

# BUNGARRIBEE

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## ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKTOWN CITY INC.

CHARTERED 16TH NOVEMBER 1961 INCORPORATED 25TH JUNE 1991

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



### DUTIES FOR THE 25 February 2020

Meet & Greet	Dinner Fees	Grace & Loyal Toast	International Club Recognition	Program Chair	Note Taker
Scotty McNally	Len Winter	Geetha Eruvatt	Spiro Constantino	Mel Grey	Tess Sayas

### UPCOMING DUTY ROSTER

DATE	3 March	10 March	17 March
DINNER FEES	Keith Waller	Russell Ashley	Tony Orr
GRACE & LOYAL TOAST	Ivan Kelly	Liz Amper	Jack Kestle
INTERNATIONAL CLUB RECOGNITION	Gary Raymond	Marideth Laquian	Paul Reid
PROGRAM CHAIR	Mel Gray	Mel Gray	Mel Gray
NOTE TAKER	Geetha Eruvatt	Pam Carne	Bob Gardiner

### UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

DATE	SEPTEMBER- OCTOBER – NOVEMBER- DECEMBER
25 February 2020	Guest Speaker: DR.James Nol – Blacktown Hospital "Radiology at Home"
3 March 2020	Guest Speaker ; Leanne Harris – Blacktown Credit Union "Growth of a Credit Union"
10 March 2020	Guest Speaker ; Genus Sayas/ Cassandra Waller International Women's Night"

14-15 March 2020	Blacktown Show
17 March 2020	Guest Speaker ; Val Schaninsky – Author “Diseases Impairing Driving”
24 March 2020	Guest Speaker ; Martha Gounial / Rennee Smith “Sailors with Disabilities”

### 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 1/2/2011, David Bamford 18/2/1975

Birthdays; Paul Reid 7<sup>th</sup>, Manie Stalker 15<sup>th</sup>, Liz Amper 28<sup>th</sup>

Partners Birthday's; Mary Makinson 12<sup>th</sup>

Wedding Anniversary's; none

### CLOSEST MAKE UP CLUBS

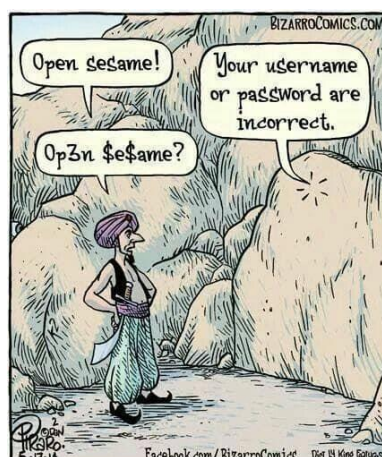
Holroyd - Mondays 6.00pm for 6.30 Merrylands Bowling Club

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 YOU'RE YOUR PLACE FOR THAT NIGHT.**



## **A bit of nostalgia for Bob Gardiner and those who do not read The Daily Telegraph.**

### **On this day 18February;**

- 999** Pope Gregory V, the first German head of the Catholic Church dies at age 27. Rumors that he was poisoned.
- 1546** Martin Luther leader of the Protestant Reformation dies at aged 62 in Eisleben, Saxony
- 1793** Colonial Sydney's first school opens in a new church building in Hunter Street. Rev. Richard Johnson and his wife, Mary, teach 150 – 200 children
- 1901** Winston Churchill makes his maiden speech in the House of Commons, talking about the conduct of the Boer War.
- 1910** Lord Kitchener's report on Australian defence forces is released.
- 1946** Archbishop Norman Thomas Gilroy of Sydney becomes the first Australian-born Cardinal
- 1949** Paul Denis Reid is now 11 days old and doing well
- 1977** The space shuttle Enterprise goes on its maiden flight from a Californian runway while sitting on top of a Boeing 747 carrier plane
- 2002** Alisa Camplin, 27, becomes the first Australian woman to win gold at a Winter Olympic event when she triumphs at aerial skiing at Salt Lake City
- 2007** Premier Morris Iemma promotes his desalination scheme while launching Labor's state election campaign
- 2014** A revolution begins in the Ukraine culminating in the ousting of President Viktor Yanukovich and the overthrow of the government
- 2018** An Aseman Airlines flight crashes in the Zagros Mountains, in Central Iran, killing all 66 on board

## **LAST WEEKS NOTES WERE TAKEN BY PAUL REID**

### **Rotary Club Meeting 18 February 2020**

President Mel Gray opened the meeting with the following quote;

"People do not decide to become extraordinary. They decide to accomplish extraordinary things" – Sir Edmund Hillary

and then asked PDG Dick White to lead us in us in Rotary Grace and the Loyal Toast.

Pam Carne read the Rotary International Club recognition of Lithuania and the Rotary Club of Vilnius:

Tonight along with the national day of Lithuania celebrated on the 16th of February we recognise the Rotary club of Vilnius. It was established in 1992 and it has 54 members.

The president is Sigitas Rencys and the secretary is TADAS VILCINSKAS.

Lithuania, officially the Republic of Lithuania, is a country in the Baltic region of Europe with a population of 2.8 million people.

The Greek, Latin, German, Celtic, and the Slavic are one of the oldest languages in the World, but they are not even nearly as old as the Lithuanian tongue, which is the most ancient one from them all.

Lithuania has the oldest oak tree in Europe, called The Stelmuze Oak, which is 23 meters high, and is more than 1,500 years old. It requires 8-9 people just to hug its trunk.

Basketball is the most popular sport in Lithuania, and it is said to be the second religion of our people. Lithuania has the fourth best basketball team in the World, which has won three bronze medals at the Olympics.

Lithuania has one of the fastest Internet connections in the World. It is the first country in Europe which has introduced the Local Breakout (LBO) technology, offering cheap mobile internet for travelers and allowing them to avoid big data roaming charges

**Ladies guests and fellows, I give you the Rotary Club of Vilnius**

## **President Mel**

Welcomed our guest speaker Geeth Geeganaga, a Community Ambassador for NBN.

President Mel then read out an email from the principal from the catholic school Eugowra that she sent to Simple Voices Choir thanking them for their donation of \$3000 on our recent visit to Forbes.

Also an email from Dee Zegarac advising of her now working life in Canberra and passing on her best wishes to members and partners.

Also advised he received a note from Brett Claoke of Balmain Police advising that he has set aside 6 bicycles for the club's use and supply to recipients in worthy communities.

President Mel also advised that he had applied on behalf of the Club for a grant from Federal member Michelle Rowlands of \$1000 to assist with purchase of a new portable sound system. This was confirmed by a show of hands by members.

He also floated the idea of displaying the Presidential Chain of Office for first 50 years in a "display case" or the like.

## **Director's Reports;**

**David Bamford** advised that on his recent holiday discovered that Rotary Club of Myall Coast had handed in its Charter.

**Rob Smith thanked** those members- Ted, Keith and Manie for their assistance in cleaning up the BBQ and trailer last weekend

**Pam Carne;** referred members to this month's edition of Rotary Down Under Magazine which has an article on "Teacher in a Box"

**Keith Waller:** Advised that Pride of Workmanship Award night was set down for 5 May 2020 and asked members for nominations.

Sergeants Session provided a means to secure all our small change and any other donations. Well done President Mel.

## **President Mel introduced our guest speaker for tonight Geeth Geeganaga, a Community Ambassador for NBN**

Geeth gave a very interesting and informative presentation on NBN rollout for our areas with the following points;

- NBN is a Government Business Enterprise and is solely the wholesaler, not the installer or retailer for the service
- The design, survey, inspection and connection is carried out by approved contractors
- Your NBN service is purchased by approved retailers such as Telstra, Optus and others
- People can request a phone only plan and do not have to sign up for an internet plan, but cannot keep their old landline as it is being completely phased out
- Be aware of scams such as phone calls from "Nicole". The NBN does not phone people directly but rather by mail
- Check all costs with a retail provider before signing up and also check if you can keep your existing phone number and email address. Also check compatibility of existing services such as back to base fire alarms, medical alarms and even fax machine.
- NBN runs off of the mains power and will not work during power outages
- All NBN contractors must have identification with "Enable" shown on it. If not do not allow them onto your property

Geeth's presentation was warmly received and Tess proposed a vote of thanks presenting him with the usual photo and certificate of appreciation.



PHOTOS FROM LAST WEEKS MEETING TAKEN BY KEITH



Photos in chronological order; President Mel & Geeth, David, Rob, Liz, Tess, Ivan, PDG Dick, Ken and Paul's head, Pam, Tess & Geeth

**You know you're  
getting old when  
it feels like the  
morning after...  
but there was no  
night before.**





## WHO IS A ROTARIAN

A Rotarian is a person who...

Digs wells from which he/she will never drink ;

Vaccinates Children he/she will never meet;

Restores eyesight for those he/she  
will never see;

Builds housing he/she will never live in;

Educates Children he/she will never know;

Plants trees he/she will never sit under;

Makes crawlers into walkers halfway  
around the world;

**Knows real happiness that "Can Only  
Be Found By Helping Others"**

### DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Dear President and Secretary

1) For those who have forgotten how to do the **Nutbush Dance** have a look at this link <https://youtu.be/FUWCClxtqJo> Have a practice before the big event next Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February at 11AM, although we will have dance instructors there on the day to assist you. There is one venue at Cathy Freeman Park at Olympic Park Homebush and another venue in Wollongong in Stuart Park. It will cost \$5 and money is being raised for bushfire relief and rebuilding. We will have a barbecue and coffee van available for you as well. Please read the attachments for more information.

**Wollongong**

[https://mpv.tickets.com/?agency=RCA\\_MPV&orgid=55010&eventId=9791](https://mpv.tickets.com/?agency=RCA_MPV&orgid=55010&eventId=9791)

Sydney

[https://mpv.tickets.com/?agency=RCA\\_MPV&orgid=55010&eventId=9793](https://mpv.tickets.com/?agency=RCA_MPV&orgid=55010&eventId=9793)

2) If you would like to know more about Rotary's branding and how to create logos for your club then join the **Public Image Webinar** to be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7PM AEDT. Join the webinar with this link <https://zoom.us/j/733567589>

3) David Littleproud, Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management, has announced that Rotary will receive a **Drought Community Support Initiative (DCSI) of \$5,000,000** for cash grants to families impacted by the ongoing drought. Rotary previously received \$6,500,000 for cash grants and with this delivered 3,403 cash grants. This is yet another demonstration of the power of Rotary within Australia. You can read the media release from David Littleproud in the attachment.

4) **Conference 2020 Reasons: From Conference Chair PDG Stephen Humphreys.** Due to overwhelming demand for the Friday night function the Conference Committee has been able to relocate the event within the Wollongong Entertainment Centre. So if you would like to attend the whole Conference from Friday night through to Sunday morning registration is now available again. There are also registration options for just Saturday and just Sunday. The Conference program is full of excellent speakers and there is a very large Showcase of Rotary projects. You will also have the opportunity to meet other Rotarians from across the two Districts. Please see attachment for more information.

5) **Rae -Anne Medforth Membership Chair** has included information about Rotary's new collaboration with Toastmasters. This new partnership is designed to enhance membership and develop leadership and communication skills. It provides another opportunity to showcase Rotary, develop community awareness and upskill our members. See attachment for more details.

6) **DGE Warwick Richardson advises all President Elects** of the following important information:

Each President Elect will soon receive an email to personally invite, brief and provide you with details for the 2020-2021 Rotary Year. There will be only two (2) programs prior to changeover on 28 June 2020, celebrating the end of this Rotary Year and introducing the new District Team.

**Program details are:**

18 April 2020 - PETS - Target group for training - all Presidents.

16 May 2020 - Opportunities 2020-2021 - Target group - President and all Board Members. This program was previously known as District Assembly.

Both programs will be from 8.30 am (registration) to 5.30 pm and both will be conducted at Bankstown Sports Club, 8 Greenfield Parade Bankstown NSW 2200. Free parking is available. Please see attachment for more details.

**NB.** Please be reminded to enter the information about your **president elect and secretary elect for 2020-2021** into Clubrunner or My Rotary. If you enter the information into Clubrunner it automatically goes to RI and Clubrunner is easily accessible for sending you more information.

Kindest regards

*Janice M Hall*



## Rotary Blacktown 2020 Calendar

### January

- Tuesday 7th Multi club night.
- 20th Board Meeting
- 26th Australia Day

### February

- 9th Adopt a road
- 15th community service working bee Show ground,
- 24th Board Meeting

### March

- 1st President of Leave 3 weeks
- Tuesday 10th International women's night
- 14th-15th Blacktown Show
- 16th Board Meeting
- 20th-22nd District conference Wollongong
- 22nd President returns from leave

### April

- 10th Good Friday
- 20th Board Meeting
- 25th ANZAC Day
- 28th Back to St. Barts. Bartholomew's Church

### May

- 18th Board Meeting
- 19th POTY Night
- 23rd to 30th Blacktown Festival week
- 30th International Night Ball room Workers club

### June

- 8th Queen's Birthday
- 15th Board Meeting
- 23rd -Blacktown City Rotary Changeover

### July

- 20th Board Meeting

### August

- 2nd Keith's Birthday
- 17th Board Meeting

### September

- 21st Board Meeting

### October

- 11th - Pet Festival- Blacktown Show Ground
- 19th Board meeting

### November

- Sat 14th Club Picnic Day TBA
- Board Meeting
- 24th-25th Seniors Christmas Party Bowmen Hall

### December

- 1st -24th Gift Wrapping Westpoint Blacktown
- 14th Board Meeting
- Tues 15th End of Year/Christmas Party.

### January 2021

- 18th Board Meeting