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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 3932 Thursday 21st September 2017



President Silvio Gmur

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Last week's Guest Speaker: George Conomos, "Greek Café Culture and the history behind Café Barwon in Walgett, Northern NSW".

We were privileged to a delightful presentation by George Conomos, simply titled "The Barwon Cafe Walgett". George took us on his family's ancestral journey from the Greek Island of Kythira to his parent's arrival in Sydney and his upbringing in Walgett, Northern New South Wales. His father with other Greek Nationals were the founders of the Australian cafe culture prevalent between the two World Wars and beyond. These cafes were always architecturally well-appointed with Corinthian Greek influence. They were well represented in the cities as well as in country towns. The staples of course were Sundaes, Milk Shakes and Soda Fountains as well as a menu listing full meals service which would make any small contemporary restaurant proud. George was officially thanked for his outstanding presentation by Rotarian Peter Lulic!



George Conomos being thanked by President Silvio.

"ANNOUNCING PROJECT 90"

At the recent Board meeting the subject of Membership growth or lack of it was discussed.

Next year is the clubs 90th Birthday and with this in mind, it is imperative that we think of new ideas as to how to achieve membership growth.

PP Denis Booth has initiated the discussion, which will need everyone's contribution to make it a reality.

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



THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER: Ian Mutton

"SYDNEY HARBOUR HIGH LINE"

Ian Mutton Ian has successfully led a community group to see a rail corridor along the harbor at North Sydney's foreshore be transformed into public parklands.

Ian is a lawyer with a single-minded passion to make North Sydney a better place to live, work and play and as such he has been the leading light behind the Sydney Harbour High Line project.



Artist's Impression of the High Line

He has also established and helped to lead the local community action group to protect Luna Park as a traditional theme park.

At the recent North Sydney Council Elections, Ian Mutton was also elected as a North Sydney Councillor.

Professionally, Ian writes, presents and helps implement anti-trust and consumer law compliance programs focused on teaching the law and motivating compliance.

Rotarian Tammy Chu's recent visit to the

Karuna Foundation, Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Karuna (concept of compassion in Buddhism) has a foundation in the town of Siem Reap, Cambodia, which identifies promising students from poor villages with an emphasis on girls. Students move to Siem Reap where they are helped financially with education and modest housing support. The inception of the foundation was started by Phil Kiely over a decade ago, a generous Australian who saw a clear need while travelling in Cambodia. This led to a successful and sustained partnership with our North Sydney Rotary Club.

Tammy Chu, Secretary, North Sydney Rotary Club recently paid a visit to Siem Reap (at her own expense) to meet the current students being sponsored by the Karuna Foundation and their local mentor and supervisor Sokphen. The students are happy and healthy with some studying to become teachers, accountants and sales professionals. Many of them eventually return to their village with hopes of helping their community.

Tammy found it a rewarding first-hand experience to witness what Sokphen and the students have achieved with their 'hand-up' opportunity.



Mentor Sokphen of the Karuna Foundation, Rotarian Tammy Chu and five eager students.

REMEMBER: NEXT WEEK 28 SEPTEMBER, 2017, NO MEETING

(LAST THURSDAY IN THE MONTH)

Club Meetings & Events

| Date | Subject | |
|------------|---|---|
| 21-Sep-17 | Ian Mutton | Sydney Harbour High Line |
| 28-Sept-17 | No Meeting | |
| 5-Oct-17 | Doug Malcolm | Paint4Freedom |
| 12-Oct-17 | Sarah Chen | Love Food Hate Waste |
| 19-Oct-17 | Rotarian Lily Lee | Memory of WW2 as experienced by a Chinese Girl |
| 21-Oct-17 | Crows Nest Markets | Come along to check out our Club's fund raiser activity |
| 26-Oct-17 | No Meeting | |
| 2-Nov-17 | Melbourne Cup Calcutta | Invite Partners and Friends for this exciting event! |
| 9-Nov-17 | District Governor Peter Ward | District Governors Visit |
| 15-Nov-17 | 2017 North Shore Local (Venue to be advised) | Business Awards Our Club sponsors this award. |
| 16-Nov-17 | TBA (Meeting in downstairs Bistro) | |
| 23-Nov-17 | TBA (Meeting in downstairs Bistro) | |
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| 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 | | |

| Date | Front Desk & Room Set Up Attendance Required from 12:00pm |
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| 21st September | Ross Waugh & Denis Booth |
| 28th September | NO MEETING |

Visitors & Apologies for 14th September 2017

Guests

George Conomos - Guest Speaker
Carol Conomos
John Jonson
Adrian Pittorino
John Chadwick
John Rowan
Jim Cattian
Pat Harrington
Toni Field
Arthur Johnson

Apologies

Philip Brook
Lily Lee
Jeff McDougall
Malcolm Nicklin
John Taylor
Kevin Thomas
Brendon Walsh

Humour by Geoff Prichard

Two old Jewish men, Sid and Abe,
Are sitting in a Mexican restaurant one day
Sid asks Abe, "Do you know if any people of our ancestry were ever born and raised in Mexico?"
Abe replies, "I don't know, let's ask our waiter."

When the waiter arrives, Abe asks, "Are there any Mexican Jews?"

The waiter says, "I don't know senor, I ask the cooks."

"He returns from the kitchen after a few minutes and says, "No senor, the cook say no Mexican Jews."

Abe isn't satisfied and asks, "Are you absolutely sure?"

The waiter, realizing he is dealing with "Gringos" replies,

"I check once again, senor," and goes back into the kitchen.

While the waiter is away, Sid says, "I find it hard to believe that there are no Jews in Mexico. Our people are scattered everywhere."

The waiter returns and says, "Senor, the head cook Manuel, he say there is no Mexican Jews."

"Are you certain?" Abe asks again. "I just can't believe there are no Mexican Jews!"

"Senor, I ask EVERYONE," replies the exasperated waiter.

"All we have is Orange Jews, Grape Jews, Prune Jews, Tomato Jews and Apple Jews, but no Mexican Jews

