

Sharon Bond – Public Relations

- Resigned from position of Director, Public Relations, but happy to be on the Committee.
- Last weekend, went with Garry Metcalfe to get photos of McCartan project. Can't list the sponsors in the Torch article because that counts as advertising and has to be paid for.
- Qantas kits (to be re-branded ROKs – Rotary Overnight Kits) are available a pallet at a time. These will be repacked by the Senior Citizens, and distributed to Youth Off the Streets and The Salvation Army, etc.

Joan Wells

- Bankstown Council is having a seminar on ... oh, yes, memory loss. 10am 10th October, at the Pensioner Rooms, Cahors Rd, Padstow.

Emmanuelle (Emma) Veau – French exchange student

- Presented a banner from her home Club of Romanche-Grenoble.

Kevin Bouffler – Attendance

- With a couple of makeups, we have 30 / 32, or 93.75%.

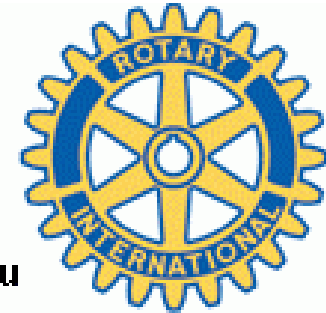
Michael Kenny – Our Trip to Indo-China

- Michael show an large number of photos from his trip, on which he and his family visited Laos and Vietnam (both of which are communist countries).
- The Laotian city of Vien Tien is the centre of the gold trade in Indo-China, so gold is plentiful, cheap, and pure.
- The people of Laos mostly work a 16 hour day, 7 days a week, sometimes sleeping on the job.
- The standards of road rules, the observance of same, and condition of transport make a routine trip very exciting.
- There are many millions of motorbikes in Vietnam, with no licence required for a 75cc machine.
- Food was plentiful and cheap, as were hotel rooms – ensuite, air-conditioning costing \$7 per person per night.
- Hue Citadel held 2,500 buildings, but it was captured during the Tet Offensive and only 2 buildings now remain.
- Spent \$35 for an afternoon of tiger prawns and other local foods, massages, and beach living.
- Because sunburn is associated with peasants, most Vietnamese women will cover themselves completely to avoid it.

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PROGRAMME

Tonight
6th September
13th September

Andrew Mollot - Local Historian
RYVA Awards (transferred meeting)
Club Assembly, Committee meetings

Keri Sweet - President

- Liverpool Club sent invitations to local schools to a display of Rotary youth programs and gave out handouts to the schools attending. The event was greatly appreciated by the schools.
- Sharon Bond has resigned from the Directorship of Public Relations.
- Jean Mullick has requested 10 weeks leave of absence as it is a very busy time for her. Jean plans to return in November.
- Soo Jin Nam has classes on Tuesday nights, so she will have to wait until next year to join us.
- Soo's husband David has offered to take Rotarians on a weekend fishing trip.
- Rotarians from Taj Mahal Club have offered to show Rotarians around India if they get in touch with them.
- There are money scams which are targeting Rotarians, so please beware.
- Feeding Frenzies have raised \$100 for the Youth Trust.
- Club decision on STEP needs to be made by 3rd September.

Kaye Townsend - Secretary

- Bankstown District Sports Club have given a \$130 meal for two as sponsorship for Padstow on Parade.
- Bankstown Council has approved the road closure for Padstow on Parade.
- Letter from Rotary Bowelscan thanking Club for participation.
- EHGTHS is looking for pledges of support for their school diary.

Keith Roffey – Club Administration

- \$8M has been pledged to ARHRF for 2000-2008.

Garry Metcalfe – Youth

- PACE and RYPEN forms are available.
- RYLA forms not yet available.

Veronica Necyporuk – International

- 23rd August is the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition. The uprising that played a crucial role in the abolition of the trans-atlantic slave trade began on the night of 22nd August 1791. The Day is intended to inscribe the tragedy of the slave trade in the memory of all peoples.
- 28th August is Refugee and Migrant Sunday. This day celebrates the contribution that migrants have made to Australia, and seeks to promote understanding of, compassion for, and recognition of the needs and challenges facing, refugees.

- Barry McConville met with an organiser of the "World Swim for Malaria" day which is centred on 3rd December (see <http://www.worldswimformalaria.com> or click on "Links" on the Club web site). This event is sponsored by Speedo, Microsoft, and PriceWaterhouseCoopers, and Grant Hackett, Lisl Jones, and Shane Gould will be promoting it. We are waiting for information from the UK before setting up this event for all clubs in Australia.
- RYVA takes place on the 6th of September. Setup takes place at 5pm so anyone who can help with that will be greatly appreciated. The event itself is at 6:00 for 6:30pm. Thanks to Sharon for arranging the guest speaker, Michael Stoddard, who is the HR Director for Woolworths. Barry McConville will be MC'ing the evening. Joan Wells has agreed to bring a better camera for better photos for this year.
- EHGTHS Garden Fair is on 3rd September, and the School is looking for the Club's usual help.

Barry McConville – Membership

- Membership information was left with the potential sponsors visited re Padstow on Parade. Glad, Sebel, and the Commonwealth Bank are among 13 businesses visited so far, with 8 more to go. 90 letter seeking sponsorship have also been sent.

Sharon Bond – Public Relations

- The Workers Club has a board meeting tonight so no decision is yet available from them. A couple of sponsors for amounts of \$300 each have been confirmed.

Colin Duff – Community

- Response from stall holders is good for Padstow on Parade. Road closure okayed. Committee now meeting fortnightly; next meeting is on 5th September. Big thankyou to Georgene for all her efforts.

Barry Thompson – Vice President

- The reason for the delay in paying the Club's Rotary International dues has been found: the invoice was sent to PO Box 56 Milperra. This has now been sorted out.
- Thanks to everyone who came to help at the Air Museum last Sunday (21st). Over 1500 people attended and the car parking and barbecuing went well. The Curator of the Museum sent a note thanking the Club for the assistance given, along with a \$700 cheque. \$250 was donated to EHGTHS for help given by the girls on work experience, and another \$250 was given to The Salvation Army for the tent display. Michael Hatton said that he had not seen a better celebration of VP Day.