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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 3954 Thursday 19th April 2018

#### **Board Members for Rotary year 2017-2018**

President: Silvio Gmur Secretary & Administration: Ross Waugh Community Service: Jenny Thomas International Service: Samantha Lee & JiJi Lee, Co-Directors,

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District Conference & Verification Officer: Denis Booth Bulletin Editor: Mal Sharpe

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: LAST WEEK'S SPEAKER LAST WEEK'S SPEAKER: RICHARD WOODBURN ON ROMAC

(Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children)

PP Richard who is the Eastern Region Chairman for this wonderful volunteer organization is a long-standing Rotarian and currently a member of the Randwick Rotary Club. He has a distinguished career as a Civil Engineer and was also a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserve and commanded the 21<sup>st</sup> Construction Regiment.

**ROMAC** commenced in March 1988 out of the actions of an Australian Rotarian who, with a group of surgeons, visited Lambasa in Fiji. They found the child mortality rate as high as 25% in some places. They quickly identified that lack of medical and surgical facilities for children of the island nations in Oceania, was a major cause.

ROMAC which is now in New Zealand and Australia enlists assistance from medical experts, hospitals, nurses, physiotherapists, pathology and radiology services, airlines, sponsors and other supporters.

Every year **ROMAC** is providing surgical treatment to around **50 children** from Oceania region making a huge difference to their lives.

Richard explained that whilst there are many volunteers, professionals and organizations giving their time free of charge, one of the major expenses to **ROMAC** is the cost of Hospital Accommodation which is charged for at the same rate as any non-Australian resident.

**ROMAC** is currently on a mission to familiarize its existence to all Rotarians in Australia to ensure ongoing support for this wonderful organization.

Donations are tax deductible and can be made via their website.



Richard Woodburn from ROMAC



Christella was a happy little 3-year-old girl in Vanuatu until one day in November 2016 her legs and feet were so severely burnt by boiling water she could not stand or walk. She was brought to Sydney by ROMAC to be treated for her burns at Westmead Hospital.

### ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH SYDNEY SUPPORTING SARAH MOURNEY'S APPLICATION FOR DISTRICT 9685 GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLARSHIP

Sarah who has lived locally all of her live presently works in the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet.

She is part of a small team called the 'Premier's Implementation Unit' which is responsible for delivering the Premier's 12 key priorities for the state of NSW. These priorities range from improving education results, to reducing youth homelessness, to tackling childhood obesity, and reducing domestic violence. Since August 2016 her main focus has been on the Premier's Priority to improve education results.

Sarah has been accepted into The University of Oxford to study for a Master of Public Policy (MPP) degree. It is one of the world's leading one-year courses in the study of public policy,

Our Rotary District 9685 has a Rotary Global Grant Scholarship to the maximum value of US\$30,000 paid for from our district and The Rotary Foundation.

Applicants must have a Rotary Club sponsoring their application and we are delighted to have been able to facilitate this process. We will hear from her in the very near future about the results of her impending district interview and the outcome of her application.

We thank Sarah for her talk to the club last week and wish her the very best in her endeavor's.



Sarah Mourney
District 9685 Global Grant
Scholarship Applicant

#### HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR CLUB'S MONTHLY CROW'S NEST MARKET ACTIVITY?

The North Sydney Council is the principal organizer of the Monthly Crows Nest Markets which take place every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in the month. The North Sydney Rotary Club has been handling the bookings for the stalls, communicating with stall holders and collecting stall holder's fees for many years. This is a major fundraising project for our **Community Service Projects**. **PP Jenny Thomas and PE Ross Waugh** are the two members of our club who make this whole process happen and give up their day for the markets whenever they occur (plus plenty of other organizing time).

**Regularly Sam and Jiji Lee** will have one of the spots at the markets to sell produce from their parent's farm to raise funds for the club's **International Project**. Please support our tireless 'Market Workers' in any which way

you can!







THIS WEEK'S MEETING: AS PER PER OUR CALENDAR, THIS WEEKS MEETING WILL BE A COMBINED CLUB FORUM & BOARD MEETING. MEMBERS WHO DO NOT WISH TO STAY PAST 2PM WILL OF COURSE BE EXCUSED.

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



## Club Meetings & Events

Date	Speaker	Subject
19-April-18	Club Forum/Board Meeting	
21-April-18	Crows Nest Markets	Come along and check out our Club's Communi-
26-April-18	No Meeting	Last Thursday in the month
3-May-18	Basil van Rooyen	"My Motor racing career and patented engine
10-May-18	ТВА	
27-May-18	Red Shield Appeal	

Date	Birthdays	Date	Anniversaries
5th April	Susie Martin	6th April	Denis & Jan Booth
14th April	Tony d'Arbon	6th April	Jiji Lee & Darjee
21st April	Geoff Pritchard	27th April	Wilfred & Lily Chee
28th April	Philip Brook		



Date	Front Desk & Room Set Up Attendance Required from 12:00pm
19th April	Jeff McDougall & Tony d'Arbon
26th April	NO MEETING
3rd May	Peter Lulic & Geoff Pritchard
10th May	Philip Brook & John Taylor
17th May	Jeff McDougall & Tony d'Arbon
24th May	Peter Lulic & Geoff Pritchard
31st May	NO MEETING

#### **Visitors & Apologies for 12th April 2018**

Visitors

Richard Woodburn Guest Speaker

Susie Fennell Guest of Jenny Thomas

Sarah Mourney Global Grants Scholarship Candidate

Jeff McDougall

**Apologies** 

Philip Brook

Tony d'Arbon

Peter Lulic

Jiji Lee

Jenny Thomas

Leave of Absence:

Robert Lau

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### **Humour by Geoff Pritchard**

#### A Male Fairy Tale

Once upon a time, a Prince asked a beautiful Princess, "Will you marry me?" The Princess immediately said, "No!" And the Prince lived happily ever after,

and rode motorcycles and dated cheerleaders and thin,

long-legged, full-breasted women, and hunted and fished and raced cars, and went to topless bars and drank whiskey, beer, and Captain Morgan, and never heard bitching and never paid child support or alimony and kept his house and guns, and ate spam and potato chips and beans, and blew enormous farts, and never got cheated on while he was at work, and all his friends and family thought he was friggin' cool as hell, and he had tons of money in the bank, and he left the toilet seat up.

The End.