a Country Lawyer"

Ken said grew up Canterbury & Strathfield & studied Law & Commerce at UNSW & graduated in 1979. After he graduating he decided that he had enough of Sydney or Sydney had enough of him. He moved to Glen Innes & commenced working as a Solicitor.

Once in Glen Innes he began playing Rugby against Armidale City where he met new friends & played against some couple of 2 Wallabies which was a privileged.

Ken worked in Glen Innes for 2 law firms & after spending 5 years studying Law & emerging with basically with no idea of whether he would enjoy being a Lawyer he was doing an enormously diverse range of work as opposed to month after month of discharging mortgages, etc.

Eventually he moved to Mudgee & the day he started work there & guy came into the office who was a Stock & Station Agent. Ken recognised him as being Brett Keeping who had played Rugby for Australia. Brett now runs a Winery in Denman in the Upper Hunter Valley in which with some other friends stayed there stayed there last year.

Interesting Drug matters: The judiciary were concerned that the amount of the supply of drugs getting into the streets from a source of what appeared to be from Police Custody. They have now changed that stance on the evidence in drug matters from prosecution to simply bringing a sample into court to producing the entire the amount of evidence in Court. In the past "truck loads" of evidence of Cannabis etc. had to be brought into Court thus leaving leaves & seeds & mess everywhere.

Ken finished off his talk by saying 3 three things he had gained from his life in the country. He loved the legal practice & experience he gained in the country that he never would have in another place. He learned a lot about playing Rugby & met his wife Caroline who grew up on a property at Rangers Valley north of Glen Innes.

LAST WEEKS PHOTOS



From the top left: Russell, Ivan & Pam, Rob & Keith, Bob & Chetan, Dick, Pam & Mel, Len, Rob, Keith, Ken & Mel

THE DISTRICT SECRETARIES REPORT

Cheryl Deguara has now confirmed the date for **MUNA** (Model United Nations Assembly) which is Saturday 23rd May 2020 @ NSW Parliament House 9am – 4pm. Now is the time to organise your school team and book them in ASAP. There is a limit of 26 teams so the sooner the team is booked in, the sooner they receive their nominated country and their resolutions to work on. Early Bird Rate until 10th April is \$410; full rate is \$440 until closing date 1st May. Details are also the on District Website <https://rotarydistrict9675.org/page/muna> For all other information contact Cheryl Deguara 0419 465 962 or cdd@maxi.net.au

The Rotary Club of Strathfield is holding a Charity Golf Day at Strathfield Golf Club on 20th February 2020 in support of the Multiple Sclerosis Research Foundation. Bookings are at <https://trishmsresearch.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Golf-Day-Downloadable-Booking-Form.pdf> For more information contact Rick Vosila 0401 777 000.

A reminder to please save the date for Saturday 29th February when some of the District Governors around Australia will hold a **Nutbush Dance** at 11AM AEST and invite Rotarians, friends and community members to participate. In Sydney it will be a joint District 9675 and 9685 event and will be held at **Cathy Freeman Park at Olympic Park, Homebush**. We are extremely fortunate that **Tickets.com** have offered to waive their fee and will organise the booking site for all venues. It will cost you \$5 to register and the money raised will be supporting bushfire relief. DG Dianne will get the registration information to you as soon as possible.

At our District Conference which will be held from 20th to 22nd March 2020, there will be a session where we will remember those members who have died since the last conference in March 2019. Please send a good quality photo of these members, with their name, club name and if they have an OAM to PDG Phil Lacey pnlacey2@bigpond.com before 6th March. This will give Phil enough time to put together the Reflections session which will be held on the Sunday morning of the conference. DG Dianne encourages you to send this information, as it is a lovely gesture to acknowledge our departed Rotarians and to show our respect.

A **Membership Seminar** will be held on Saturday 15th February at Bankstown Sports Club from 8.30am to 12.30pm. Morning tea will be provided. Our District Membership Chair Rae-Anne Medforth has organised an exciting and engaging program. PDG Brian Coffey will speak about "Strength through Service". Bharathi Rengarajan will present on Diversity, and our District Public Image Chair Tony Benner will speak about our Public Image. The seminar will be interactive which will enable members to share their experiences while developing strategies that might be used in their Clubs. It will also provide new members with the opportunity to see the broader picture of Rotary and its impact on the community and individuals. The booking link is <<https://www.trybooking.com/BHVVO>.

A reminder to Presidents and AGs to register for the **Presidents Meeting** at Bankstown Sports Club on Friday night 21st February, 6.30 for a 7pm start. There will be a special focus on the bushfires and there will be special guest speakers from the Salvation Army and the Rural Fire Service. Dinner will be provided. Presidents will be given the opportunity in the last part of the evening to have a minute to speak about an upcoming project and/or what the club is doing for bushfire relief. To request a minute please contact District Secretary Janice at janicehall@fastmail.com.au The booking link is <<https://www.trybooking.com/BHSUP>

Woy Woy Rotary Club are inviting you to an afternoon of opera on Saturday 28th March from 3pm to 5.30pm. Opera in the Arboretum will feature Julie-Lea Goodwin who is the granddaughter of Hurstville Past President Ken Ford. We were all enthralled when Julie sang for us at Hurstville Rotary Club's 80th anniversary in September. Tickets are \$70pp (\$67 for seniors) Please book tickets at www.trybooking.com/567088

On the 31st January we received the sad news that two polio workers were killed in Pakistan close to the Afghanistan border. **RI Past Vice President Mike McGovern** (Chair, International PolioPlus Committee) will lead a delegation of senior Rotary leaders to meet with Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan and the chief of the Pakistani army in Islamabad. They will emphasise the need for full cooperation and support to ensure that the community based vaccinators are safe, and also underline the importance of ongoing vaccinations in the fight to end Polio.

The new oral polio vaccine which has been under development for ten years, is ready to go. They are awaiting final approval but manufacturing is already underway with 100 million doses expected to be ready on 1st July and a further 100 million by the end of the year. The indications from testing the vaccine is that it will eliminate the incidences of vaccine derived cases that have become more prevalent in the last 12 months. Bill Gates has just announced that the Gates Foundation will continue matching donations to Rotary's PolioPlus program 2-1, up to US\$50 million for the next three years.

A request has been received from **David Russell** who coordinates the placement in NSW of recently graduated US teachers. There is a 22 year old male who will attend **Newtown School of Performing Arts** for 8 weeks commencing 27 April. The school usually arranges home hosting, but that is not possible this time. Would this interest one of our Rotary Clubs? The teacher expects to pay **\$200/week** for board. It could be seen as a Youth/International project. Please contact David joanda1077@gmail.com

Another request has been received from Martin Horsted a member of Hemel Hempstead Rotary Club, District 1260 U.K. Martin is seeking a **New Generations Service Exchange (NGSE)** for 5-8 weeks sometime during the period April-June this year for his daughter, Emma who is almost 19 years old and is currently undertaking a Gap-Year before taking up a place to study Psychology at Southampton University in October. Due to the current challenges in Australia, Emma has a desire to see if she can help in some way, whether it be with animals, the environment or people. Martin was a team member in a Group Study Exchange (GSE) to District (9750 as it was then) in 1988.

If you would like more information please contact DG Dianne at districtgovernor@rotarydistrict9675.org