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Bulletin of The Rotary Club of WAHROONGA

Chartered 1975 and Meeting at 7.15 am Wednesdays, at Warrawee Bowling Club
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Stuart's Scribblings



Urgent Request: The speaker at our Club meeting on 10th April is Dr M Hari Haran, past president of the Rotary Club of Pondicherry Aurocity. He is touring Australia, addressing Rotary Clubs on music therapy, and presenting therapy workshops. Dr Hari Haran has asked whether a Rotarian would offer him accommodation for the 9th and 10th April, and bring him to the meeting that morning. He will make his own arrangements to arrive and depart the most convenient railway station. Could anyone who can host him please contact me to discuss the details.

I don't know how many of you regularly visit our Club website, or take advantage of the facilities available there. The Club news is always kept up to date, courtesy of Ian Cameron, who grabs photographic evidence of everything we get up to. The speaker schedule is on the left of the page, and there is a list of key dates below that. If you view it on your phone, speakers and dates come below the news items. The members' area provides access to a comprehensive directory of all members, and you can keep your own information up-to-date there. If your contact details change, please update them here first. It also provides the facility to send Club-wide emails, or e-mails to groups of members or individuals. A few of you take regular advantage of this, but I know that others have not yet been bold enough. It can be the best way to communicate with other members, because it should always have the most up-to-date email address. Finally, you can access Club documents, such as all Board minutes and reports. At least a third of members have never logged into the member area. If you don't know how to get into the member area, or if you do not know your password, talk to one of our Club web-pros, such as Ian C, Janelle or Doug. Our website should be your "go to" location for all Club information. Our Novus Foundation team are still on the hunt for major auction items, so please keep thinking about your various contacts who may be able to provide something notable. The way the economics of the dinner works is that ticket sales cover the costs of staging the event. All of the profits which are distributed to the good causes come from the auctions and peripheral activities.

Finally, **don't forget** to collect Woolworth Disney Tiles for Anne Prescott, to support her teacher training work in Nepal. The tiles come in a pack of 10 for every \$30 spent at Woolies. I am also trying to make contact with Woolworths store managers via the Hornsby Connect drivers, who collect supplies from a number of their stores locally.

Stuart Armstrong

13th March - BOBBO Briefing for Marshals, Doug Reid

Last Week @ WBC

President Stuart welcomed our guests, Jessica Stuart and Lia GTamai, Lia's mum Tina, and her friend Sienna and the VIP guest, The Gnome—and nothing from Ken on it, thank you. Does anyone have a bright idea about dressing up The Gnome?

Announcements—Neil McWhannell on his challenge—there were lots of contenders, but David Russell won it, just 30 secs ahead of Rob Ferguson. Answer—15. Quite a few got it.



Ken Broadhead what's in a *gnome*? It depends on where he buys food. He was in Tasmania and nearly stepped on a brown snake. He didn't have a club with him, but it was on sandy track.

The Vocational Visit is next week at 10.30. We can go for coffee after the meeting and decide on car pooling. You can message him about car pooling, or how you'll travel there.



Anne Prescott in the ads for Woolworths, you have probably seen the [tiles](#) they are promoting with your sales. She does not care about what is on the tiles, but on the back of them are letters and she could use them, as they'd be great in her schools in Nepal. When you do your shopping, please tell them you want the tiles. She told them she wanted them for the schools in Nepal and probably was given a few more than she should have, as she does small shops. She can take them through the airport and be very good for her English teachers in Nepal.



Hugh Burne on his birthday—he didn't remember.

Kerri Hodge she has a new family member—Isabelle May, born on Friday night, 3.5 kg and 52 cms tall—beautiful.



Hs&Ts Neil McWhannell won. He thought it was about time he won. **Sgt Jo-Ann** held a brain storming session on grooming for The Gnome—if you had no idea, then you'd be fined and if you said "no" to her ideas, you'd be fined.

Carol—it needs a chain on it + glasses and President Stuart needs a new hat.

Phill—it needs a shave, or you could go to the Conference without The Gnome and hold your hands at chin and chest height and present it as 'The Invisible Gnome' - to groans.

Lucy—it needs to bedazzle with the hat and sprinkle down his coat. Or to have The Gnome in a party in the garden.

Ann—in Aboriginal, Wahroonga means 'home in tree house', so we'd need an elevated stand, so he'd stand out more than just glitter.

Ken—tip black dust over him—coal in the dark—dig deep.

David—No—have him on a cycle for the Bobbo as the San's 1st Cyclist—very good.

Rob—if The Gnome disappeared from the garden you could put a pointy hat on Steve McG, as with that moustache he'd fit in well. **Steve**—you're just jealous as you don't have one.

Hugh—for IWD—No *Gnome's* Land—he was fined.

Then a few more suggestions

Jim—a Golfing Gnome

New man *Gnome* wrong—oooh.

Ross—dress in Australian colours of green and gold.

Phill—have him as Head of the *Gnome*-us Foundation on the letterhead.

Rochelle—agreed.

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Ron—you're all wrong. It needs a friend, it needs a woman gnome to keep it company and then take pride of place, or an anchor.

Don't know her age, but the theme came through of **Gnomio and Juliet**.

Barry Edmundson has been away for a few weeks, but thought all there were off their rockers!!!



Lucy—we need them to represent us with the *Girlfriend of The Gnome* and something that says what we do—like Clean up Australia, Novus Foundation, or the Bobbo, with flags everywhere and banners.

President Stuart OK we need two, so the Rotary Mascots will represent the President and Sgt with team work.

John Cameron— in a pastoral environment, not good at this address.

John Collins—a few years ago in the UK there was a lot of gnome stealing, when they were held for ransom and people had to pay a little to get them back. He'd be prepared to take the b.... thing off your hands.

Greg—you could saw it down the middle and glue it back together as ????

X-Fine Neil—who last week asked that Kerri was kind to him with his root canal therapy, and she was so gentle.

President Stuart we have a couple of useful suggestions. But we need to know where to buy the girl gnome—at a \$2 shop, and to get 2 of everything.

Lucy Cahill most of you would know that Friday is International Women's Day. She has worked with young people a lot over the last few years and what is clear is that the world is a very different place from the one we grew up in. If we have good look through their eyes, we can see the world ahead as they do.

She sent some info ahead and introduced our two speakers.

- * **Lia Tamai**, is in Year 6 at Normanhurst Public School. She is the Vice School Captain and likes reading, sport, netball & cricket and hopes to be a lawyer later.
- * **Jessica Stuart**, who was School Captain at PLC and is now at the University of Sydney studying in a Marketing and Business Degree. She is on a scholarship from Woolworths and James Strong. She loves dancing in eisteddfods, musical theatre and loves chocolate



cookies and cream icecream.

Lucy Lia, what are the quirks of growing up today?

Lia—there are quirks that make growing up different from before, like with more technology and social media. Lots that you see or hear every day and see others do is what you want to do too. There are things that are challenging, but opportunities too, or both.



If you put something on social media, it stays there for a long time.

There are opportunities for you to see other things that you can do.

The world is small and you can see what happens on the other side of the world.



Jessica—the quirks she has noticed include social media—she does a lot with data.

There are great challenges around the idea of who you speak to today. It's all about being perfect all the time. People put their best selves on platforms, like Facebook, or Instagram and that means we compare ourselves with the best of others and this is a serious challenge.



There are a lot of amazing things with research and [dianalytics](#).

Now there are 9bn megabytes of data uploaded every day—in 2 yrs this is more than ever uploaded before. You need to be very careful about posts and how you are portrayed.

Security, not laws, drive actions about what is said and uploaded online.

Lucy asked about then they were little, what influenced them.

Lia when she was little, anything you saw a girl do, you'd do and not think you did not want to do it. She was little not that long ago, so it is close to now—she noted that women do the housework and men do outdoors things and more sport ... huge laugh in response.

Jessica she had a funny approach. When she was in Yr 6 she'd look at undergarments, and go wow! It was too advanced for her.

On a more serious note, the Kardashians are a significant influence for young girls. She does not agree with that world. She had a very conservative background growing up and would look at them. But so many women take others down and the result is, what to do?

Her deputy likes to see women advance and be developed, like the most successful business leaders and women in parliament. If one is raised up it helps lift others and changes perspectives.

Lucy it is estimated that it will take 20 yrs before we have equal numbers of men and women on boards. Not all see the Kardashians as something to aspire to.

Neil the youngest Kardashian has just become a billionaire, by being vacuous and doing nothing and doing nothing for women's advancement and sees it as a step back.

Jessica they look amazing and society thinks they're amazing and pays attention to how they look, rather than not what they do.

Lia it feels good not to need to be equal to others, and you can be different.

Jessica it is interesting to look at women in the workforce. It's not what you expect—what you all have and it's an interesting take on what you've done and how you look.

Social media is more about marketing and PR, what you do and how you exploit that and what and how you market.

Lucy the take-home message is to take something positive. [#balance4better](#)—what does that mean for you?

Lia didn't know this one, but we get to do everything, not just housework and to believe everything is possible in our lives.

Jessica we need balance in life and working. She agreed with Lia—say 'yes' to everything, but you also need to allow your own personal reflection time and our reflection time.

Lucy we all say 'yes'.

If you had superpowers, what would you bring to our world, for balance or something else?

Lia that the PM and President would see the consequences of their actions before the wars—and what they do to the world ... the room broke out in clapping.

Jessica change starts with the individual, tolerance and an open mind set. Most conflicts come when people don't understand each other and are not open to others' perspectives. They need to have tolerance.

Lucy and kindness—everyone needs to be kind to themselves first as well as to others. Not many think of kindness to themselves.

Jessica my superpower would be to see the future and the consequences, you need data in computer models. Computers can't see human consequences. You need humans for that.

Lucy what piece of advice would you give to your younger self?

Lia stop caring what people think of her.

She was told a little saying—*"The people who mind, don't matter.*

And the people who matter, don't mind."

Jessica dig into the world of computers. And ... you are your own worst enemy. If you don't have the skills, push this fear aside and have a go. Remove your own worst enemy.

Her advice is to reach for the stars.

She is due to start working with Nestle and is doing two subjects in marketing and will give it a go.

Lucy what advice would you give to your older self?

Lia her mum suggested she say—"make sure her mum gets a good retirement house!"

Go for your dreams if you get the opportunity.

Jessica similar—stay hungry. All ambitions get bogged down in work. You need to stay passionate about fulfilling your dreams. You all do other work for the community—keep it up and keep the drive alive and stay motivated.

Bob Howe how did you get your scholarship and what does it provide?

Jessica she was first approached by Sydney Scholars, because as Head Prefect she had a lot of extra curricula commitments with the community and she was a very busy girl. She also had to have academic results.

This scholarship provides money and access to different networking events at uni; gives her more time to study, while she does two jobs and helps with an internship. Plus she is still considered a full-time uni student.

David Russell thank you ladies. His question: if you look ahead 10 years, what do you aspire to be? Last night there was an interesting documentary on Justice Ginzberg on SBS or ABC. She is a small woman of 83-84 and was the first woman on the US Supreme Court. She was the first woman who went through Harvard and it was a wonderful story.

Jessica—Marketing. She is in a program about [FMCGs](#)—Fast Moving Consumer Goods and Pharmaceuticals that is part of the NFP organisation.

A lot ask why lead? But she helped run the Australasian Conference with the US in the Philippines. She is involved with School for Life as a speaker and believes women in

education solves a lot of issues. She has been involved with building a school in Uganda. The longer girls are in school the less chance they have of getting married and having children at a very young age. She is really fiery about this topic and wanted to be the start of the solution, or she'd like to start her own business— it's a dream for 10 yrs time.

Lia likes to argue with her family a lot. The problem is she's not so good at public speaking. But if she does not agree, she just speaks up. She'd like to be a lawyer.

Jessica is doing her degree in Marketing and chooses others too. In Yr 10 she did Commerce and in Year 12 Economics, her passion. But she also loved Biology, but was not a science nerd. If you combine the two then you look at industries with food, pharmaceuticals as her passions. She loves the subjects and wants to utilise her skills. She's been a dancer and choreographer and ran a marketing campaign for her school, that combined all her strengths.

Lucy asked some of the women at Rotary what would you say to your younger self?

Rochelle not talk a lot. It's very important to be yourself, and do not seek to impress other people. What's very important to the world? When you grow up being part of a peer group that no-one mentioned. But what is it like to be different? This is more difficult. Women have been more empowered now.

Barbara streets are beautiful. For youth it is not easy to learn a lot to become the people of tomorrow and a lot is different now to go through for them.

Anne P there is a quote from [Mahatma Gandhi](#) "be the change that you want to see in the world." It's not a bad way of living.

Tina Kennedy, Lia's mum. I remind you all to take every chance, not say, "No, I can't do it." —give it a go.

Lia's theme—embrace opportunities.

Kerri not try to be so hard on yourself, or try to please everyone and to meet everyone's expectations.

Rochelle younger people are all encouraged to do well, that's most important. Now go out to do well, but more importantly, go out into the world to do good.

Bob H on Radha who grew up in India, studied in the US and here—her path was not easy.

Radha women in India are expected to be married at 18-19, whether they are educated or not. She was the first woman to play tennis with men. She was highly educated in medicine and still at home, but even the street people were negative about this. She wore a short skirt! She went to the US for doctoral work and everyone from her grandparents, through the relatives criticised her parents for letting her go, without being married. She told them she will get married in her time.

She started her not for profit in India to empower kids with hearing loss. This was her own challenge and her parents supported her be what she is now.

Lucy IWD only asked women about the societal family home. Men also have similar themes to grow up with across the generations. It needs strong women to break out of this mould, like Radha.

Hugh added that young people's dreams and goals generally have single goals, and the future needs flexible people who can re-set their goals and not lose confidence in what they have achieved, or not achieved. Business people need relationships with kids and need to be prepared to be flexible.

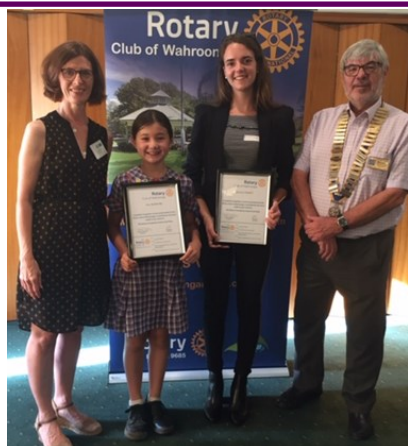
Phill C Lia is 11 this year and is the youngest speaker we've had at our club. Congratulations it is a credit to you. No doubt you love your mum—**Lia**—all the time.

President Stuart you've both been inspiring—keep going. If you compare yourself with others on social media, there are a huge range of people to compare yourself with. When you compare yourself with those you grew up with, there is a much smaller range—it is a

very complex issue. A few years ago he came upon a little saying -

“whether you think you can, or can’t, you are right.” Do get on with it. There are more women on boards, except in industries where women dominate, like health that gets fewer—just don’t get it.

Jessica there’s a notice in households ‘boys will be boys’. There is no equivalent for ‘girls will be girls’. Have a beautiful year. Believing there is no room for error, means you’ll not see girls on boards, as they are afraid they’re not ready, or qualified enough. All are amazing in the community. **President Stuart** Thank



you all and Sienna for supporting her friend, Lia.



StreetWork Golf Day 1st March

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Wed 13th March, 10.30am
Optus Satellite Ground Station



**REGISTRATIONS
CLOSE 15.3.19.**

The Rotary Club of Wahroonga

Link for **Stuart's Saints: 2018-2019 Board & Committees**

ATTENDANCE AT THE LAST MEETING AT WBC

Attendance: 37/62 members, 59.68% or 64.52% with 3 applied makeup credits

Hon Member: Rob Ferguson (Hon Life Member)

Apologies: Ian Cameron, Helen Clarke, Philip Easton, Ian Faulks, Ashley Fraser, Karen Gair, Ross Grant, Terrence Hodge, Judith Kaine, Jolyn Karaolis, Peter Kirkwood, David Rigby, Peter Smith, Janelle Speight, Sandy van Dijk, James Verco, John Welch

Visitors: Jessica Stuart, Lia Tamai & Tina Kennedy (Lia's mum) & Sienna (friend) - Lucy Dahill (IWD Sponsor)

Applied Credits for 6th Mar: *Clean-up Aust Day 3rd Mar*—Phil Easton, Cliff Oval; Max Lake, Wahroonga Park; *Hornsby Multi-Cultural Network Exec meeting 11th Feb*—Janelle Watson

Make-up Credits: *St Ives RC, 27th Feb*—Margaret Sachs; *Clean-up Australia Day 3rd Mar, Cliff Oval*—John Collins, Phil Easton, Doug Reid, David Russell, Barbara Salisch
Wahroonga Park—Stuart Armstrong, Ian Cameron, Phill Comfort, Ross Catterall, Lucy Dahill, Ann Davidson, Alistair Henskins, John Julius, Max Lake, Neil McWhannell, Marg Sachs, Len Stanley, Greg Starr, Ron Wainberg

RECEPTION & HOSPITALITY ROSTER, from Club's Website for the year

If you are unable to attend any day please arrange a substitute and inform

Len Stanley at len.stanley29@gmail.com or 0420 849 017, or 9144 4049

Date	Set up & Put away	Hospitality	Reception (2 Rotarians)
13 th Mar	Bob Howe	Richard Jackson	Kerri Hodge, John Julius
20 th Mar	Carol Johnson	Terry Hodge	Judith Kaine, Jo Karaolis
27 th Mar	Terry Hodge	Carol Johnson	Jo Karaolis, Judith Kaine

CLUB & DISTRICT DIARY for 2019

13 Mar 8.00am Bobbo Briefing; 10.30am Visit to Optus Satellite Ground Station, Belrose

16 Mar PETS—President Elect Training Seminar—compulsory for 2019-20 Presidents

18 Mar 6.45pm Bobbo Briefing at Lifeline Offices, 4 Park Ave, Gordon

24 Mar 7.00am-1.00pm Sunday - BOBBO Cycle Classic

29 Mar Fri 3-4pm Triple H 100.1 FM Community Radio Studio—Peter Smith on NOVUS

29-31 Mar 2019 Rotary Rocks, Rotary District Conference, Newcastle

14 Apr District Assembly Training for all 2019-20 Board Members & executives

25 May 2019—Novus 2019, please pop it in your Diary for 2019

1-5 June 2019—Rotary International Conference Hamburg

29 June—District Changeover

SPEAKERS' PROGRAM FOR MARCH-APRIL 2019

20 Mar— Bill Leventhal Awards at the SAN, Stuart Armstrong

27 Mar— Four-way Test high school student debate Ken Broadhead

World Harmony Day 21st - refugee Speaker TBC Helen Clarke, Rob Ferguson

3 Apr — Ben Jackson, World Unis Debating comps & Club Service C'mttee Doug Reid

10 Apr — Dr M Hari Haran, Indian Music Therapy

17 Apr — Club Meeting

ANNIVERSARIES: None this week