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Meeting Thursdays 12.30 for 12.50pm at North Leagues Club, Abbot St Cammeray. ISSUE NO 3898 Thursday 19th January 2017

## From our President....Jeremy Brennan



### World Computer Exchange

This week we see the Timor Leste World Computer Exchange program implementers leave for Dili to set up the computers. Once they are set up the team will teacher the local supporters to use software the provided through the project and how to teacher others to use the material.

Our Club Secretary Tammy Chu who has lead the project from the start, will be speaking at our lunch this Thursday about the progress to date and the implementation of the project.

Tammy has committed a great deal of time and effort into this important project and I'm looking forward her presentation.

See you all on Thursday. ....President Jeremy

WORLD COMPUTER  
EXC↕ANGE

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## Last Weeks Guest Speaker

Helen Peters, the Health Care Centre Co-ordinator from St Joseph's College, spoke to us on the Marist Children's Holiday Camps.

The camps are held for disadvantaged children, over a four day, three night period at St Joseph's College, over the early Xmas holidays. Brigidine College, St Ives and Marist Brothers at Woolwich also support the programme, which began in 2004.

The core number of children with special needs attending is 35, but up to 43 have been accepted over the years, with an up-to-date total of over 350 attendees.

The popularity of the scheme is shown by the number of both carers (from year 11 students from the three schools) and attendees who apply to take part. Outings are arranged to various places like the Zoo, Aquarium and boat rides on the Harbour. Accommodation is provided in the St Joseph's dormitories, with paid night nurses on duty.



For many families of children with special needs, this is the old decent break they have from the constant care the children require. The total annual cost is about \$1000 per attendee, with the major outgoing being for catering, of about \$23,000. Sony Australia is the major sponsor donating about \$14,000 annually. Helen noted that other organisations supplied needed funds but the budget is always stretched. Any help, perhaps by assisting with barbeques at mealtimes would be appreciated.

Helen's heartfelt presentation, for a project for which she obviously feels deeply, showed what can be done to alleviate a big problem today, when a large increase in Autism is being diagnosed. Her compassion and leadership touched many hearts.

# Calendar

- 19 January Tammy Chu & Anna Barletta - Computer Exchange  
**Plus** Pi Lee, RYLA 2017 awardee on her experience on the 7 day residential camp just concluded.
- 26th January No meeting Australia Day
- 2nd February Otto Patterson My Fourth Life. Escaped the Nazi's 3 times  
During WW11
- 16th February Belinda West TBC Presentation of modified car
- 2nd March Carolyn Lee Yhe latest in Solar Power & Battery Storage
- 16th March Gemma Sisia "The School of Jude"
- For Past Events Click <http://www.northsydneyrotary.org>

## Office Bearers 2016-2017

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## **Front Desk & Room Set Up Attendance Required from 12:00pm**

- 19<sup>th</sup> January Ken Pratt & Wilfred Chee
- 2<sup>nd</sup> February Philip Brook & John Taylor
- 9<sup>th</sup> February Silvio Gmur & Jeff McDougall
- 16<sup>th</sup> February Tony d'Arbon & Peter Lulic
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February Ken Pratt & Wilfred Chee

From Jenny

*I have received this from Gary Long's son. If you feel you can help or would like to donate please click onto Alaster's profile page. It is obviously Tax Deductible – please make sure the donation is credited to Alaster to help him reach his \$15,000 goal.*



In memory of my father **Gary Long** (ex-President of Rotary North Sydney) who passed away from Cancer last year, I'm cycling in the 11th Annual Signature Tour De Cure from Mt Hotham, Victoria to Hobart in Tasmania covering 1,300km to raise funds and awareness to help cure cancer. I start my journey on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

I'm following one of my passions to help fight the fight against cancer and its devastating effects. I have seen both my parents lose their battles against this disease and want to do everything I can to contribute to vital research into prevention and treatment of cancer.

The Tour de Cure raises vital funds for cancer research, support, and prevention projects. Since 2007, they've raised over \$25-million and achieved 18 cancer breakthroughs.

Cancer does not discriminate, as we unfortunately know all too well. Annually, the Tour de Cure selects and funds cancer projects in the following areas:

- Research projects to help find a cure
- Support projects for those suffering with the journey of cancer
- Prevention projects, focused on education and awareness of communities

The Charities fund raising goal for this year is to raise \$5.5m and I've pledged to raise \$15,000 towards this goal. I've raised \$4,100 and need your help.

**Please visit my profile page to make a donation in support of cancer research.**

<https://tourdecure.com.au/pages/donate/61e23cbcb44a5efb6f562324ab0bd5e0>

For more information on the Tour de Cure, please see the highlights from the Signature Tour 2016!  
Click [here](#)

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider whether you are able to support my fundraising challenge.

Kind Regards

Alaster

## Humour by Geoff Prichard

### THE CONFESSION

Hi Bob,

This is John next door.

I'm sorry buddy, but I have a confession to make to you.

I've been riddled with guilt these past few months and have been trying to pluck up the courage to tell you to your face, but I am at least now telling in text as I can't live with myself a moment longer without you knowing.

The truth is, I have been sharing your wife, day and night when you're not around.

In fact, probably more than... you.

I haven't been getting it at home recently, but that's no excuse I know.

The temptation was just too much....I can no longer live with the guilt and I hope you will accept my sincerest apologies and forgive me.

I promise that it won't happen again.

Please come up with a fee for usage, and I'll pay you.

Regards, John

### THE ACTIONS

Bob, feeling insulted and betrayed, grabbed his gun, and shot his neighbor dead.

He returned home where he poured himself a stiff drink and sat down on the sofa.

He took out his phone where he saw he has a subsequent message from hi neighbour:-

### THE SECOND MESSAGE

Hi Bob, This is John next door again.

Sorry about the slight typo on my last text.

I expect you worked it out anyway, but I'm sure you noticed that my Autocorrect changed 'Wi-Fi' to 'Wife'.

Technology, eh?!?

Hope you saw the funny side of that.

Regards, John

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**Birthdays****Anniversaries**2<sup>nd</sup> January

John &amp; Jackie Taylor

**Rotary Attendance 12th January 2017****Guests & Visitors:**

Helen Peters Speaker

Toni Field

Ron Robison

**Apologies:**

Denis Booth

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