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DISTRICT 9685 CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 23RD 2014

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Rotary International President

Ron D. Burton

Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma USA



Jetta and I send our warmest greeting to each of you attending this 2013-14 district conference. We have enjoyed many district conferences during our time as Rotarians and we wish we could be with you for this conference, but that is just not possible. We are confident that you will enjoy a full program of Rotary information, fun and fellowship and hope you will find it inspirational and rewarding.

As you listen to the speakers, including my personal representative and participate in the various events and activities planned for the conference, I ask you to think about the rewards and opportunities of being a Rotarian and being a part of the Family of Rotary. Sharing your enthusiasm for Rotary with others is the real key to growing and strengthening Rotary membership.

Rotary has been a well-kept secret for too long. It's time for us to share the wonderful opportunities of Rotary with others. Tell a friend about your experience at this conference and about all that your club and district do throughout the year. Invite a friend to join you at a meeting or in a special event. What a wonderful way to ***Engage Rotary, Change Lives!***

The more engaged we become, the greater the rewards we enjoy. What I have learned during my Rotary journey is that as I engage Rotary, the life that has changed the most has been mine. Jetta and I ask you to join us this year in sharing the good news of Rotary and actively engaging Rotary in every way possible.

Best wishes for a successful district conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron D. Burton".

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Make sure you get to see our Rotary Showcase on the Urban Screen during lunch.

CONFERENCE SHOWCASE

Visit our Exhibitors during the break to further enhance your Conference experience.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Choose the breakout session you will attend. Remember, Clubs are encouraged to ensure they are represented in each breakout in order to gain the best advantage for the Club as a whole.

CONFERENCE ON-LINE

Stay tuned to the Conference website to see how you might further enjoy the conference over the coming week.

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District Governor 9685

Graeme Davies (Lyn)

Rotary Club of Kincumber



We are so glad you could join us today at our Celebration of Rotary District 9685 Conference.

Welcome everyone!

We extend a special welcome to new Rotarians and first time attendees to a District Conference.

We are delighted to extend a very warm D9685 welcome to our RI President's Representative, PDG Trish Boyle and Simon.

In many ways this Conference is a first. It is the first for our new District 9685, first one-day conference, first time we have held a Conference at the beautiful Concourse at Chatswood, the first we have held in the Willoughby LGA, the first conference to include an on-line component and the first to be held on the anniversary of Rotary, 23rd February.

We trust that you will be inspired, learn more about our District and Rotary as well as take the opportunity to interact with Rotary leaders. Above all that that you enjoy a memorable fellowship experience.

The Conference takes place at a fascinating point in the Rotary story. We have greater opportunities than ever before to **Engage Rotary, Change Lives.**

At the same time the Conference will not ignore the challenges we face. Please engage in sharing ideas and be part of the solution in addressing those challenges. Be part of the future. Our goal is everyone leaves the Conference extremely proud to be a Rotarian.

We thank the 2014 Conference Chairman, Noel Cislowski, Les Walsh and the Conference Committee, the combined Rotary Clubs of Chatswood, our generous sponsors and everyone associated with the Conference production in making all this possible.

Enjoy Rotary's Birthday at the "Come Alive in District 9685" Conference.



District 9685 Conference Chair

Noel Cislowski

Rotary Club of Chatswood

This Conference marks the first year of our new District - District 9685.

Welcome to the Celebrations.

It is fitting that our celebratory Conference should be on 23rd February. It is a special date for all Rotarians. It is the date when our Founder, Paul Harris, formed the first Club with three young businessmen in Chicago in 1905. Today, 109 years on, there is much to celebrate.

Members of the Conference Team have worked and planned with sustained dedication to ensure that this inaugural District 9685 Conference is a success. On the Conference Day there are many tasks vital for the smooth running.

Most of these tasks have been undertaken by Rotarians and partners of the three Chatswood Clubs – the Rotary Clubs of Chatswood, Chatswood International and Chatswood Sunrise.

My welcome is on behalf of these willing and wonderful Rotarians and their partners. Collectively we hope you have a great day of fun and fellowship, as well as being informed, inspired and entertained.

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Past Governor, District 9980

Rotary Club of Invercargill North, New Zealand



Patricia (Trish) Boyle has a strong background in teaching. She has been Principal of a Girls' School and currently is Managing Director of Chapple and Associates, a company that provides educational support to schools. She is a trustee of the Community Trust of Southland.

Trish became a Rotarian in 1997, joining the Rotary Club of Invercargill North. She was Governor for District 9980 in 2010-11. Her District Conference was held in her home city, Invercargill. Trish has been District Chair for 'Give Kids a Chance', District Polio Chair and is currently the District's Rotary Down Under representative. She is the designated District co-ordinator for the 2014 Sydney RI Convention.

In 2005, she and her elder daughter joined a group of Rotarians vaccinating children against Polio in India. Also in 2005, her younger daughter went to Switzerland as a Rotary Youth Exchange student. The 2012 International Convention in Bangkok was inspirational and Trish is looking forward to the Convention in Sydney this June.

In October 2012 she chaired the Zone 7B institute in Invercargill and represented the RI President at the District 9930 Conference in May 2013. Trish is the Deputy Chair of South Pacific President Elect training, and is designated DGN trainer for NZ and the South Pacific.

Trish is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

Trish says "My involvement in Rotary has helped me grow as a leader and has specifically taught me to delegate and help grow others in leadership".

She is married to Simon. They have a blended family of five children and six grandchildren and live in Invercargill, New Zealand.



District Governor 9685

Graeme Davies (Lyn)

Rotary Club of Kincumber

Graeme was invited to join the Rotary Club of Griffith, District 9700 in 1990. For a number of years he and his partner Lyn worked on the District Rotary Youth Exchange Program. The family hosted a number of students and their children participated in exchanges during that time. Graeme & Lyn escorted students to the USA and NZ and met with other District committees. Graeme was President of the Rotary Club of Griffith in its 50th Anniversary year.

The family moved to the Central Coast in 1999 and Graeme joined the Rotary Club of Kincumber, District 9680. He was President in 2003-4. Graeme has held most Board positions at his clubs. In District 9680 he has been a member of the Australian Rotary Health Committee (2002-10), Assistant Governor (2007-8 and 2009-10), DG Representative in the formation of the Rotary Club of Gosford City (2008), Community Service Chair (2010) and Administration Director (2010-11). He has had a long association with MUNA.

Lyn is also a Rotarian, originally in the Rotary Club of Griffith Central, and more recently, the Rotary Club of Terrigal, and has held a number of Director's positions in both Clubs. Both Graeme & Lyn have a significant and ongoing involvement in the Rotarian Education and Training (RET) Project through RAWCS in Timor Leste. Both Graeme & Lyn are Paul Harris Fellows, and Graeme is a member of the Paul Harris Society.

Graeme was Principal of Griffith & Kincumber High Schools. He is a life member of the Secondary Principal's Council of NSW. Lyn retired as a primary School Principal and Special Educator in 2008.

Graeme and Lyn have been married for over 40 years. They have a wonderful family including two grandchildren. They enjoy a variety of interests including boating, entertaining and reading. A major retirement interest is travel.

District Governor Elect

Ian Scott AM (PDG Jennifer)

Rotary Club of Central Blue Mountains



Ian has been a member of the Rotary Club of Central Blue Mountains since 2003 and has served in many Club positions. He has also served District 9690 on the Family of Rotary Committee, District Trainer from 2009 to 2012-13 and Club Representative for the D9690 Committee of the Association. Ian is a charter faculty member of the Rotary Leadership Institute in District 9690.

Trained as a facilitator and mediator, he facilitated at the 2010 Australian Rotary Conference, the 2010 D9690 Membership Seminar, and designed the facilitation of the 2012 Australian Rotary Success Conference. Ian is currently an International Assembly Spouse Training Leader, and has been appointed to the Probus South Pacific Limited Board for 2013-14.

Ian has served in the Royal Australian Air Force full time and reserve since 1968, firstly as a radio technician and then as a navigator, mainly on transport aircraft. He has held command at all levels, including Commanding Officer of Number 37 Squadron, Officer Commanding Number 84 Wing and Commander of the Air Lift Group at RAAF Richmond. Along the way he managed to acquire an MBA and a Masters of Arts in Strategic Studies. He retired with the rank of Air Commodore in 2005 from the position of Deputy Air Commander at Headquarters Air Command, but has continued working with the Air Force Reserve. Ian was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 1996 for his service at Number 37 Squadron.

He is married to PDG Jennifer, who is a senior lawyer involved in alternate dispute resolution, and is involved in Rotary at all levels. Ian and Jennifer are Paul Harris Society members, Bequest members and Major Donors. They have two daughters who have been involved in various Rotary sponsored Youth programs. Ian's interests include the grandkids, travel, scuba diving, flying, listening to music and bush walking. Jennifer shares all of those, except maybe flying, but loves gardening.



District Governor Nominee

Gina Growden (PDG Harold Sharp)

Rotary Club of Terrigal

Gina was invited to join the Rotary Club of Lane Cove in 1998 shortly after she commenced as the Chief Executive of the Prostate Cancer Foundation, an organisation established by the Lane Cove Club and strongly supported by it. The following year was the Club's Vocational Service Director and Bulletin editor and so began her involvement in and passion for Rotary. Her husband, Harold Sharp, a member of the Crows Nest Club, was Governor in 2002-03 which was a truly exciting and rewarding time for both of them.

In 2004 Harold and Gina relocated to the Central Coast and Gina transferred her Rotary membership to the Terrigal Club. Retirement from full-time work at that stage meant Gina then had more time to devote to Rotary. Her District Rotary experience began in 2004 when she was invited to join District 9680's Scholarships Committee; she served on that committee for the next eight years, the last three as its chair.

In 2008 Gina was selected to lead a Group Study Exchange team to Brazil and in 2010 later chaired the GSE District Committee, organising an exchange with Germany, and with Harold, a Wheelchair Group Study Exchange with Arizona – the first such exchange in Rotary anywhere in the world. Both were extremely successful resulting in a Rotary Foundation District Service Award presented to each of them that year. Gina became the first female President of Terrigal club in 2008-9 and served again in 2012-13. She has also held most board positions since joining Terrigal. DG George Papallo invited Gina to become an Assistant Governor in 2010-11 and since then has held the role of District Secretary.

Gina is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a Centurion and a Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation. Harold & Gina have been married for 20 years. Harold has three married children and seven grandchildren ranging in age from 16 to three. Gina enjoys tennis, swimming, the gym, reading and entertaining, and is an avid Central Coast Mariners supporter.

Master of Ceremonies

Tom Sweeney

Rotary Club of Crows Nest



Tom Sweeney is the Community Relations Officer for Macquarie Park Cemetery and Crematorium by day, President of the Willoughby Theatre Company and Director extraordinaire by night, a Celebrant for Weddings, Funerals, Commitments, Namings, same sex Commitment in his spare time, and a superb Master of Ceremonies.

He has directed over 38 productions for the Willoughby Theatre Company since 1978, and many more for other companies.

Tom has been with Macquarie Park Cemetery and Crematorium for over five years. Prior to joining Macquarie Park, Tom was Community Relations Manager for the North Shore Heart Research Foundation, Community Relations for the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children and Public Relations Manager for Hornsby Hospital. These positions cover a span of over 30 years.

Tom is married to Joy and is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Crows Nest.

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07:30 Conference Doors Open - Registration
/ Delegates are encouraged to wear Club shirts

08:00 Concert Hall Doors Open

Castle Hill RSL Youth Wind Ensemble

08:30 WELCOME TO THE CONFERENCE

Welcome to Willoughby City

Fanfare & Parade of Flags / **Youth Exchange Students**

National Anthem / **Carolyn Reed**

Acknowledgement of Country

Conference Welcome / **DG Graeme Davies**

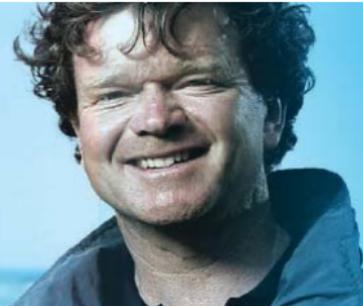
Welcome from RI / **RIPPR Patricia Boyle**

Rotaract Showcase / **District Chair, Amanda Woods**

Roll of Remembrance

10:00 Morning Tea

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— Rob Pennicott, Tasmanian of the Year 2012

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District Rotaract Chair

Amanda Woods

Rotary e-Club of The Southern Cross (Prov.)

In 2006 Amanda was “encouraged” to attend her first Rotaract meeting, by her father - who was at the time the Youth director for his Rotary club. By the end of that first meeting with Gunargarang Rotaract club (D9690), Amanda was club secretary, a position she held for three years.



She later served as Club President, then Club Services Director and then Vice President. Amanda has been the District Rotaract Representative for D9690, and has sat on the Council of the Australian Multi District Information Organisation, and as Chair of the National MDIO.

Becoming a Rotarian in July 2012, Amanda immediately took on the Public Relations directorship. She remains immediate past chair for the MDIO, and is on the Executive board as Rotarian Adviser.

Amanda is a Paul Harris Fellow. She is District Chair for Rotaract and ROYA in District 9685, and is Volunteer Co-ordinator for the Sydney Pre-Convention Committee. Her ambition is to charter the second E-Club in our District - the e-Club of the Southern Cross.

Australian National Anthem

Carolyn Reed

Carolyn completed her Certificate IV in Music Theatre at the Actors College of Television and Theatre in 2007. Her stage credits since then have included Sweet Charity as Helene, Les Misérables as Eponine, Nine as Claudia, The Threepenny Opera as The Street Singer, Back to the 80s as Cyndi, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and Oliver! as Bet alongside Wayne Scott Kermond.

During the day, Carolyn works as an early childhood teacher after recently completing her Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood.

10:30 Paul Harris Remembers - A Period Recreation
/ Willoughby Theatre Company

The New Rotary
/ Philip Archer

Why I'm still a Rotarian
/ Michael McQueen

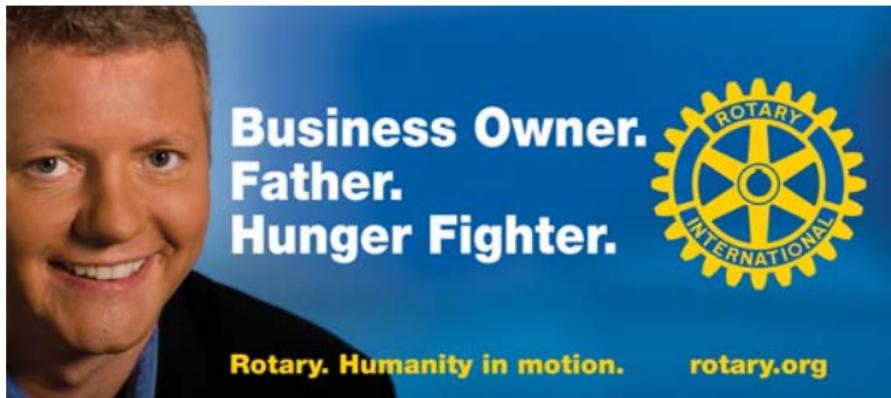
Clubs in Action - A Showcase of Projects from selected Clubs

Polio : Beginning to End
/ Rob Byrne

Rotary Youth Exchange
/ Jade Catherall

Recovery Support in the Blue Mountains
Springwood Rotary Club President Laurie Waterson
on Rotary's efforts in the aftermath of the October
2013 bushfires.

12:20 **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**



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Guest Speaker : The New Rotary

Philip Archer

Regional Public Image Co-ordinator
Part Zone 8, Rotary International



With a very strong commitment to community service, Philip has had a major involvement with Rotary International for many years.

A Charter Member of Rotary Club of Southbank, Philip has held Club Board positions, as well as taken on Assistant Governor, Marketing and Membership Director and External Relations Director roles for Rotary International District 9800, and is Rotary International's Regional Public Image Coordinator, part Zone 8. He is also responsible for Club strategic planning through the role of Southern Regional Coordinator for Club Visioning.

Philip has a strong personal interest in providing the guidance and support that aids the development of leadership careers. He is Managing Director of The Archway Group, a boutique human resource consulting firm that focuses on building teams for businesses. His additional role includes being Chairman and shareholder of Sustainability Business Group Australia Pty Ltd.

Spanning a career of 30 years, Philip has provided strategic management consulting, executive coaching and mentoring, human resource advisory and executive search services across a diverse range of industries and has worked with high profile individuals. A key aspect of his consulting services has been assisting organisations with business and strategic planning, training, restructuring and change management whilst mentoring and coaching leadership groups and individuals.

In touch with the rapid changes in business today, Philip has on numerous occasions, been invited to speak to industry forums, organisations and associations on various human resource and business issues.

Philip is also the Board Chair for the KIDS Foundation.



Guest Speaker : Why I'm still a Rotarian

Michael McQueen

The Nexgen Group

Michael McQueen is an Australian-born speaker, social researcher and bestselling author.

Coming from a background in marketing and research, in 2004 Michael founded a consultancy which specialized in demographic shifts and social trends called The Nexgen Group.

Michael's first book *The 'New' Rules of Engagement* was the culmination of a 3-year study of the key drivers of youth culture around the world. With an emphasis on the values and attitudes of Generation Y, this 2007 release was designed to help business leaders, educators and parents to better engage younger generations.

In 2009 and 2010, Michael went on to release a range of gift books called *Memento* and *Wisdom* which were designed to bridge the generation gap in families by helping parents pass on their stories and life lessons to the next generation.

Michael's most recent book *Winning the Battle for Relevance* is a landmark title that explores why even the greatest businesses and institutions become obsolete and how others can avoid their fate. Drawing on research looking at over 500 of the world's most iconic brands and organizations, Michael explores what distinguishes the enduring from the endangered and offers a game plan for staying ahead of the curve and the competition as times change.

Having spoken to over 150,000 people across 5 continents since 2004, Michael is known for his engaging, entertaining and practical conference presentations. He has shared the stage with some of the biggest names in the business and has been recognized as a Certified Speaking Professional – an honour held by only the top 1% of speakers worldwide.

Guest Speaker : Polio - Beginning to End

Rob Byrne

Rotary Club of Turramurra
District 9685 End Polio Chair



Rob grew up in Castlecove in Sydney's north. After completing degrees in Economics and Business Administration, he spent 25 years as an executive in the IT industry.

Subsequently, he had a 'tree change' and moved to Grafton on the NSW North Coast where, for ten years, he ran a successful online business and bred rare horses.

In early 2011, he sold his horses, property and business with a view to riding his bicycle throughout Australia to raise funds and awareness for Rotary's End Polio Now program. He rode solo almost 5,000km, from Grafton to Cairns and then to Melbourne and, in bicycle tourer parlance, 'travelled heavy' (no backup crew).

So far, he's spoken to thousands of people at hundreds of Rotary Clubs and community groups, been interviewed by scores of journalists from newspapers, radio and TV and he has raised over \$80,000.

In 2012, Rob moved back to Sydney's North Shore, joined the Rotary Club of Turramurra and is now the District 9685 Polio Chair. He lives in Turramurra with his partner, Ulli.

Rob is 62 and has three adult children.



ENDPOLIONOW

12:20 BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Breakout sessions offer an excellent chance for Rotarians and guests to share experiences, learn from others, and make new friends in the process. An opportunity to catch up with the latest developments and ask questions about specific programs and procedures.

The following statements of objectives are designed to assist your choice. Where possible, clubs are encouraged to ensure they are represented in each breakout in order to gain best advantage for the club as a whole.

- 1.** Rotary and Sustainability - An Interactive Discussion
/ Patrick Longfield & Richard Whiley
- 2.** How to bring healing to a child through ROMAC
/ Philip Smith
- 3.** How your Club can change lives with RAWCS
/ Miriam Jacka & Phil Isaacs
- 4.** Engaging Women in Rotary - Top Tips
/ Lucy Hobgood-Brown
- 5.** How to attract tomorrow's Rotarians - our next generation of Leaders
/ Bryan O'Shannassy & Philip Archer
- 6.** The Concise A-Z of the Rotary Foundation
/ PDG Tony Castley
- 7.** Take a Stand - Stop Bullying
/ PDG Jennifer Scott with Julie & Andrew Matthews

12:50 Lunch**Rotary Showcase on the Urban Screen****Chatswood High School Trombone & String Quartets**

1. Rotary and Sustainability - An Interactive Discussion GREEN ROOM

/ Patrick Longfield & Richard Whiley

Level 2

A brief outline will be presented of some key issues associated with the environmental issues we face today.

Participants are invited to discuss and identify what part Clubs can play in helping to raise awareness and to consider possible resolutions of these issues within the Rotary framework.

2. How to bring healing to a child through ROMAC CHORUS ROOM

/ Philip Smith

Level 2

Come and be enthralled during the Breakout Session! Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) is your Project! ROMAC's objectives are to provide medical treatment for children from developing countries in the form of life saving and/or dignity restoring surgery not accessible to them in their home country.

ROMAC brings into Australia and New Zealand, on average, 27 children each year giving them an improved lifestyle. Come to the ROMAC Breakout Session and learn how you can participate in bringing in a child for treatment!

3. How your Club can change lives with RAWCS ORCHESTRA ROOM

/ Miriam Jacka & Phil Isaacs

Level 1

Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd (RAWCS) is the arm of Rotary International that assists Rotary Clubs to develop and manage international projects as part of their community service.

This is your opportunity to hear how RAWCS operates in 2014, discuss how this can assist your club's objectives, and to ask questions of the panel.



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Aid for
Children
A Program of the Rotary Districts
of Australia and New Zealand



4. Engaging Women in Rotary - Top Tips

/ Lucy Hobgood-Brown

LEVEL 2 FOYER

Level 2

In the 35 years since women have been eligible for Rotary membership, in Australia there are 7,049 female members out of a total 31,041. The worldwide perception still exists that women are not allowed or welcome in Rotary. Globally membership in Rotary is dropping.

Rotary needs to grow and it needs to be relevant; diversity of thought and inclusivity is needed. Join us for small group brainstorming on a range of issues, with the aim to compile “top tips” on recruiting and retaining women - not only in our district, but nationally and across borders! The findings will be incorporated into creative, strategic recommendations for club leaders.

5. How to attract tomorrow's Rotarians

/ Bryan O'Shannassy & Philip Archer

CIVIC PAVILION B

Ground Level

This breakout will cover:

- + What the new Rotary is about
- + How to attract tomorrow's Rotarians and contemporary Leaders
- + Practical tips on engaging current Members and new audiences (incl. local government and corporations)
- + Details on the “Conversations to Actions” campaign including the current Rotary Ambassadors' program
- + Resources available to PR Directors and members.

The objectives of the session will be to show PR Directors how and why they and their clubs need to embrace & use the Conversations to Action program.

6. The Concise A-Z of the Rotary Foundation

/ PDG Tony Castley

CIVIC PAVILION A

Ground Level

An opportunity to learn about Rotary's only charity - The Rotary Foundation. Learn about different types of Foundation grants and other Foundation funded programs. Be informed on the Foundation's financial reports, and get to know the many ways in which Rotarians and partners can support the Rotary Foundation.

Partners are particularly welcome and there will be time for questions.

7. Take a Stand - Stop Bullying

/ PDG Jennifer Scott

ART SPACE

Ground Level

For generations, society often considered bullying as an acceptable technique to toughen up a person. We were told to “be a man”, ignore it, don’t complain. We believed that only the weak, the fat, and nerds were bullied. It was an acceptable behaviour in our society.

We now know better and although it has taken many years and many destroyed lives, bullying is no longer an accepted norm; in fact, it is illegal.

This breakout session will explore what is bullying, and what is not bullying. It will touch on the new laws involving bullying in the workplace and bullying in schools. Bullying can also occur in voluntary organisations, such as Rotary.

We will explore types of bullying, signs of bullying, and why bullying occurs. Finally we will discuss your role and your obligations as a bystander.

Why it is important to you and to your club? Rotary’s aim is to build understanding and peace. Bullying destroys understanding and peace and can, in the extreme, promote violence and destruction of humanity.



13:25 Willoughby City Band - in the Concert Hall

13:50 Technology Advances in the Disability Sector
/ Chris Rehn with Melissa McCarthy & Colleen Psarros
Rotary International Convention, Sydney 2014

The Motivation for Community Service : Partnerships in Harmony
/ Juliana Nkrumah

Philippines Disaster Response
/ Peter Pearce & Maurie Schokman

15:20 Afternoon Tea & Conference Showcase

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Guest Speakers : Technology in the Disability Sector

Christopher Rehn BBus, DipAppSc, JP
Chief Executive, RIDBC

Chris joined the Royal Institute for Deaf & Blind Children (RIDBC) on 1 November 2010. Previously he was General Manager of the Sydney Cochlear Implant Centre.

His early career was in health management within the public and private sectors. He is a Harvard Club Australia Non Profit Fellow.



Melissa McCarthy BA, MED, LSLS Cert AVT
Director of Educational Services, RIDBC

Melissa joined RIDBC in 2004. Melissa was appointed to her current role in 2012.

Her background is in speech pathology/audiology, deaf education and early childhood education with experience in a variety of educational settings, including five years as the Manager of RIDBC Teleschool.



Colleen Psarros BAAppScC (Speech Pathology), MSc (Audiology)
Cochlear Implant Research & Services, RIDBC

Colleen has spent the last 25 years working in the field of cochlear implantation as a speech pathologist and audiologist. She has a keen interest in the use of telepractice in management of cochlear implant recipients which is the topic of her PhD research. She has worked extensively with cochlear implant recipients of all ages as part of her clinical work and her research, and has a particular interest in working with children who have needs in addition to hearing impairment.





Guest Speaker : Partnerships in Harmony

Juliana Nkrumah AM

Founder of African Women Australia Inc.

Juliana has been the Coordinator of the NSW Police Force's Multicultural Community Liaison Officer Program since July 2008. Prior to her present position she was the Assistant Manager of the Refugee and Network Support Team in the Multicultural Services Branch of Centrelink.

Juliana has been active advocate in the women's movement in Australia since 1989 and has been involved at the local, regional and international levels, pursuing Australian women's participation in the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) process.

The several roles she has served in include:

One of the Eminent Australians on the Committee to review the Australian Citizenship Test; Board Member of the Institute for Cultural Diversity; Four time Chair of the Australian National Committee on Refugee Women; Sitting member of the Nepean / Blacktown Regional Advisory Council of the Community Relations Commission (CRC) of NSW; Past member for the NSW Police Commissioner's Committee on Responsive Policing and the FECCA Women's Steering Committee and the National Steering Committee of the Family Court of Australia / Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) Living In Harmony Partnership Project; First ever women's representative of the African Communities Council of NSW and the initiator of the African Workers Network in Sydney; Coordinator of the NSW Education Program on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) run through Western Sydney Area Health Services from 1996 to 2005.

She is still actively involved in a range of other activities supporting African communities and refugees in Australia. Juliana managed the work of Centrelink's African Liaison Unit in 2006, and led two nationwide consultations into issues affecting refugees and migrants from African countries and managing the highly successful African Women's Advocacy Unit.

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Service Above Self Award

District Governor Elect, Ian Scott AM

District Governor Nominee, Gina Growden

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/ District Governor Graeme Davies**17:40 FELLOWSHIP & FAREWELLS IN THE FOYER****Dixieland Jazz Band****18:45 CLOSE**

Castle Hill RSL Youth Wind Ensemble

Musical Director - James Brice

The Castle Hill RSL Youth Wind Orchestra (YWO) has a proud tradition of being regarded as one of Australia's finest Symphonic Wind Bands. Dedicated to providing 'outstanding grounding in wind band/orchestra repertoire' the diverse selection of music has allowed our young musicians the opportunity to experience musical excellence combined with a great social environment in this 65 piece 'community' wind orchestra.

In addition to the active competition schedule, the YWO performs extensively throughout Sydney with 'Feature Concerts' and premier 'Marching Engagements.' The band participates annually in the Sydney ANZAC Day March receiving praise for the band's precision drill and outstanding musical performance.

James Brice has been privileged to work with many Primary, Secondary and Tertiary students throughout Australia and overseas prior to and during his appointment as Musical Director of the Castle Hill RSL Youth Wind Orchestra (YWO) and the North West Wind Ensemble.

With 20 years of professional teaching, performing and conducting experience, James is a highly sought after conductor, educator and adjudicator, throughout Australia, who has been invited to adjudicate many State and National Eisteddfodau throughout Australia in recent years.

Since taking the reins, James has led the YWO and NWE to a staggering nineteen NSW State and National Championship title wins.

In addition to these achievements James is currently the Director of Instrumental Performance at Knox Grammar School, where he is the Conductor in Residence of the Orchestral and Wind Band Program, coordinating an Instrumental Program of 430 boys.

Willoughby Theatre Company

Willoughby Theatre Company is the home of exceptional community theatre – an entertainment destination with something for everyone!

Located at Chatswood on Sydney's North Shore, Willoughby Theatre Company is a not-for-profit organisation that strives to engage artists and production staff in every aspect of the production process and methodology in the theatre.

WTC present a variety of shows from full musicals to concerts and warmly encourages new members to bring their craft and talent in all areas as we strive to reach new levels of artistic excellence.

Willoughby Theatre Company is passionate about Musical Theatre and is committed to producing shows that are professional in execution and which will entertain and excite our audience. The Company strives to be a major and essential contributor to the cultural life of the community.

Founded in 1957, Willoughby Theatre Company Inc. is one of Australia's leading theatre companies. Operating on a not-for-profit basis we were established to provide quality theatre for the communities of Willoughby and surrounding areas.

From humble beginnings as The Fellowship Players in 1957, the Company has developed and matured. In 1960 the name was changed to Willoughby Players and in 1969 took on a new persona as Willoughby Musical Society, a name that became synonymous with quality theatre of an exceptional standard.



Willoughby Theatre Company

Jeremy Curtain

Classically trained, Jeremy recently displayed his leading man talents in WTC's recent production of 42nd Street as Julian Marsh. Previous shows include Les Miserables, Chess, Miss Saigon and many productions for Stage Artz including children's musicals.

By day, Jeremy is a teacher and a Rugby coach at St Aloysius College.

Mike Curtain

Mike first came to the attention of directors when he auditioned for the Christmas Spectacular for the Willoughby Theatre Company. He then played the lead in 'Back to the 80's' followed by the role of the Engineer in Miss Saigon for which he got rave reviews. Many shows followed including Les Miserables and FAME.

Luke Davis

Luke has developed a fine character actor niche for himself in some 18 shows for the Willoughby Theatre Company. He is also on the Committee. His recent triumph was in 42nd Street, however his finest role was in Beauty and the Beast as the comic sidekick to Gaston.

Luke by day (morning) works for 2GB in the Alan Jones show. He also plays piano and has a flare for adapting to any role available!

Peter Meredith

Peter is a graduate of WAAPA (Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts). He recently appeared a Enjolras in the WTC production of Les Miserables.

His most recent appearance has been in the Squablogic Theatre Co's production of 'Bloody bloody Andrew Jackson' - for which he gained rave reviews as Andrew Jackson. He previously appeared with WTC in demanding role of Hyde in the musical Jekyll and Hyde.

Chatswood High School Quartets

Chatswood High School has a well deserved reputation for its outstanding and extensive music program and is particularly known for its school bands.

Their extensive co-curricular music program includes a Senior and Junior Concert Band, as well as Senior and Junior Stage Bands. The school also boasts a String Ensemble, a Guitar Group and a Choir and many smaller ensembles each led by professional musicians.

A highlight of the music program is Term Music Nights where special guests have included the James Morrison Sextet, The Idea of North and Don Burrows as well as local Primary School Groups. Numerous opportunities exist for all musicians and ensembles with regular performances at the Hawkesbury Fiddle Festival, the Sydney Opera House and appearances on television as well as specialist workshops with visiting musicians.

Chatswood High School's Higher School Certificate students receive excellent results with regular nominations for inclusion in the Encore concerts, which showcase the State's best Higher School Certificate musical performances.



Willoughby City Band

Conductor - Mark Strykowski

In 1961 Councillor R. Dougherty secured funding for the band through Willoughby Council and the Band changed its name to the Willoughby Municipal Band. In 1971 Peter Walmsley OAM took over as musical director of Willoughby Municipal Band.

Willoughby City Band was the leading Senior and Junior A Grade combination in NSW for over 25 years. In the NSW contesting field, the Senior Band has won the Championship 19 times and been second on four occasions, and the Juniors have been victors at 23 contests and runners up thrice. At a national level, the Senior Band has won four titles with numerous second places, while the Juniors have won 22 times.

As well as attending every major competition in Australia, the band has competed with distinction in New Zealand on three occasions, being runners-up in 1990, and in 2001, the Junior Band won New Zealand's Open C Grade Championship.

In 1992 Willoughby City Band travelled to Tokyo, Japan, on a highly successful concert tour as part of the Willoughby Council 'Sister City' cultural exchange.

Since 1973, the Willoughby Band has had a successful concert series, and performs regularly at civic functions and corporate events. The band has also recorded on numerous occasions and has been featured often on ABC radio.



Dixieland Jazz Band

Geoff Power

Geoff (cornet, trombone, tuba, vocals) is one of Australia's finest Traditional Jazz musicians, having played and recorded with musicians of the calibre of Bob Barnard, Tom Baker, James Morrison, Don Burrows, The New Wolverine Jazz Orchestra and many others.

He has appeared as a featured soloist at festivals and jazz clubs throughout Australia, Europe and the USA. His debut CD, "Aspects Of Power", was nominated for an Australian Recording Industry Award (ARIA) in 2000 under the "Best Jazz Album" category, and his other CDs, "Classic Jazz" and "Indian Summer", regularly receive radio airplay and have been favourably reviewed all over the world.

His band, Geoff Power's Classic Jazz, appeared at the Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival in Davenport, Iowa, Bix's birthplace, in July 2005. In 2013 Geoff was Musical Director for "Jazz At The Glen" at the Glen St. Theatre in Sydney's Frenchs Forest.

Geoff is also greatly interested in jazz education, and has many years' experience working with school jazz bands and musicians. He is currently the Coordinator of the Jazz Stars Of The Future Stage at the Manly Jazz Festival.



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