



Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Borogegal and Cammeraigal people as the traditional custodians of the land on which our Club meets. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

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TUESDAY 3rd August – CLUB MEETING BY ZOOM STARTING AT 12.50PM

Guest speaker last week was Margarita (Maggie) Dowd. As part of the commemoration of the centenary of Armistice Day 1918, the Mosman Anzac Memorial Hall Trust held a literary competition with local school students invited to research the story of a Mosman resident during WWI or a Mosman soldier or nurse who had been on the Western Front during the war. The winner was Maggie who traced the path of David Samuel Anderson, of 21 Holt Avenue, who was killed at the Battle of Fromelles. Maggie's prize was a fully paid 14-day escorted tour of the Western Front and she shared with us a video about her trip and also her personal thoughts about the emotions so evident when visiting locations of such human tragedy. Maggie delivered a great presentation.

This week we look forward to hearing the new member presentation from David Jackson

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TIMOR-LESTE UPDATE

Around 30 Rotarians from multiple Clubs (plus the District Governor) joined a call to discuss the status of some Rotary support programs for Timor-Leste. Clubs in our District (including Mosman) donated a total of \$24,500 for flood relief and Angelo Raveane and Theo Glockman emphasized how quickly we were able to distribute food across all areas of T-L using our RYLA alumni. Woodside provides US\$50K of annual funding which covers RYLA and also internships. The 2IC in the T-L embassy in Canberra is a supporter of Rotary and recently provided funding to ship 700,000 donated face masks (from the Medical Repurposing Network Inc – a program of the Sydney Cove Club).

Those of you who attended the 2019 District Conference in Newcastle would have seen the presentation from Libby Bleakley (Blackheath Club). Libby worked for the AFP in T-L and during her personal time there she developed her own crime prevention initiative - a youth and community centre. Last week we heard from Libby that the centre now has now more than 700 members, 8 staff and provides community facilities including a gym, English language lessons and sewing classes.

Rotary is flourishing in T-L and Angelo advised they now have 5 new Rotaract Clubs with each having around 60 members. We are all looking forward to being able to travel to T-L to restart various programs which are currently in limbo due to COVID.

EXCHANGE STUDENT UPDATE

I'm Hiro from Japan. I want to tell you how my life is going so far. Well, since April this year I have been going to the Yokohama national university which is near Tokyo and I am in the faculty of business administration. It's very interesting to learn how companies are earning money. I am in the top English class in my year thanks to Australia! On the other hand, I need help when I am doing statistics and management science. OK! This was just a study part of my life, there are also my school life part and cooking for myself part etc. If There is an opportunity I want to tell you about them next time. Finally, every time I think about that year, I feel that was thanks to Mosman club supporting me and I keep having appreciation from Japan.

Bye 🙌 ☐ Hiro.

DR GRAHAM KENNY - reflections on 33 Years in Rotary

My first recollection concerns how hard it was to get in! Having returned from living and working in Canada and the U.S. in mid-1987, I decided that I needed to put down roots in the local community. Rotary came along as the answer. I was introduced to the club by Miles Felstead and my application for membership was submitted later that year. I was inducted in March 1988. In those days you and your wife were interviewed - your wife to make sure she supported your application and was prepared to assist.

My two fondest experiences concern my year as President and my involvement at Rotary District. As President in 1999-2000 the club won a stack of District awards and received the District Governor's Shield as the best overall club in District 9680. This was the first time in the club's history that this had been achieved. I was more than ably assisted by Ian Hutchison as Secretary, Charlie Barnett as Area Rep. for District and a fantastic board composed of Ian Hutchison, Miles Felstead, Barry Starr, Ian Fitzpatrick, Blair Leslie, Peter Schramko and Kevin Harrold.

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My involvement at District was as Assistant Governor in 2012-2013 and in speaking at District Assemblies and other Rotary training sessions over the years. These were always challenging but ultimately rewarding.

For the record, I'm not leaving to "retire". I'm very much involved in other organisations such as being President of Reinvent Australia (<https://www.reinventaustralia.net.au/>), running my own businesses, KMS Education (<https://kms.com.au/>) and Strategic Factors (<http://www.strategicfactors.com/>), and writing for the Harvard Business Review (https://hbr.org/search?search_type=&term=Graham+Kenny).

Finally, let me say that I'm very thankful for my years in Rotary. Rotary taught me so much and through it I've made many friends. I would like to stay in touch and, if possible, attend the occasional event. The best compliment I can make to the organisation, at a personal level, is that my involvement has made me a better person.

Cheers.
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ZOOM IN FOR FRIDAY DRINKS

On Friday 30th July we kicked off our weekly 5pm Friday Zoom Drinks event with around 20 participants including Vernon Stuber zooming in from Bern Switzerland to give us an update on his chocolate empire. We also saw Charlie and Rae zooming in from South West Rocks – the famous gaol in the background and some big reds sparring close-by, just to make Vernon homesick! From the mountains, Blair set up a log fire in his living room, and Secretaries Graham and Dom displayed their IT skills posing with "digital" beards and moustaches. The R-WORD was avoided! Well done everyone and see you next Friday.

NEWS FROM VERNON STUBER IN SWITZERLAND

(A very rough translation and summary of a Swiss press article about Vernon Stuber, a member of the Rotary Club of Mosman).

The Bernese Vernon Stuber has launched a fine chocolate called Swissone and has won a court case against the US manufacturer of Toblerone (Mondelez) who claimed that the shape/packaging of Swissone infringed their rights. Swissone has been launched as a premium product with the major ingredient being fair-trade sourced cocoa (in Toblerone the major ingredient is sugar) and fewer food additives. It is priced at around 3 times an equivalent-sized Toblerone bar.

Vernon – good luck with your initiative and we are looking forward to our next fines session!

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3rd August – David Jackson, new member introduction

10th August - Rebecca Fitzpatrick, Lou's Place Women's Day Refuge

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