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Sue's News



I understand that a great time was had by all at our Melbourne Cup Breakfast. I have heard so many good reports - even about the food!! Many thanks to PP Neil and to John Collins for presiding over the festivities, and also to the Ministry of Fun for their planning.

Wednesday afternoon saw the official opening of the PCYC at Hornsby by the NSW Governor, His Excellency, General, the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC. It was a very grand affair, and I thank so many of our Club members who attended the opening to support Peter Kirkwood. I saw Phil and Shirley Comfort, John and Margaret Cameron, Barbara Salisch, Rob Giacometti (who was recovering from a tick bite near his right eye), Ian Cameron, Neil McWhannell, Marg Sachs, John Collins, John Welch, Ken Broadhead, Janelle Speight, Lucy Dahill and our Hon Member Alister Henskens. One funny note was struck when one of the speakers referred to the Governor as David Hurley AC/DC!!!

Peter Kirkwood played his didgeridoo at the beginning of the Opening Ceremony during the Welcome to Country and he has kindly agreed to play for the Club and tell us about how he became involved in playing the didge at our meeting on Wednesday 24 January, 2018. A meeting to look forward to.

Thursday evening saw another Zone meeting with our local group of six Clubs - Berowra, Thornleigh, Hornsby District, St Ives, Turramurra and RCoW.

It is so interesting to interact with the Clubs and learn what they are about and how they do things.

A last reminder about the invitation to attend the Rotary Club of Berowra Club's meeting on 22 November, 2017 at 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm at the Berowra RSL, 997 Pacific Highway Berowra, \$25 pp to hear Professor Bill Simpson AO, world expert in cochlear implant surgery and, his biographer Tina K Allen. So far I think we have 3 people attending. I need to know numbers ASAP. Len has kindly sent out an RSVP.

Hornsby District Club reminded us at the Zone Meeting of their foreign coin program which collects foreign coins from returning travellers. Banks will not change foreign coins into \$A. There are two main ways that the coins are used to raise funds. Some coins are repatriated to their homeland when taken back by Aussie travellers or by other means. Only 15 major currencies are repatriated and then only coins above a certain value. If you are planning a trip overseas check with Hornsby Club and you may be able to obtain some discounted currency. The remainder of the coins collected are melted down for their scrap metal value. Contact at Hornsby - Bobby Holder - bobby@techalternatives.com

It is now only three weeks until our Club's Christmas Party on Saturday 2 December, 2017 at 5.00 p.m. at the home of Neil and Heather McWhannell. My thanks go to Heather and Neil for opening their home again for this function, \$30 pp. Please rsvp as soon as possible.

This week we are honoured to welcome the headmistress of Ravenswood School for Girls, Mrs Anne Johnstone. Anne will be introduced by our own Jo Karaolis, who is the incoming Chair of the School Council of Ravenswood. Anne will speak on the topic of Positive Education. **Sue Owen, President**

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Last Week's Meeting

Past President Neil ran the meeting and told us he and Heather had just come back from South Africa, where he'd taken her for her 60th. He was sorry not to have been here for Garry's funeral, so he led us all in a toast to Garry Webb.

He and Heather had 1 week in Cape Town, they visited the wineries and Table Mountain and the Cape of Good Hope. It reminded him of his Grandfather who was a lighthouse keeper in NZ. They went to [Pillanesberg National Park](#) and on safari to see animals in their natural habitat. They were told there was a dead rhino that had been poached even though they had guards in the hills and rangers. The value of the horn is 100 times the same weight in gold and it's still only keratin, like from finger nails. Some countries still use it medicinally. In South Africa they do not shoot poachers, but some countries do shoot to kill.

Special Melbourne Cup Breakfast—appreciated by members and guests

Hugh's arrangement and extra tasty treats



Phill coming along well in his sling and with little black sheep in the midst of the white ones on his tie. Rochelle Wiley selected Shirley Comfort in pink blending with her hibiscus flowers for the haute couture prize.

PP Neil selected the best dressed lady—Sandy Van Dijk and with one of her great mates, Barbara Salisch—both in stylish black and white outfits.





New member, Ross Catterall with bright bowtie.

David Russell and Acting Sgt, John Collins looking most dapper.

It was a close call, with Phill Comfort, but Rochelle selected the winner of



the best dressed man and it went to Ken Broadhead, who had to win with race horses on his tie. Winners won some chocolates! Ken with Stuart Armstrong and Len Stanley.



George didn't make it today, so Janelle ran around with her phone capturing as many of our memories as she could.

Kerrin in her matching fascinator and top, with her black and white themed outfit.



MELBOURNE CUP DAY 2017

At our Club's Federation Frolics in 2001 past Rotarian, David Cooper, a Barker master, acted as auctioneer. John Sachs paid a huge sum for a team-signed rugby jersey. The racehorse "Fine Cotton" had been in the news at the time.



Our own poet extraordinaire, Rob Ferguson, who agreed to share this special poem on Melbourne Cup Day 2017.

*Now me name is Barker Cooper, I'm a Rotary auctioneer.
I'll sell your little treasures, all your old unwanted gear.
Got a Monet in the attic, or some Grange down in the cellar?
I'll flog it off for twice its worth to some unsuspecting feller.*

*But Culture's what I'm on about, the finer things in life
Like this old and greasy tea towel from a Balmain Tiger's wife.
Now have I any offers – what's that? A thousand quid!
Marg Sachs, that's very generous, for an early opening bid.*

*No more takers? Then you've got it, coffee stains and all.
It'll look a proper picture when it's framed up on your wall.*

*But Margie Sachs she jumped with glee: "It's fooled you all of course.
It's really a famous saddle cloth from a great Australian horse.
See his name's here in the corner, embroidered all in green.
It's quite the finest specimen I think I've ever seen."*

*Now I am an honest auctioneer, 'ave been from the start,
But what I've gotta say to 'er will break 'er little 'eart.
'I'm sorry love' I tells 'er, "it's a tea towel old and rotten
And the words down in the corner read, Pure Linen not Fine Cotton."*



Announcements *Jenetta the Wine Order Form* will be sent out (& is attached). You can buy the dozen or more. Plus Janelle and Richard—Getting ready for Christmas and the New Year by getting yourself a case of wine through your own Club. Jenetta is happy to help you with your order(s). They can be collected immediately once payment is made! No waiting! If you are worried about not being able to collect the wine because you can't drive, or have a bad back or don't want to get a bad back lifting, then please let Jenetta know and we will be happy to look after you and get your wine delivered. Don't forget to put down the date you would like delivery, or if you would like your wine brought to the club. Lots of Options! Plus you are supporting your club so we can continue to do great things. If you don't want a whole carton of wine, then why not split a carton with a friend? Richard advised that the wine comes in cartons of 6 bottles (1/2 dozen) so you can purchase 6 white and 6 red, or whatever you like! That makes it easier for buying and carrying.

Thanks again wonderful people. **Thank you for your support, and remember, you must be over 18 years of age to purchase and please enjoy wine responsibly.**

No time to waste! Fill out the form attached and get organised with your wine now.

NB. Please email orders through or hand your order to Jenetta or Ian Cameron. Details on the form.



Rob Gia on Raffle Selling our Club has purchased new Banners showing how we support St Lucy's and St Edmunds through the sale of the raffle tickets. After this Saturday he and Barb Harvison will be setting up at Wahroonga from 9 am-11 am, then through to 3 pm. He sent around the roster as he needs help to cover the weekends coming up. If you can help please give him a call. He introduced his wife Joan, who will be coming to talk to us next week with Jan Cameron on their trip to Mongolia.

Carol introduced her guests—CJ, like her, from the office—Cara Jones and Marion Smith, her very good friend.



Hs&Ts Special for Melbourne Cup Day—a Q&A— answers later

- * The first northern hemisphere horse to win the Cup was Vintage Crop 1993, or 1995?
- * The Melbourne Cup distance is 3,500m, or 3,200m?
- * Kingston Rule is the present record holder for the race in 3 min 16 sec, or 2 min 58 sec?
- * The minimum handicap weight is 50 kg, or 60 kg?
- * In the Godfather movie, the horse's head was in bed. Its name was Khartoum, or Caesar?
- * The first Melbourne Cup was run in 1861, or 1865? **Joan Gia won!!**



Announcements Peter PCYC Opening Rotary has funded the Youth Hub and have a banner to celebrate that.

Janelle told us of the Women's Shelter and the SOS Removals who have supported them—[Moving Gesture – SOS Removals](#)

New RCoW banners show our support for St Lucy's & St Edmund's to use in Wahroonga Park for fairs and other community events.

After some hiccoughs with the a/v system we managed to link and run the following with its line-up of Melbourne Cup Winners and the mock race.



<http://www.theage.com.au/interactive/2015/phantom-call/>



David noted that in the link above, Even Stevens, who was an amazing horse, is missing from the list of other Melbourne Cup Winners. There was the Cuban missile crisis and we wondered if we'd be alive by the end of the day and the Leaving Cert exams started on the same day as the Melbourne Cup Race and he'd had no sleep the night before the English exam

PCYC Hornsby Opening, with His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd) Governor of NSW, VIPs and a number of our members



PCYC acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the original custodians of the lands on which our Clubs operate. We are committed to promoting reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait peoples and the broader Australian community.



Peter Kirkwood on the didgeridoo





After the PCYC opening on 8th we went back to Shirley's car. She is my driver at present... We saw this car where a tree had fallen on it whilst we were in the PCYC. I thought this morning that John Welch has a Lexus. So I phoned him this morning and it was his car. Some nice Rotarians from our club were able to lift it off. It had minor damage. Regards, Phillip.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS:

Link for up-to-date listing—

[Paul Harris Fellows Listing](#)

ANNIVERSARY

Rob Ferguson

42 yrs 10th Nov

John Cameron

31 yrs 12th Nov

Peter Kirkwood

18 yrs 15th Nov

Angus Robinson

5 yrs 15th Nov



Wednesday, 15th Nov: Anne Johnstone, Ravenswood Principal, RAVO

LATE NEWS: [Solange & Cuberider Teams](#) with Minister Craig Lundy and ...
[The people u see](#) about ... and those [Proud Grandparents](#) ...
Many more [PCYC Opening Memories](#)

LAST WEEK—CLUB MEETING, 7th Nov 2017

Attendance: 26/60 members, 43.33%

Apologies: Ian Cameron, John Cameron, Helen Clarke, Lucy Dahill, Philip Easton, Ian Faulks, James Fulton, Brett Goods, Janet Grundy, Terrence Hodge, Robert Howe, Richard Jackson, Jolyn Karaolis, Peter Kirkwood, Maxwell Lake, Jo-Ann Moffat, Susan Owen, Richard Pitt, Abhi Poudel, Anne Prescott, George Richards, Peter Smith, Greg Starr, Lynn Varvel, James Verco, Ron Wainberg, Richard Webb

Partners: Shirley Comfort (Phil Comfort), Joan Giacometti (Rob Giacometti)

Visitors: Caroline Jones & Marion McNeil - both guests of Carol Johnson

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)
15 th Nov	Sandy van Dijk	Len Stanley	Terry Hodge, Kerri Hodge
22 nd Nov	Jim Verco	Sandy van Dijk	Bob Howe, Terry Hodge
29 th Nov	Ron Wainberg	Jim Verco	Sandy van Dijk, Bob Howe
6 th Dec	TBC	Ron Wainberg	Carol Johnson, Richard Jackson

CLUB AND DISTRICT DIARY

18th Nov 11 am –3pm StreetWork Community Family Day in the forecourt of the PCYC with Billycart events for International Boys Day and BBQ.

20th Nov **Mon Rotary Foundation Dinner at Blacktown Worker's Club**

22nd Nov RC Berowra with Tina Allen, speaking on Prof Bill Gibson, ENT specialist, first to implant a bionic ear in 1984. He did 40 cases, including a 4 yr old girl. It is at the Berowra RSL and is \$25. **Rsvp to Jan on: 9456 1482** or fich@bigpond.com by 17 Nov

2nd Dec 5pm **Sat Club Christmas Party at Neil & Heather McWhannell's \$30pp**. Bring partners, & salad or dessert—tell Rochelle. All Xmas food supplied. Carol singers needed.

9th Dec Sat from 6 pm Ku-ring-gai Carols on the Park, Bicentennial Park

10th Dec Sun 6.30 pm **SAN Carols** we need 12 + volunteers for Xmas collection. See Barry

8-12th Dec **Fri** Abbox at Abbotsleigh for Yr 12 students & **Christmas BBQ on 12th**

SPEAKER'S PROGRAM FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

22nd Nov Club Meeting, Jan Cameron & Joan Giacometti on their trip to Mongolia

29th Nov Club Meeting, Ross Grant & Doug Reid on Healthy Mothers & Babies

6th Dec Club Meeting, DG's Visit

13th Dec Club Meeting, Vocational & Community Awards Breakfast

20th Dec Club Meeting—last for 2017

The Rotary Club of Wahroonga

Sue's Super Heroes & 2017-2018 Board & Committees

BOARD	AVENUES OF SERVICE COMMITTEES
President Sue Owen Past President & IPP & Community Service Director Neil McWhannell President-elect Stuart Armstrong Secretary Greg Starr Treasurer PDG John Cameron	IPP & Community Service Director - Neil McWhannell Team - Stuart Armstrong, Daksh Baweja, Leon Clark, John Collins, Barry Edmundson, John Julius, Peter Kirkwood, Max Lake, Jo-Ann Moffatt, Ron Wainberg International Director - Anne Prescott Team - Jim Fulton, Colin Grundy, Janet Grundy, Richard Jackson, Jo Karaolis, Richard Pitt, Abhi Poudel
LEADERS	
Sergeant Jo Karaolis Archivist/Historian Ken Broadhead Badge Collection John Julius Child Protection Phil Easton, Kerrin McCormack Communications Team Photographer George Richards PR, f & t Janelle Speight Wahroongler Editor Kerrin McCormack Webmaster Ian Cameron Year Book & Asst Treasurer Steve McGregor Insurance Officer Phil Easton Mailbox & Noticeboard Key Holder Greg Starr New Badges Phil Comfort Public Officer Judith Kaine Risk Management & Insurance John Collins Roster & Attendance Len Stanley Rotary Foundation Chair Marg Sachs Speaker's Program Helen Clarke, John Cameron, Philip Easton Welfare Officer Rob Ferguson Asst Welfare Officer Barbara Salisch	Vocational Director - Hugh Burne Team - Ken Broadhead, Ross Catterall, Jo Karaolis, Kerrin McCormack, Lynn Varvel, Jim Verco, John Welch, Alfreda White. Angus M Robinson on leave Youth Director - Bob Howe Team - Christine Biddle, Phil Comfort, Lucy Dahill, Philip Easton, Ian Faulks, Ross Grant, Barbara Harvison, Doug Reid, Barbara Salisch, Greg Starr
	OTHER COMMITTEES Bobbin Head Cycle Classic Support Committee Chair - Stuart Armstrong Team - Neil McWhannell, Jim Fulton, John Collins, Doug Reid, David Russell, Janelle Speight, Greg Starr Grants Chair - Peter Smith
	Membership Processing & Welfare Chair - Helen Clarke Team - Rob Ferguson, Judith Kaine, Barbara Salisch Partnerships & Fundraising Chair - Jenetta Russell Team - John Collins, Barry Edmundson, Rob Giacometti, Terry Hodge, Dick Webb
	The Ministry of Fun Chair - Rochelle Wiley Team - Phill Comfort, Kerri Hodge, Sandy van Dijk Club members on the Novus Board John Collins, Terry Hodge, David Russell, Rochelle Wiley Hon. Members - Alister Henskens MP, Paul Fletcher MP

[LINKS](#) [Berowra RC Dinner](#)

[Bobbo](#) 25.3.18.

[Support Café Lyon](#)

[Rotary Foundation Dinner](#) 20.11.17. [District Conference](#)

[Handel's Messiah in Hornsby](#)

[Studio Artes Update](#) [Ku-ring-gai Carols in the Park](#)

[Light Horse](#)

[Melbourne Cup Legends Battle It Out](#)

[Wine Order Form](#)

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* First Melbourne Cup ran in **1861**, or 1865?

