

Meeting Thursdays 12.30 for 12.50pm at North Leagues Club, Abbot St Cammeray. ISSUE NO 3916 Thursday 1st June 2017

#### **President....Jeremy Brennan**



### This Thursday we are going to hear about

# How did the NSW electricity system survive February 10<sup>th</sup> 2017?

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017 NSW experienced one of the hottest days on record leading to very high electricity demand.

Tony Irwin will review how the NSW electricity generating system is changing and how NSW came very close to blackouts.

#### **Tony Irwin**

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Tony Irwin is a Chartered Engineer, Chair of Engineers Australia Sydney Division Nuclear Engineering Panel and Technical Director of SMR Nuclear Technology Pty Ltd Tony worked for British Energy (formerly the Central Electricity Generating Board) in the UK for more than thirty years commissioning and operating 8 nuclear power reactors.

In 1999 he moved permanently to Australia and joined the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) where he managed fuel strategies and provided advice on nuclear issues. He was subsequently appointed as Reactor Manager for the commissioning and operation of ANSTO's new OPAL research reactor. Tony is now a Consultant.

Tony is an Honorary Associate Professor and principal lecturer for the ANU *Master of Nuclear Science Course* Reactor and Fuel Cycle modules and visiting lecturer at USYD.



### Last Weeks Guest Speaker

Last weeks guest speakers were David & Dianne Waterhouse and spoke on

Re-Building Nepal after the 2015 Quake.

The April 2015 Nepal earthquake (also known as the Gorkha earthquake) killed nearly 9,000 people and injured nearly 22,000.

The earthquake triggered an avalanche on Mount Everest, killing 21, making April 25, 2015 the deadliest day on the mountain in history. The earthquake triggered





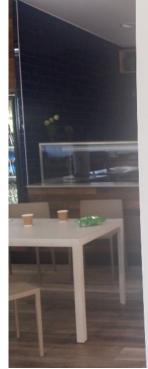
another huge avalanche in the Langtang valley, where 250 people were reported missing.

Hundreds of thousands of people were made homeless with entire villages flattened, across many districts of the country. Centuriesold buildings were destroyed at UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the Kath-

mandu Valley, including some at the Kathmandu Durbar Square, the Patan Durbar Square, the Bhaktapur Durbar Square, the Changu Narayan Temple, the Boudhanath stupa and the Swayambhunath Stupa. Geophysicists and other experts had warned for decades that Nepal was vulnerable to a deadly earthquake, particularly because of its geology, urbanization, and architecture.























#### DG Bruce and DGE Peter warmly invite you to

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# UN Global Road Safety Week **Special Edition Newsletter**

This special 'yellow' edition of our Newsletter focusses on RSE's activities in Australia and New Zealand during Yellow Ribbon National Road Safety Week, which fell during the UN Global Road Safety Week (UNR SW) from 8-14 May 2017.

During UNRSW we celebrated a huge milestone as student number 500,000 attended the RYDA program. Also during the week, we welcomed new Ambassador, Andrew Morley, took part in community events and, as a Principal Partner of the Yellow Ribbon Road Safety Week in Australia watched as well known structures. including the Sydney Harbour Bridge, turned vellow for the occasion. Read the full newsletter here.





The RYDA program is the premier and only national road safety education program in Australia and New Zealand, delivering life saving messages to young people at a critical time in their lives. We've now helped half a million young people become safer road users. As a RYDA supporter - you share in this achievement. Thank you for your commitment.

# Calendar

1st June	Tony Irwin Tech Director SMR Nuclear Technology P/L How did NSW electricity system survive Feb 10th 2017.
8th June	Peter Watson 57 Marathons in 57 days across
	New Zealand
15th June	Shelley Whittington Destiny Rescue Anti Child
	Trafficking Org
22nd June	Wilfred Chee My Rotary Experience and Australian Jour ney from Buddhism to Christianity
29th June	Changeover at the Northbridge Golf Club, 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm sit down Cost \$70 per member
22nd July	Christmas in July—Crows Nest Centre

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

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

1 <sup>st</sup> June	Ken Pratt & Tony d'Arbon
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Silvio Gmur & Jeff McDougall
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Peter Lulic & Tammy Chu
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Philip Brook & John Taylor

### Humour by Geoff Prichard

### Wedding Ceremony

At a wedding , the pastor asked if anyone had anything to say concerning the union of the bride and groom. It was their time

to stand up and talk, or forever hold their peace.

The moment of utter silence was broken by a young beautiful woman carrying a child.

She started walking toward the pastor slowly

Everything quickly turned to chaos. The bride slapped the groom. The groom's mother fainted. The groomsmen started

giving each other looks and wondering how best to help save the situation.

The pastor asked the woman, "Can you tell us why you came forward? What do you have to say?"

The woman replied, "We can't hear in the back."

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Catholic school students are taught that lying is a sin. instructors are also advised that using a bit of imagination is OK to express the truth differently without lying. This is a perfect example of this teaching: Getting a Hairdryer Through Customs.....

An attractive young woman on a flight from Ireland asked the priest beside her, 'Father, may I ask a favour?' Of course child. What can I do for you?'

I bought my mother an expensive hair dryer for her birthday. It is unopened but well over the customs limits and I'm afraid they'll confiscate it. Is there any way you could carry it through customs for me? Could you possibly hide it under your robes for me?' 'I would love to help you my dear but, I must warn you, I will not tell a lie.' 'With your honest face, Father, I'm sure that no one will question you.'

When they got to customs, she let the priest go first. The official asked, 'Father, do you have anything to declare?' 'From the top of my head down to my waist I have nothing to declare.' The official thought this answer a little strange, so he asked, 'And what do you have to declare from your waist to the floor?'

'I have a marvellous instrument that has been designed for use on women, but which, to date, remains unused.'

Roaring with laughter, the official said, 'Go ahead, Father. Next please!'

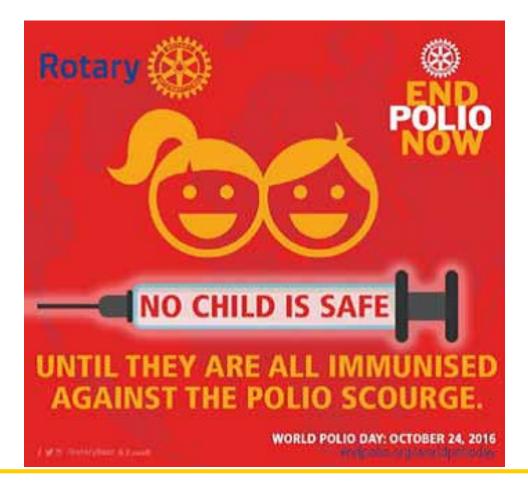
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#### **Birthdays**

Anniversaries

5th June Denis Booth

June 15 Robert & Mimi Lau

### **Rotary Attendance 25th May 2017**

#### **VISITORS:**

David Waterhouse – Guest Speaker Dianne Waterhouse – Guest Speaker

### **APOLOGIES:**

Jeremy Brennan Philip Brook Tammy Chu Robert Lau Jiji Lee John Taylor Brendan Walsh

### Leave of Absence:

George Bauer Geoff Pritchard