



# “The Fulcrum” Rotary Club of Padstow Inc.

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Lend a Hand

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#### PROGRAMME

**Tonight  
Mar 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Andrew Sozomenou “Get On Board”  
Transferred meeting Liverpool West Club (Sunnybrook at  
Warwick Farm)**

**Mar 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>  
Mar 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>**

**“Get On Board” weekend sail training for disadvantaged kids  
District Conference at Central Coast Leagues Club Gosford**

**Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Mar 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Board meeting and club assembly ( conference reports)  
Membership Development Barry T, Barry Mc.**

**April 6<sup>th</sup>**

**GSE Outbound Farewell Hero’s Hill**

**April 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Myra Douglas Summer Science Forum**

**April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Gillian Burrows M7 Orbital Motorway**

**April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Job talk Warren Bond**

**May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Pride of workmanship awards and Club Birthday**

### President Joan:

- Welcome to Gail, Elina, Bev, Barry Ogle and Warwick.
- Thanks to John English for hosting our transferred meeting at the Torch Publishing Company.
- Next Sunday is the Child Protection seminar at Blue Mts Grammar School Wentworth Falls 9:00am
- Request from Panania Senior Citizens to provide free tea & coffee at the Panania Markets. Approved.

### Secretary – Ken:

- Invoice from Australia Post for PO Box.
- YEP Committee with details for conference for inbound students
- National Youth Science Forum – offer of guest speaker from former participant.
- Letter of thanks from the Northcott Society for our \$1,000 donation.
- Newsletter from the Prostate Cancer Foundation.
- Letter from the Millenium Foundation.

### International –Joan for Keith:

- Have we received any applications for Youth Exchange?

### Treasurer – Colin:

- No report.

### Community – Sharon:

- Have the roster available for Bowel Scan.
- Thank you to John English for the large ad. in Torch for Bowelscan – lists all participating pharmacies.
- Parliament House dinner probably in May.
- Padstow Fair – suggested theme “Hot & Spicy”.
- Harness night proceeding.
- Russell suggests someone attend the Revesby Fair this weekend to see how it is run.

### Youth – Glenda:

- Picnic Point High School is again interested in participating in MUNA.( Model United Nations Assembly)

### Vocational – John:

- Thanks to John for hosting tonights vocational visit.

### General Business:

**David:** Russell, Terry, David & Georgene are going on the “Get on Board” program – need one more. Michael Kenny indicated he was a possibility.

Andrew Sozomenou will be giving a powerpoint presentation on his program “Gaining Ground”.

**Trevor:** Probus interest meeting had 63 applications for membership but expect many more in the mail. Thanks to Sharon, Joan, Ken & Joe Harris for their assistance on the day.

**Veronica:** NP&WS have finally responded with the meeting last week. Will need a full environmental and heritage evaluation before anything can happen. A pro-forma sheet to be filled in.

**Warren:** Volunteers are required for Donations in Kind on Saturday from 9:00 to 12:00. No one volunteered.

Trevor, Warren and Sharon attended with a group of three from Beecroft Rotary Club.

**Barry Mc:** Proposal for Youth Parliament where 1 student from each electorate meets in Parliament for 1 week. The meeting is recorded in Hansard and presented to the real parliament. Are we interested in getting Rotary involved. Yes we should investigate further.

### The Torch Publishing Visit:

The Torch Publishing Company is a family owned company based at Condell Park. The company was formed in 1920 by John's grandfather as a small family affair with a small hand operated press. Being situated above the tank stream ended up being the impetus to move when the press went through the floor and ended up in the stream.

It has been a turbulent time in the Bankstown area as a result of challenging previous local government corruption. The premises were burnt to the ground in a suspicious fire in the fifties.

Having survived all this the company has flourished and now produces four mastheads – The Bankstown Canterbury Torch, The Review Pictorial (Auburn area), The Cooks River Valley Times and the Northern Beaches Weekender.

They are also responsible for the printing and production of several other publications including The Weekly Times, Speedway Racing News, The Harness Racing Gazette, Cycle Torque and the Blue Mountains Tourist.

The company uses the latest technology to produce its publications and is capable of producing high quality gloss products for magazines and newspapers. Torch Publishing employs hundreds of full time and casual employees including John's two sons.

This was a most informative and enjoyable vocation visit.

Joke.

An airline's passenger cabin was being served by an obviously gay flight attendant, who seemed to put everyone into a good mood as he served them food and drinks.

As the plane prepared to descend, he came swishing down the aisle and announced to the passengers, "Captain Marvey has asked me to announce that he'll be landing the big scary plane shortly, lovely people, so if you could just put up your trays that would be super."

On his trip back up the aisle, he noticed that a well-dressed rather exotic looking woman hadn't moved a muscle. "Perhaps you didn't hear me over those big brute engines. I asked you to raise your trazy-poo so the main man can pitty-pat us on the ground."

She calmly turned her head and said, "In my country, I am called a Princess. I take orders from no one."

To which the flight attendant replied, without missing a beat, "Well, sweet-cheeks, in my country, I'm called a Queen, so I outrank you. Tray-up, bitch."