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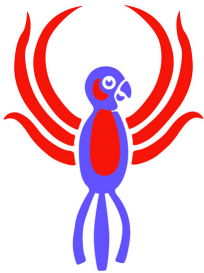
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**THE MAGIC  
OF ROTARY**

# The Rotary Club of Chatswood Roseville

## 2024-2025



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2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 6.00  
for 6.30pm

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**27 August 2024**

## TONIGHT'S MEETING - 27 AUGUST 2024

### **Guest Speaker - Andrea Williams Discovery of the Wreck of the Montevideo Maru - Australia's Worst Maritime Disaster.**

Andrea Williams' grandfather and great-uncle as civilian internees, lost their lives on the Montevideo Maru. She is a founding member and Chair of the Rabaul & Montevideo Maru group which achieved the Rabaul & Montevideo Maru Memorial at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, and is an executive and honorary life member of the Papua New Guinea Association of Australia.

Andrea was part of the 2023 Silentworld Expedition team which found the wreck in the South China Sea, off the coast of the Philippines using the latest state-of-the-art technology, including an autonomous underwater vehicle.

The search was led by Australian businessman, maritime history philanthropist and explorer John Mullen, the director of Silentworld Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to maritime archaeology and history.

More detail about the Montevideo Maru, the disaster and the discovery appears on page 6 of this Bulletin.

## ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES

Members must complete the **RSVP response**, or advise **John Hartley**, with your attendance, apology, guests, any special dietary requirements for you or guests, by the **Monday 8 days before a meeting** for catering purposes. If you fail to apologise you will be charged the cost of the meal. Visiting Rotarians, guests or Friends please advise **John** on [johnehartley@me.com](mailto:johnehartley@me.com) (**0422 383 583**), by the 8 days before a meeting you intend attending.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members.

Thank you to all the members who were able to assist with the recent Bunnings BBQ. As mentioned by Peter Lefmann, it was another good result.

We are very dependent on these BBQs to provide the funds needed for our various projects.

I mentioned at the last meeting that we would appreciate added support for Peter and John Hartley, and Avis, with the pre-BBQ set-up and post-BBQ clear-up. There is a lot of work involved in getting all the supplies organised in the day(s) beforehand, the set-up early in the morning and then the post-BBQ work. Peter and John have been the BBQ Champions for MANY years, but may not be available for every BBQ and it would be very useful if we had some 'back-up crew' who could take over if needed. If you can help - please contact John and Peter directly.



Thank you again Neil for arranging our regular, very interesting, Guest Speakers. Entertaining, educating and informative. Who knew so much about Tesla before?

And also, thank you again to David Williams for taking on the Sergeant role last meeting. It is important that we have a good, supporting, back-up for this and other Club roles. Please contact me and David to arrange your future involvement.

**President Peter**

## NEXT MEETING - 10 SEPTEMBER 2024 SPEAKER TO BE ADVISED

The Federal Member for Bradfield, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, has cancelled his scheduled visit for our meeting tonight, due to other urgent commitments arising.

Andrea Williams will now present on the Discovery of the Wreck of the Montevideo Maru - Australia's Worst Maritime Disaster, at tonight's meeting.

Neil Howie is currently seeking to re-schedule a replacement speaker for the meeting on 10th September.



## MEETING ROSTER

Meeting	Speaker/Event	Introduction	Vote of Thanks
27 August	Andrea Williams - Wreck of the Montevideo Maru - Australia's Worst Maritime Disaster.	Neil Howie	Michael MacQuillan
10 September	To Be Advised	Bruce Carfrae	Arthur Marshall
24 September	To be advised		

## LAST MEETING ATTENDANCE - 13 AUGUST 2024

Club Membership	40	Guest Speaker	1
Members Present		Guests	
Attendance Percentage	.0%	Partners	0
		Visiting Rotarians	0

## BIRTHDAYS - AUGUST



### August

3 Tony BASTEN  
 9 John HARTLEY  
 15 Nick BROOKE  
 26 David WILLIAMS

## BUNNINGS BBQs



### REMINDER

**NEXT BBQ - Not Scheduled Yet**

**Peter Lefmann will advise of the next BBQ, and seek assistance if you can assist on the day.**



# LAST MEETING - 13 AUGUST 2024

## Guest Speaker

### “Nikola Tesla - Brilliant Inventor but Tragic Eccentric”



*Nikola Tesla*

Our guest speaker at our meeting on the 13th of August was Don Napper who spoke on the topic of ‘Nikola Tesla. Brilliant Inventor but Tragic Eccentric.’

We all have an interest in inventors, especially if they are eccentrics, and Nikola Tesla was well up amongst the best of both groups. He was born and raised in the Austrian Empire but moved to America where he became an engineer, futurist and inventor.

Don has obviously done a great deal of research about him and explained, with the aid of visuals, that Tesla is known for his contributions to the design of the alternating current [AC] electricity supply system which can be transmitted over much greater distances than direct current.

He had a great input into the creation and perfection of the electric chair.

He worked with Thomas Edison and the automobile called ‘The Tesla’ is named for him.

Don enlivened his talk with interesting anecdotes about some of the eccentricities of Tesla including his predilection with feeding white pigeons rather than women. Probably as a result he never married. He made millions but lost the lot. Such is the destiny of many eccentric brilliant inventors.

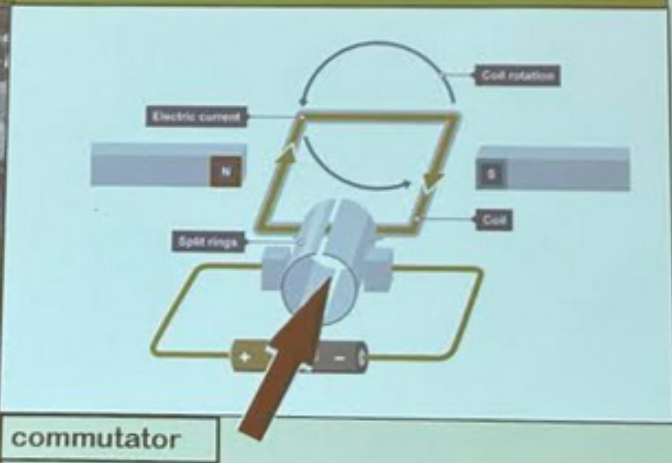
Norm Gibson





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Electric Motor  
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**ROSEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST  
FRIDAY 30 AUGUST, 2024.**



#### REMINDER

To all those members who have volunteered to assist with the annual Father's day Breakfast at the Roseville Public School on Friday 30th August.

**Time;** from 7.00 to 9.30 am.

**Tasks;** Cooking bacon and eggs for serving in rolls and handing out with drinks/fruit.

**OFFICIAL VISIT BY DISTRICT-GOVERNOR,  
NIRANJAN DEODHAR  
8TH OCTOBER 2024.**

The District Governor, Niranjan Deodhar, will officially visit our Club on Tuesday 8 October, 2024 and an exceptional attendance by members is encouraged to hear from the D-G and to demonstrate our Club's strength.

The D-G will be attending the Club Board meeting at 4.30 pm on that evening. All Directors have been requested by the President to be prepared to give a short presentation on their area of responsibility at the Board.



## “The discovery of the Wreck of the Montevideo Maru - Australia’s Worst Maritime Disaster”



Montevideo Maru was a merchant ship of the Empire of Japan.

Launched in 1926, it was pressed into service as a military transport during World War II.

It was sunk by the American submarine USS Sturgeon on 1 July 1942, drowning 1,054 people, mostly Australian prisoners of war and civilians who were being transported from Rabaul, the former Australian territory of New Guinea, to Hainan.



The sinking is considered the worst maritime disaster in Australia’s history. The wreck of the Montevideo Maru was discovered on 18 April 2023.

Montevideo Maru was one of three ships (along with Santos Maru and La Plata Maru) of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha (OSK) shipping line built for their trans-Pacific service to South America.

The ship was constructed at the Mitsubishi Zosen Kakoki Kaisha shipyard at Nagasaki, and launched in 1926.

Before the war, the ship operated as a passenger and cargo vessel, travelling mainly between Japan and Brazil carrying Japanese emigrants.





## STORY THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THIS YEARS ROTARY LOGO ‘THE MAGIC OF ROTARY’



RI President Stephanie Urchick, a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, said she saw the magic of Rotary on display when she was helping install water filters in the Dominican Republic.

Two boys were watching as dirty water entered the filter, then ran out clean at the other end.

“One of the boys grabbed my sleeve and said, ‘Show me the magic again,’” She said. “Obviously, the water filter wasn’t magic.

We worked hard to transport those filters, install them, and work with community leaders in the area to maintain them. But those boys knew that easy access to clean water would change their lives.

Knowing that I played a small part in that, certainly changed my life.”

## LINDFIELD LIFELINE CANOPY



Our Club assisted in the construction of this canopy for Lindfield Lifeline to enable the volunteers to process books out of the weather.



## VALE - NANCY LEFMANN

The members and partners, present and passed, were deeply saddened by the recent passing of Nancy Lefmann, the devoted wife of Peter, a long serving Rotary member of our Club.

Nancy was a very gracious, spontaneous, vibrant, caring lady who shared much of her life with us at the Chatswood Roseville Rotary Club, since Peter joined Rotary in June 2005.

We knew that, over recent times, Nancy was not experiencing the life and health she would have preferred, but we all admired her positive attitude throughout that challenging period. Nancy never complained of her "lot", and faced it with great dignity.

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to Peter, and the wider families of Peter and Nancy, on this sad occasion.

## TRIVIA NIGHT - 20 AUGUST 2024

The Rotary Clubs of Chatswood Roseville and Turramurra Trivia Evening on Tuesday 20th August was attended by 8 of our members (Andre, Michael, Di, Sue, Peggy, Joe, Phil and Yoan) and more than 20 of our friends. One of our four teams came second.

We had over 150 attendees from 7 clubs, 17 items for silent auctions and over 30 prizes for raffles.

The night raised nearly \$7,000 for Books In Homes. This is more than half of the cost of the project (\$12,000).

Andre Hariman.

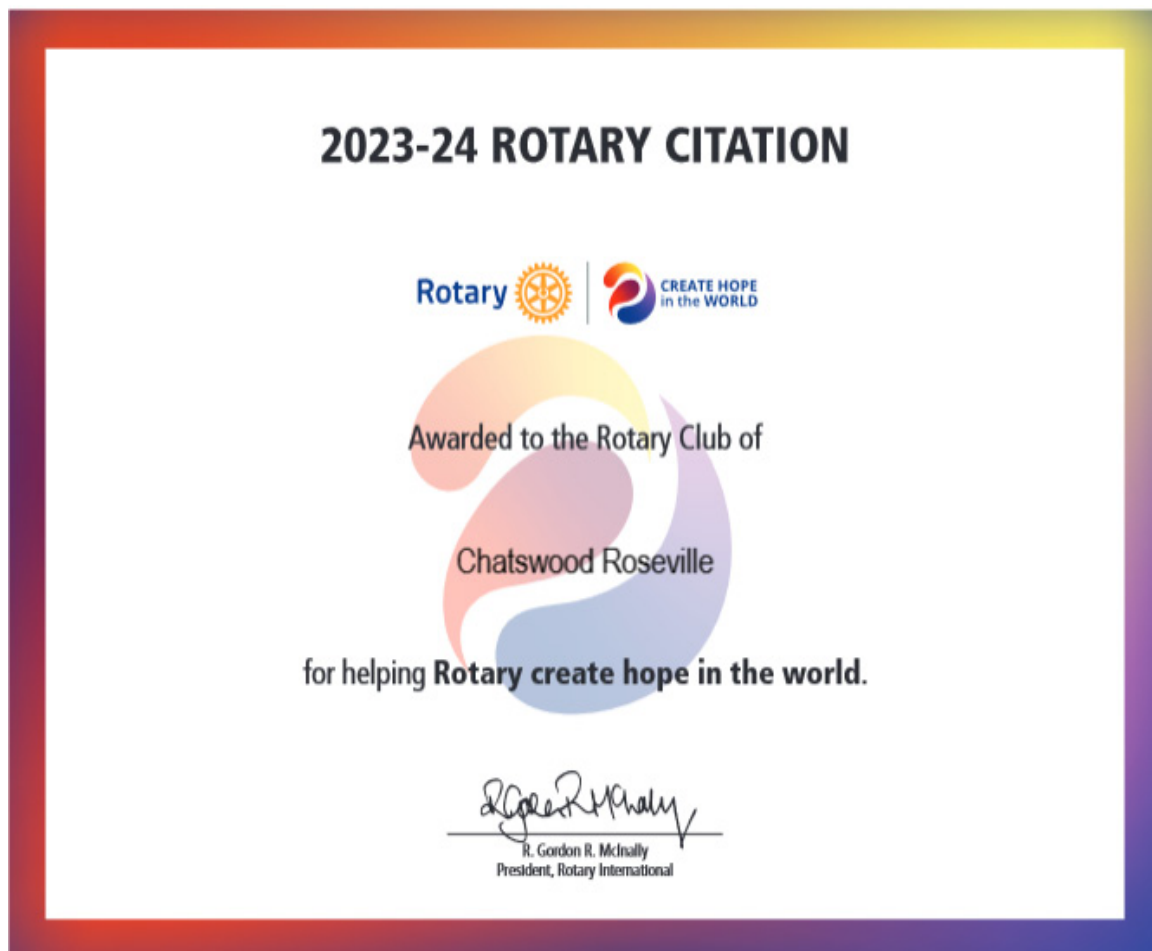


## 2023 - 2024 ROTARY CITATION

Congratulations! Your club has earned the Rotary Citation, the most significant award a Rotary club can achieve, for 2023-24. This past year, your club demonstrated a commitment to achieve its goals, which ultimately helps strengthen Rotary and shape our future.

Once again, congratulations on a successful year as club president!

Sincerely,  
Gordon R. McNally  
2023-24 RI President



# ROTARY PACIFIC (ZONE 8) REGIONALISATION PROJECT “FIT FOR PURPOSE” PROGRAM

Our Club has been selected as one of the 100 clubs in Rotary Pacific (formerly know as Zone 8) to participate in the Fit For Purpose Program.

## **Information about the Fit for Purpose program**

- *A two-year program, over the 2024/25 and 2025/26 Rotary years, to develop and implement a Club Fitness Plan.*
- *A fit for purpose team will work with each club to prepare a comprehensive report on their strengths and challenges.*
- *At a Transformation Workshop on October 12 -13 at the Stamford Plaza Sydney Airport, the club fitness plan would be developed*
- *The workshop will focus on four major elements of membership development which will feature in presentations and discussions, and the creation of the customised Club Fitness Plans:*
- **Product:** *What the club is offering to its members and community.*
- **Promotion:** *How effectively the club telling its story.*
- **Recruitment:** *How the club attracts new members.*
- **Retention:** *How the club maintains member engagement and satisfaction.*
- *Participating clubs sign a Partnership Agreement in which they agree to implement the changes and initiatives outlined in the plan in full for the period of the pilot.*
- *Club will be appointed a club fitness coach to assist and monitor the plan*
- *Clubs will need to demonstrate that they are strong enough to be able to adopt and benefit from this program.*

The Board at its meeting on 9th July 2024, approved of our club making application to participate in the Program, and appointed Phil Dunbar as our delegate, and on 13 August, also appointed Joe Zhao as the secondary delegate.

Historically, some clubs have experienced significant rejuvenation by changing meeting venues, times or days. For others, a change in focus on service projects or causes has enabled significant improvement. Things that will be considered include leadership structures, meeting practices and frequency, recruitment initiatives, promotional campaigns, new member onboarding and mentoring procedures, and even fundraising opportunities and social events.

The outcomes from the Transformation Workshop will be reported by Phil following the 12 - 13 October Workshop



## ROTARY'S DESIGNATED MONTHS

July	Maternal and Child Health Month
August	Membership and New Club Development Month
September	Basic Education and Literacy Month
October	Community Economic and Development Month
November	Rotary Foundation Month
December	Disease Prevention and Treatment Month
January	Vocational Service Month
February	Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month
March	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month
April	Environmental Month
May	Youth Service Month
June	Rotary Fellowships Month



## FRIENDS OF OUR ROTARY CLUB

Friends of our Rotary Club are always most welcome to join in, or volunteer to participate in, any of the Club's activities, including assisting at the Bunnings BBQ's, School Mothers and Fathers days, and attending any of the social events and other outings of the club.

You may like to attend a dinner meeting and experience the friendship of the Club and interesting guest speakers.

All events appear in the Bulletin (see *Club Calendar*), so if you notice an event or activity you would like to help with, or join in, contact Peter Lewis on 0407 200 731, or email [lewisp@netspace.net.au](mailto:lewisp@netspace.net.au)

Friends are always most welcome at a dinner - just use the contacts shown under **"Attendance and Apologies"** on page 1 of the Bulletin.





Date	Day	Meeting, Speaker, Event, Activity	Organiser
<b>AUGUST 2024</b>			
27 August	Tuesday	6.30pm Club Meeting	President Peter Lewis
30 August	Friday	Roseville Public School - Fathers Day Breakfast	Phil Dunbar
<b>SEPTEMBER 2024</b>			
10 September	Tuesday	4.30pm Board Meeting	President Peter Lewis
		6.30pm Club Meeting	President Peter Lewis
24 September	Tuesday	6.30pm Club Meeting	President Peter Lewis
27 September	Friday	Ockoberfest Dinner	Peter Timmermann
<b>OCTOBER 2024</b>			
8 October	Tuesday	4.30pm Board Meeting	President Peter Lewis
		6.30pm Club Meeting	President Peter Lewis
22 October	Tuesday	6.30pm Club Meeting	President Peter Lewis
<b>NOVEMBER 2024</b>			
12 November	Tuesday	4.30pm Board Meeting	President Peter Lewis
		6.30pm Club Meeting	President Peter Lewis
19 November	Tuesday	Rotary Foundation Theatre Evening- "The 39 Steps"	Andre Hariman
26 November	Tuesday	6.30pm Club Meeting	President Peter Lewis
<b>DECEMBER 2024</b>			
10 December	Tuesday	Annual General Meeting	President Peter Lewis



## SOME IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

In addition to the regular Club meetings and activities, there are some other important dates.

So please note the following other events or activities, which you may be interested in, in your diaries.

**Friday 24th September 2024.** Ockoberfest Dinner. ShelterBox Fundraiser.  
Kaiser Stub'n Restaurant, Terrey Hills. Andre Hariman leading organising group

**Sunday 13th October, 2024.** Lane Cove Spring Fair BBQ and raffle.  
Contact is Andre Hariman. Volunteers will be required.

**Tuesday 19 November 2024.** Rotary Foundation Theatre Evening.  
"The 39 Steps"- Contact is Andre Hariman

**Thursday 21st November 2024.** Lady Hopetoun Cruise.  
Contact is Peggy Yu. Participants will get to see 20 icons up close. Minimum of 20 members will be required. Email has been issued to club members to canvass their interest. If interested contact Peggy.

**Tuesday 17th December 2024.** Christmas Party.  
Organising Committee is Neil Howie, Peggy Yu and Avis Manoukian.

**20th February 2025.** Visit to Purified Recycled Water (PRW) Discovery Centre.  
Contact is Peggy Yu

**21-22 March 2025.** District Conference 2025.– Pulman, Penrith.  
Andre Hariman has volunteered to be our Club Champion to help promote attendance by our club members. Each club is to prepare a 2-3 minutes presentation on their key projects.

**25th March 2025.** Pride of Workmanship (POW) Awards Presentation  
Contact is Peggy Yu. Instead of three POW Awards on the evening, proposal is only one or two Awards POW and one or two Community Service Award(s) to be given to deserving community volunteer(s).



## THE BACK PAGE

### Interesting facts about the Paralympics:

- The first Paralympic Games took place almost 64 years after the Olympics were created.
- The word 'para' means 'alongside'.
- While the rings make up the Olympics's symbol, the Paralympics' symbol consists of three agitos or curved dashes in red, blue and green.
- The Paralympics developed after Ludwig Guttman organized a sports competition for British World War II veterans with spinal cord injuries in England in 1948.
- On 29 July 1948, the day of the Opening Ceremony of the London 1948 Olympic Games, Dr. Guttman organised the first competition for wheelchair athletes, named the Stoke Mandeville Games. They involved 16 injured servicemen and women who took part in archery.
- The Stoke Mandeville Games later became the Paralympic Games which first took place in Rome, Italy, in 1960 featuring 400 athletes from 23 countries. Since then they have taken place every four years.
- In 1976 the first Winter Games in Paralympics history were held in Sweden, and as with the Summer Games, have taken place every four years, and include a Paralympics Opening and Paralympics Closing Ceremony.
- Since the Summer Games of Seoul, Korea in 1988 and the Winter Games in Albertville, France in 1992, the Games have also taken part in the same cities and venues as the Olympics.
- Finally, on 22 September 1989, the International Paralympic Committee was founded as an international non-profit organisation in Dusseldorf, Germany, to act as the global governing body of the Paralympic Movement.



#### The Classification System:

- Classification is sport specific.
- An Athlete must have an Eligible Impairment in order to compete in the sport.
- There are set processes and procedures for assessing whether an athlete has an Eligible Impairment.
- There are set Minimum Impairment Criteria for each Eligible Impairment.
- Australia will be represented by 160 athletes: 152 athletes with an impairment, two athletics guides, two boccia ramp operators, two cycling pilots, one triathlon guide and one rowing coxswain.





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2020-21	David Brand/Peter Kindred
2021-22	Michael MacQuillan
2022-23	Norm Gibson
2023-24	Andre Hariman

## ABOUT ROTARY



*Paul Harris*

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA, was formed on 23 February 1905 by Paul Harris.

Rotary is a worldwide organisation of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. More than 1.2 million Rotarians belong to over 35,000 Clubs in 210 countries and geographical areas. Rotary Club membership represents a cross-section of the community's business and professional men and women. The world's Rotary Clubs meet regularly and are non-political, non-religious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

The Rotary motto is *Service Above Self*.

## ***OBJECT OF ROTARY***

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

## ***ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR***

Australians all, let us rejoice,  
For we are one and free,  
We've golden soil and wealth for toil  
Our home is girt by sea;  
Our land abounds in nature's gifts  
Of beauty rich and rare;  
In history's page, let every stage  
Advance Australia Fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing  
Advance Australia Fair.



## ***ROTARY THANKS***

For the community, friendship, and the opportunity to serve through Rotary, we give thanks.



## ***THE FOUR-WAY TEST***

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?