

Job Talks from four new members.

### [Geoff Hayman](#)

Geoff went to uni in 1978, graduating in 1983. He worked in the small north NSW towns of Manilla and Barraba for a while, but now has his own practice in Revesby. Dentistry has changed over time, with the main emphasis now being on conservation. Geoff noted that it is necessary to keep up with changing practices, such as procedures and materials used. And - although he's not sure why he chose dentistry - he obtains a lot of satisfaction from doing a good job.

### [Charles Garcia](#)

Charles' parents were born in Chile, but came here when quite young during Pinochet's dictatorship. When Charles was born with a cleft palate, his parents were told that he may never speak. Some of the hardship that came from dealing with this problem (such as the number of operations and dealing with peers) made Charles a very determined and ambitious person. So, although he "wasn't crash-hot at school", Charles parlayed his determination into a job in Real Estate, then opened his own agency 5 years ago (largely on a shoe-string budget) and becoming a Member of the [Real Estate Institute](#). Charles also speaks fluent Spanish (thanks to his parents) and halting Greek (thanks to his lovely bride).

### [Maurie Abbott](#)

Maurie is currently 57, having worked for himself for the last 31 years. He did an electrical apprenticeship but left his trade when 20. In 1983, he helped a friend get into scaffolding, saw the possibilities, and entered the field himself. He now has offices in Sydney and Brisbane, and is looking at Melbourne. His firm currently supplies scaffolding to Kennards Australia wide, as well as many other firms throughout the world. Initially, the firm used purely Australian materials, but found that its suppliers were all going to China. After find that he could get an 81% reduction, Maurie started to form direct links with the Chinese firms. 3 years ago, Maurie started his own factory in China (currently employing 25 people). That decision made him competitive all around the world, leading to his current rapid expansion.

### [Jeigi Abbott](#)

Jeigi is a graduate in civil engineering who originates from the Philippines. She has been involved in building roads, bridges, and flyovers in the Philippines, but would need to do Australian certification before working in Australia. Consequently, she isn't involved in engineering any more, instead assisting Maurie occasionally in the office.

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# SERVICE Above Self

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President Keri receives Presidential Citation for Padstow Club  
from District Governor Bill Little

### Programme

- 27-06-2006 Captains Night & Farewell to Thibaud
- 02-07-2006 [District Changeover](#)
- 04-07-2006 Club changeover
- 08-07-2006 Panania Markets

Welcome and toast to Rotary International and Australia  
Have all received email about Duncan Berriman. Duncan died last Tuesday and his funeral will be held tomorrow at 12.30 at Springwood Baptist church. No flowers donation to Rotary Foundation.  
There was recently a story on the news of an 8 month old baby hit by rock. The rock being thrown up by a truck. And then going through a car windscreen. While Bryce was at the Bunnings bbq Bryce's nephew hit by car and in hospital.  
Let's move on. Contacted Bankstown council re agala dinner dance to support Talent Advancement Programme kids to go to Colorado springs. List to be passed around  
Rotary Club of Granville Granville 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday need the money to go in. It will be on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.  
Passing around invite to Como Jannali changeover Rotaract. 28<sup>th</sup> June  
Thibauds last meeting next week so he will be speaking at club. Flies out Wednesday mid afternoon.  
Colin asked about brochure for RC in QLD doing the diaries. Diaries for July to June.

Kaye secretary  
Not too much  
Ahrhf newsletter.  
Letter from Revesby public school peer support programme. Our donation was \$50  
Shelter box Australia. We have already supported Yogyakarta.  
Treasurers report no  
Keith Roffey  
Tap talking about our changeover Tap pleased with our support.  
Smart casual to district changeover  
100 confirmed to our changeover.  
Discussion re place sittings. (Tap-Talent Advancement Programme)

Colin Bunnings bbq. Raised 894.80  
Michael Kenny  
Discussion re Almagro project. And the need for perhaps another project.

Maurie hospital project ready to go and signatures no on forms for RAWCS project.

General; business  
97<sup>th</sup> convention in Copenhagen planes full of football supporters.  
Arrived Saturday  
Lunch with Pernille Hartmann exchange student. Went out twice with Pernille.  
Convention started Sunday afternoon, huge barn three sessions. Rotating stage in the centre. However roof supports blocked view.  
Opening session usual speeches. Hans Christian Anderson fairy tales. Princess Mary and Prince Frederick.

Sessions on Mon Tue Wed were short sessions

One guest speaker only woman had gone to South Africa gone back and now lives in South Africa teaching literacy.  
RI gave cheque for \$10000.  
Tuesday two Rotaractors youth exchange student and ambassadorial scholar. Pick of the speakers.  
Wed  
Male Speaker who works for UN agencies. Rotarians don't often think they are appreciated but they are.  
Closing session Wed night not as exciting as usual Bill Boyd not as exciting. Then Swedish and Danish Copenhagen orchestra playing abba music. Very good.  
Under the sea last song kids song, kids dressed in fluorescent clothes.  
Passed around was a picture of Barry McConville addressing 500 incoming presidents. John Milne manned the yachting booth. This was different plenary sessions were all very short.  
11 different talks on Literacy SWSL HHH etc.  
Very good convention should have been more there. Poorly attended but costs were enormous in Copenhagen 20 min taxi ride A\$75 meals very expensive. Accommodation very expensive.