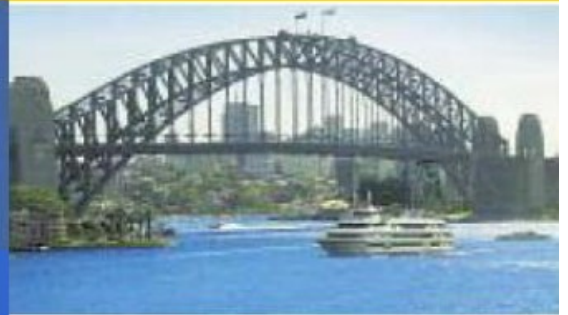


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From our President....Jeremy Brennan



Tree of Joy

At this week's Rotary meeting we will hear about the culmination of many months of work from our hardest working member – Jenny Thomas. In the lead-up to Christmas, Jenny organised for the Tree of Joy to be placed with business and other groups in the community, allowing supporters to provide gifts for children who would otherwise not receive gifts at Christmas.

We will recognise the support of those who allowed for another very happy Christmas for all children in Sydney. Join us on Thursday to say thank you to those who ensured another successful Tree of Joy.

.....President Jeremy



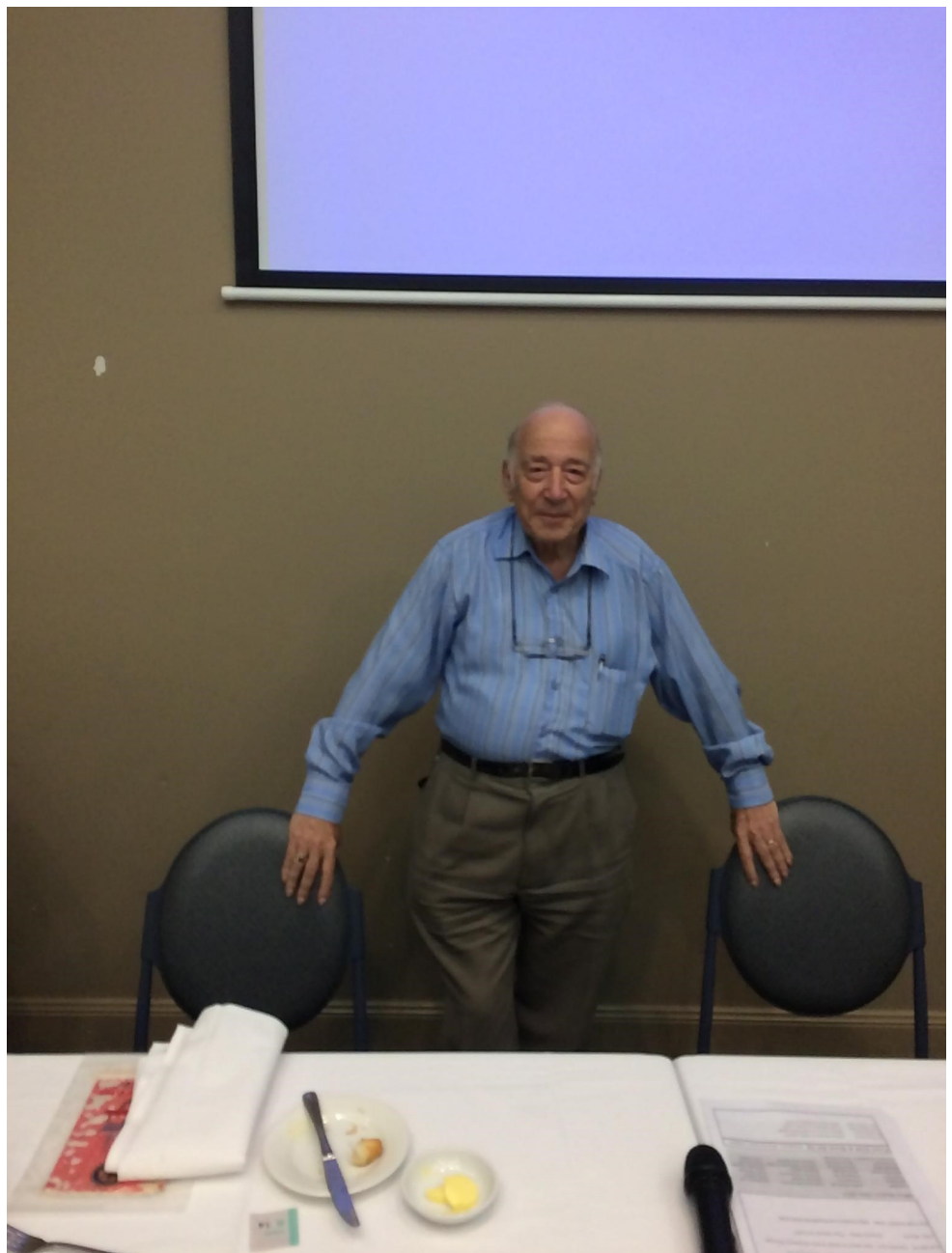
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Last Weeks Guest Speaker

Otto Patterson entertains us with his incredible series of close shaves in escaping from Czechoslovakia before the Second World War. Born in Austria in 1928, Otto was living in Czechoslovakia when Hitler came to power and Otto's life changed, His father was arrested and sent to a prison camp for political prisoners and Otto was subjected to many indignities. His mother tried hard to arrange for him to be sent overseas and due to several lucky breaks he eventually made it by train to Holland, leaving his mother behind. Another lucky break saw him joining a group of children escaping to England in 1938. There he found he was not on the list of arrivals and had to battle to get to a refugee camp, where his knowledge of Chess, gained from his champion player father, kept him out of trouble.

An uncle discovered Otto and his life suddenly improved when a telegram arrived announcing that his parents were soon to arrive. Otto hardly recognised his parents, his father joined the army and Otto went to live in Scotland and later in Canada. His father died at the end of the war in the Battle of the Bulge after anglicising his surname for security reasons. Otto arrived in Australia in 1963 and worked as an Electronics Engineer designing and making circuit boards; a very technical job in those days.

Apart from showing how fortunate we are in Australia, Otto's speech brought home to us how easy it is for an affluent country like Germany to deteriorate into the level of bestiality when checks and balances are not applied. A lucky country indeed



Calendar

9th February 'Tree of Joy' thank you lunch Speakers: Lesley Parker & Richard Duncan from Wesley Mission Connect.

Charlie Barnett—Rotary Foundation update on eradicating polio. (10 mins)

16th February Belinda West Presentation of modified car.

23rd February Doug Malcolm "Paint for Freedom"

2nd March Carolyn Lee The latest in Solar Power & Battery Storage

16th March Gemma Sisia "The School of Jude"

30th March "Pride of Workmanship Awards"

For Past Events Click <http://www.northsydneyrotary.org>

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

9th February Silvio Gmur & Jeff McDougall

16th February Peter Lulic & Ross Waugh

23rd February Ken Pratt & Wilfred Chee

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PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP: 30TH MARCH 2017

The 2017 Club Pride of Workmanship Awards will be held on **Thursday 30th March 2017**.

Nominations Close on 16th March - Please nominate someone outside of Rotary who you consider does a wonderful job and goes beyond helping others in the community.

Please put your nomination in writing and give to me at one of our meetings. My email is not working.

Kevin Thomas



The School
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2017 Australia Tour

Catch up with Gemma and
Winrose in your area

> Event Details

Rotary Club of North Sydney
Thursday 16th March
12:00 noon for 12:20 pm start

The North Sydney Leagues Club
12 Abbott Street, Cammeray

Lunch
\$35 pp visitors \$30 for Rotarians

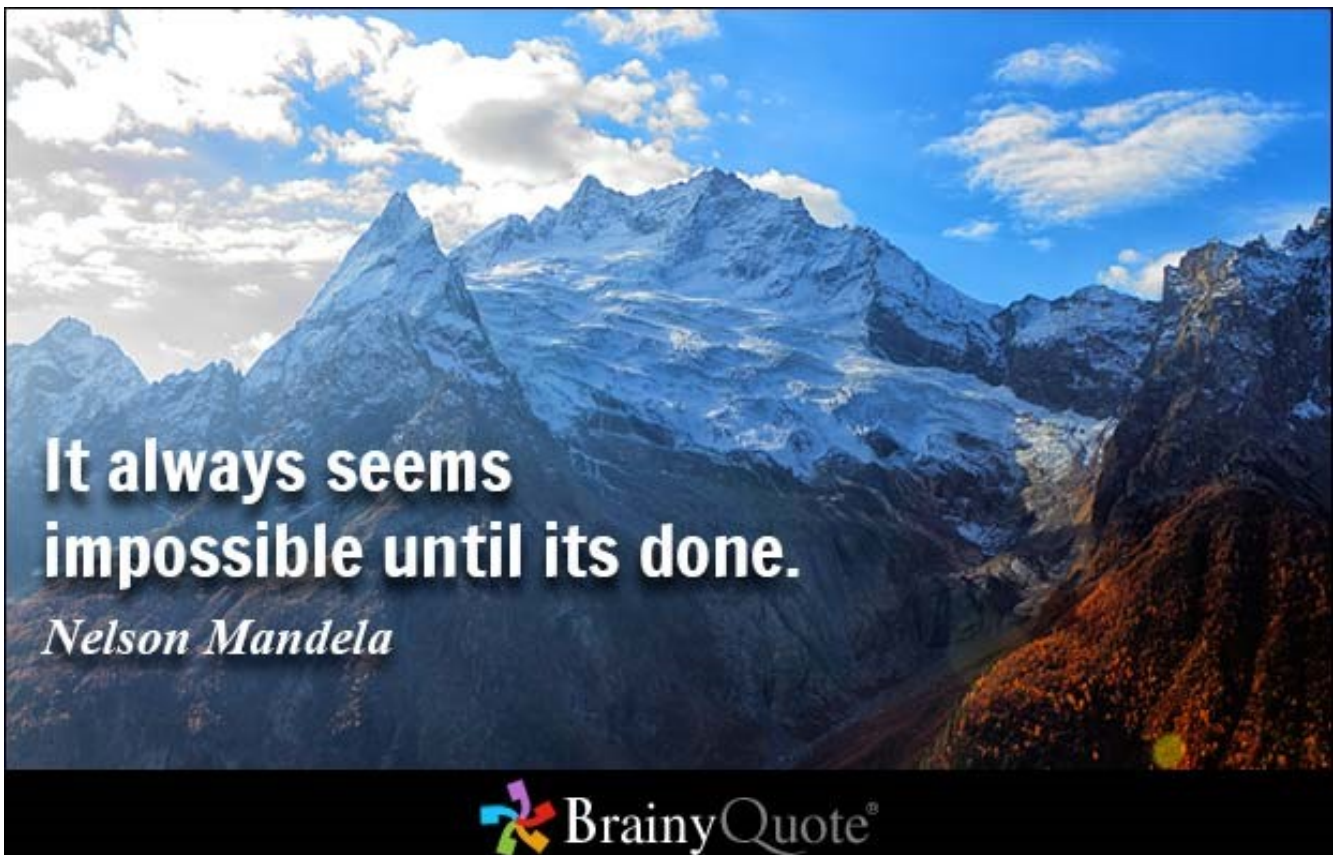
RSVP 12th March

> Book

Jenny Thomas OAM
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Former Aussie teacher Gemma Sisia opened the gates to The School of St Jude in Tanzania 15 years ago and now, thanks to the support of thousands of Australians, it provides a free, high-quality education to 1,800 promising yet impoverished students. Gemma and St Jude's graduate Winrose will share their inspirational story.



**It always seems
impossible until its done.**

Nelson Mandela

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Humour by Geoff Prichard

Trump & The Pope

Seeking a weekend break from his campaign rallies; Donald Trump jetted to his yacht, which was docked off the coast of Italy.

He invited Pope Francis and the press corps on board for a Saturday afternoon cruise. It was a rather windy day. The Pope's little hat, his zucchetto, was blown from his head and into the water.

A crewman began lowering a boat to retrieve the zucchetto. Trump told the crewman not to bother. Trump climbed down the yacht's ladder; walked across the waves, picked up the zucchetto; walked back to the yacht and handed it to the Pope.

The Pope and the press corps were amazed! Donald Trump could actually walk on water!

Speculation immediately began as to how ABC, CNN, NBC, The Washington Post and New York Times would report this miraculous event to the rest of the world. The next morning the New York Times headline read

DONALD TRUMP CAN'T SWIM!!!



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Feb 1 David Field
Feb 22 Michael Antarakis

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Rotary Attendance 2nd February 2017

Visitors:

Otto Patterson Guest Speaker
Bonna Knavovicka

Apologies:

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