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Meeting Thursdays 12.30 for 12.50pm at North Leagues Club, Abbot St Cammeray.

(Please Note: No meeting on the last Thursday of each month). ISSUE NO 3930 Thursday 7th September 2017



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Last week's Guest Speaker: Alex Carpenter, ATMA IMMERSIVE JOURNEYS

Alex is the founder of this small tour group company whose objective is to work directly with local communities, help them with their own tourism and benefit from the revenue generated by providing all services such as accommodation, local travel and meals prepared by locals. ATMA (which translated to SOUL from Hindi) is a relatively young enterprise. The first ATMA journey will take place on 27 January, 2018. It will be a 10 day all-inclusive tour from Mumbai, India to Mashwad, Bamnoli, Panchgani and back to Mumbai.

The origin of Alex's desire to help local communities stems from his previous visits to Africa and India. The sheer depth of poverty of he discovered greatly affected him. Emaciated children with grubby hands, bare feet and beautiful smiles living happily in the midst of squalor and government apathy made Alex determined to help local communities, thus ATMA Immersive Journeys was borne. Further information is available through ATMA's website:

<https://atmajourneys.org/>



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"For Good Food, Good Fellowship and the Opportunity to serve through Rotary, we give thanks".



NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER: MARYLIN MERCER

The ConocoPhillips Science Experience

With the support of Rotary clubs around Australia, The Science Schools Foundation, the Australian Science Teachers Association and the Young Scientists of Australia, ConocoPhillips sponsors 3-day science activities for Year 9 and 10 students. (University of Technology, 31st October – 2nd November, 2017).

Marylin is a distinguished Rotarian, amongst other notable Rotary achievements, she is a past District Governor and presently elected Rotarian on the Board of ConocoPhillips Science Experience.

We look forward to an interesting and informative presentation by Marylin.



Local Council elections will take place on Saturday, 9th September, 2017.

Our distinguished member **PP Geoff Pritchard** would like it known that one of the candidates for Council is his wife **Joan Street**, who is standing on the CommUnity First ticket. CommUnity First is a 100% independent group of local professionals, self-funded, giving the community an alternative for good local government.



Joan Street, (2nd from left, Front Row) is standing as an Independent Councilor on the CommUnity First Ticket, North Sydney Council, - Wollstonecraft Ward.

A TRIBUTE TO PP GEORGE BAUER

We learnt of the sad passing of George Bauer on 26th September, 2017 at the age of 95 years.

George joined the Rotary Club of North Sydney in 1963 and was Club President in 1974.

He was an active and valuable member over a significant 54 years of membership!

In recent years he was unable to visit our club, however kept up his membership and relationships with many of our club members. At the meeting, members reflected highly in memory of George.

His private funeral took place on Monday, 28th August, 2017.

David Field gifted all present with a CD of George's moving Guest Speaker's Presentation of May 1995.



This 16 page booklet was handed out to all who attended. It starts with Les as soldier in World War 2.

On Monday the 21st of August Rotarians flocked to the memorial of Les Whitcroft. Just look at some of his achievements:

- Founding Director of Australian Rotary Health
- PP and member of the Rotary Club of Ryde for 43 years and PDG District 9680
- Chairman of Rotary International's PolioPlus campaign in Australia. Les and wife Shirley 'kick started' corporate giving to the Polio campaign in Australia with a personal gift of \$250,000. Under his chairmanship, the PolioPlus campaign was very successful and easily surpassed the Rotary International target amount for Australia – \$5.4 million
- Past Chairman of the Board of Rotary Down Under. It was in his capacity as Chairman of the Board that Les had most impact on Rotary Clubs and Districts through- out Australia and New Zealand. He provided an interest- free loan of over \$730,000 over 3 years to finance the purchase of the original Rotary Down Under House in Argyle Street, Parramatta. This building changed the course of Rotary in Australia and has provided a very valuable base for many Rotary programs.
- Together with his late wife Shirley, Les established The Whitcroft Foundation to benefit charitable organisations around Australia. Australian Rotary Health acknowledged the generosity of Les and his family by establishing a Research Companion Scholarship in their name.

Honoured with an AM (Member of the Order of Australia) in 1989, Les devoted his life to the service of others.



Club Meetings & Events

Date	Subject	
7-Sept-17	Marylin Mercer	The ConocoPhillips Science Experience
14-Sep-17	To be advised	
16-Sep-17	Crows Nest Markets	Come along and check out our club's fund raiser activity!
21-Sep-17	Ian Mutton	Sydney Harbour HighLine
28-Sept-17	No Meeting Today	No meeting every last Thursday of each month!
9-Nov-17	Peter Ward	District Governors Visit
15-Nov-17	2017 North Shore Local Business Awards	

Date	Birthdays	Date	Anniversaries
13-Sep-17	Ross Waugh		
21-Sep-17	Jenny Thomas	10-Sep-17	Peter & Millie Lulic
25-Sep-17	Kevin Thomas		
29-Sept-17	John Taylor		

Visitors & Apologies for 31st August 2017

Visitors: Alex Carpenter, ATMA - Immersive Journeys

Apologies: Wilfred Chee Malcolm Nicklin Sam Lee Lily lee Jiji Lee Brendan Walsh

Leave of Absence: Robert Lau

Date	Front Desk & Room Set Up Attendance Required from 12:00pm
7th September	Philip Brook & John Taylor
14th September	Peter Lulic & Tammy Chu
21st September	Ross Waugh & Denis Booth
28th September	NO MEETING

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Humour by Geoff Prichard

While the Americans are urging the Chinese and Russians to exert influence on the Korean question.....

The French government announced yesterday that it has raised its terror alert level from "Run" to "Hide." The only two higher levels in France are "Collaborate" and "Surrender." The rise was precipitated by a recent fire that destroyed France's white flag factory, effectively paralysing the country's military capability.

The English are also feeling the pinch in relation to recent events in Korea and have therefore raised their security level from "Miffed" to "Peeved." Soon, though, security levels may be raised yet again to "Irritated" or even "A Bit Cross." The English have not been "A Bit Cross" since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies nearly ran out. Terrorists have been re-categorised from "Tiresome" to "A Bloody Nuisance." The last time the British issued a "Bloody Nuisance" warning level was in 1588, when threatened by the Spanish Armada.

The Scots have raised their threat level from "F--k Off" to "Let's get the Bastards." They don't have any other levels. This is the reason they have been used on the front line of the British army for the last 300 years.

Italy has increased the alert level from "Shout Loudly and Excitedly" to "Elaborate Military Posturing." Two more levels remain: "Ineffective Combat Operations" and "Change Sides."

The Germans have increased their alert state from "Disdainful Arrogance" to "Dress in Uniform and Sing Marching Songs." They also have two higher levels: "Invade a Neighbour" and "Lose."

Belgians, on the other hand, are all on holiday as usual; the only threat they are worried about is NATO pulling out of Brussels.

The Spanish are all excited to see their new submarines ready to deploy. These beautifully designed subs have glass bottoms so the new Spanish navy can get a really good look at the old Spanish navy.

Australia, meanwhile, has raised its security level from "No worries" to "She'll be right, Mate." Two more escalation levels remain:

"I think we'll need to cancel the Barbie this weekend!" and "The Barbie is cancelled." So far no situation has ever warranted use of the final escalation level.