

The Wahroongler

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David's Dispatch



"POP-UPS" & ROTARY

Up on the Central Coast over the weekend during a break in maintenance activities we were attracted to two so-called "pop-up" events sign-posted in Kincumber on our way through. They both surprised us and took our fancy - a "pop-up" Art Show and a "pop-up" "Beer Tasting" at a new boutique brewery.

We dropped into both on a whim and found them well-attended and doing good business! Even Lindy, though not a beer lover, enjoyed tasting some of the brews due to the variety and spontaneity of the "event".

Interesting how "pop-up" has slowly worked its way into our language and while I haven't looked at the dictionary recently I suspect it's now an approved word, and demonstrates how our language develops - two years ago I hadn't heard it.

While Rotary is rather a conservative organisation, too, can benefit from the "pop-up" approach and while most of our events take long-lead times I realise that we experienced a few of our own "pop-ups" this year that went well e.g. -

- Our bucket collection for Vanuatu earlier in the year;
- Anne's Trivia night at Abbotsleigh following the Nepal earthquakes;
- Rochelle's little "auction" of surplus wine from the Novus Dinner at last week's meeting - that's John Julius and Phil Easton getting their \$5 worth..

While the last of these threw me as meeting Chair, not being prepared for it, it was a bit of fun, earned a little money and made for a more exciting meeting than otherwise - even our guest speaker managed to re-shape his presentation on the run to match a time line inevitably revised - so thanks to Rotarian Wayne Kearns.

With new generations attracted to more spontaneity it's good to keep in mind that occasional short-notice events can be productive!!

This week we induct Neil McWhannell into our ranks as the third new member in as many weeks. Please continue to make him welcome.

And great congratulations to Theo Glockemann for his OAM.

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Matthew Fox: *I don't do anything on the Internet when it comes to my own name, because I'm terrified of what'll pop-up.*



The \$5 wine dip

Today's speaker – Cam Turner

Our main speaker this week is our newest member, paper-plane whiz Cam Turner, inducted only last week. Last week we ran his account of the trip that he and his son made to the Gallipoli celebrations, dealing largely with the services. This week he'll tell us more about the trip, and he'll be joined by Peter Smith also adding to our knowledge of the Gallipoli observances. Peter spoke shortly a week or two ago about the time he and Jane spent on a Gallipoli-bound cruise ship, along with a band of Barker students.



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It's Theo Glockemann OAM

Theo Glockemann, a great Rotarian, has been honoured in the Queen's Birthday Awards with the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his service to youth, particularly in East Timor, and to the community.

We thank the Hills Shire Times for its report. from which a lot of this article is drawn. Theo – “Uncle Theo” to hundreds of children - from West Pennant Hills, has mentored hundreds of young East Timorese through his work with Rotary, taking the RYLA project to Timor-Leste, starting in 2008 when he and his wife Gloria visited Timor-Leste on a Rotary project. Theo and Gloria have also been volunteers at Aunties and Uncles, a program that helps children in crises, for more than 30 years. They have also helped about a dozen young people who need short-term care and accommodation.

Theo has been a Rotarian for more than three decades, holding various executive positions including president of his club, Pennant Hills. Talking of taking RYLA to East Timor, he says: “The kids we first started with are now finished their uni degrees and they've got big jobs in Timor. These people are going to be leaders in Timor in the coming years and that's really nice for us to see.”



Another new member – Cam Turner



Last week, President David inducted Cam Turner as a new member. A week before that, he did the job on Brett Goods, from the San. Today we induct as a member Neil McWhannell, who has been appearing at our weekly meetings since early this year. He is the third new members in three weeks – he follows Brett Goods and Cam Turner.

Cam was introduced by Ian Cameron – but as Ian said he needed no introduction because he'd been around since March. “He'd been getting involved in club activities before this day, at the Trivia Night outdoing all others in designing and building a paper plane that flew

further than any other, and also in the parking and the silent auction at the Novus Dinner. “

Cam has been assigned to the International Committee.

Cam's wife Margaret joined him to receive her name badge, then created a tradition [can you have a tradition on one act? Yes.] something no-one had done before – she gave cam a healthy kiss on the cheek to mark the occasion.

The Turners live at 3 Troon Place, Pymble, their home number is 91444590, and Cam's email address is camrynturner@outlook.com and mobile phone is 0438 462034.



**Cam's takeoff
Into fame in
Rotary – the
Nepal quiz
night
paper plane
contest**



To Luna Park with Our Kids Our Mob



Phil Comfort writes:

On Sunday May 31, Shirley and I went to Luna Park to represent our Club, which helps fund outings for the project, Our Kids Our Mob. A number of families together with their foster and adopted children with a common link of Indigenous heritage came together for a fun day out.

We helped out by looking after some of the kids while the parents (and grandparents) had a break. We mainly talked to them and heard how grateful they were for our help. It was heartbreaking.

One set of grandparents, now looking after their granddaughter and grandson (permanently), said how wonderful it was being at Luna Park. It meant that their granddaughter would have something to talk about the next day at school. They are very restricted on outings.

The photo shows identical twins (the outside two) whom we have watched grow up over the years. Another sad story, with the grandparents having to look after them. They are RASCALS! (not the grandparents). They swap classes in school, and last time we saw them at the Zoo, one of them tried to ride an emu. I had to chase the other trying to get the chicken from under her arm! But otherwise gorgeous.....

It is a worthwhile programme and any other club members who would like to help out when there are other outings, just let me know.

[Phil fails to note (1) What rides did he and Shirley go on? (2) In the photo, is it Phil in the striped trousers and Shirley the polka dots, or is it the other way around?]

MARGARET FULLER IS NOW KEEPING UP THE PACE

Club Welfare Officer Rob Ferguson reported last week on a couple of members. Margaret Fuller had gone into hospital for insertion of a pacemaker, but it had been found to not be working. At first it was thought to be a faulty pacemaker, but it had since been found to be a faulty lead. Margaret had a working the pacemaker fitted last Friday and this time everything went well. She returned home on Saturday but will have to take it easy for the next few weeks after which she will return to have the "hooking up" finalised. She had been going through a very difficult time.

MARLENE REPORTS A \$23,000 SILENT AUCTION PROFIT

Marlene thanked all who had contributed to the Novus Dinner silent auction – it had made \$24,000, She said there was quite a lot of horse-riding gear which had been offered for \$1,500 by Barbara Salisch. "if anyone has a horse or knows someone who has a horse, The gear is in storage but we would want to move it soon. The hay that was in the item had been sold. There was a big thankyou applause for "Magnificent Marlene."

BOB HOWE ISSUES A GIANT THANKYOU

Bob Howe issued a big thank you to all the volunteers who had worked at the Novus Dinner. Greg Starr was there all day Friday and all day Saturday then Saturday night, and Rob Giacometti there all that time.; all the RYPEN team leaders, getting there at 6 and still working there at 12.30 cleaning up.

HOW TO STAY ALIVE IN THE AIR – DON'T BE A MUG LAIR

Light aircraft flying is safe – if it's done properly

Naturally, it was Steve McGregor, club aviator, secretary of the Spitfire Association, to introduce Captain Wayne Kearns, our speaker last week. He told us Wayne began his career in the aviation business 47 years ago when he joined Qantas, and after 20 years he was "levered into the cockpit"



He was also the vice-president of the International Pilots' Association of Australia, then its president in 1989. In 1991 he was Qantas manager of operations, then general manager, flight operations, then chief pilot in 2000.

"After six years of flying a desk, he, with alacrity, got back into flying duty, "

Steve said, "How many times, perhaps in Hawaii, you have been tempted to get on a light aircraft and go and have a look at the islands from the air?

"Or get into a helicopter and go through the Himalayas forever. And then you said to yourself, 'Hell no! Am I insured? What about the children? What about my mistress?'

Wayne opened, "Are light aircraft dangerous? The answer is no, not if the aeroplanes are operated properly, are maintained properly. Sometimes you can't help bad luck.

"What are the four main causes for light aircraft accidents? The first is collision with terrain other than in a controlled landing. Second one – mechanical problems, including engine problems. The third one is loss of control of the aircraft. The fourth is a fuel problem.

"Consider a situation that faces a pilot. When you are operating a motor vehicle or a boat, it's two-dimensional in sense. You can operate a car forwards or backwards or you can operate sideways by turning left or right. When you're operating an aircraft, its operations in three directions – there is forwards and backwards or sideways and there's also up and down. If you're in a car and the problem is mechanical or operational you can generally park the car to think about it and sort it out. If you can get a fix you can be on your way in a minute or two.

"The principles of flight are that you must keep the aircraft moving forward at a fairly fast speed. If you are lost, you will continue to be lost because your position keeps changing a rate of between one and five miles per hour.

"If you enter a cloud, and if you or your aircraft are not properly equipped, you will probably lose control and fall out of the sky. If your engine stops working, then you will not remain in the sky for much longer. So why do it?"

Wayne said: "Most pilots just love the challenge of flying. How do you make it safe? By good training, by good preparation, good discipline, good skills, and lots of practice. You've got to do it properly. You have to have a mechanically sound aircraft, you've got to have the correct training and qualification for the flight you're to undertake, and you have to obey the rules. They're there for a very good reason. You have to do your homework and know as much as you can about your task. Don't be a mug lair. Be conservative and don't take risks, And if you only think you can – don't."

The problems he described :Collision with terrain. That includes flying into a cloud that hides a hill or a mountain. Low-flying and hitting a tree or power lines. Misjudging an approach to landing and hitting the ground before the runway. Taking off on a runway that is too short. And hitting the ground, trees and buildings on the takeoff path.

Mechanical problems can include engine problems, problems with spark plugs, etc etc. Oil leaks, fuel starvation due to faulty carburettors, fuel lines, fuel pumps, And running out of fuel. Cracked cylinders. You can have jammed controls. Bits falling off due to poor maintenance. Component failures due to overloading.

"You can have situations that develop beyond the training and the skills of the pilot. It includes flying into a cloud and turning upside down, and overstressing the aircraft where it breaks into pieces. "\Wayne went onto to details a frightening number of problems.

He said that in Australia in 2012, the majority of collisions that involved GA aircraft were collisions with terrain. There were 44 accidents and one 'serious incident'. As in previous years, most collisions with terrain, most were with wire strikes – power lines, and the like. He gave as an example

a twin-engine plane landing at Moree airport at dusk with six passengers, had been looking at cattle to buy in an adjacent town, they hit trees 550metres short of the runway. The investigation showed the aircraft was overloaded with six beefy men the pilot was out of practice for flying at night,, there was a bit of 'gethomeitis' and the result was fou people killed and two seriously injured.

The finding was that the cause was pilot error due to misjudging the approach. The pilot had left Brewarrina too late because arriving at Moree at dusk was beyond his training or experience. The accident did not occur because flying is inherently unsafe. It occurred because the pilot screwed up badly and four people paid for it with their lives.

And then he described the result of "a classic case of an inexperienced pilot flying into a cloud with a hard centre i.e. a hill. ." This was at Walgett in good weather. In the flight, the cloud base lowered, and the plane flew into the hard centre. The pilot had about 300 hours flying time – he wasn't very experienced but probably had enough to be brave." He was killed. While he was flying, he was making a number of phone calls, had been flying close to cloud for about 10 minutes, and possibly limited forward visibility – he couldn't see too far ahead. Every error he made was basic, elementary stuff for light aircraft flying. If he had followed the basics his death would not have occurred.

Wayne's message: *Light aircraft flying nonetheless is safe – if done properly.*



CLUB AND DISTRICT DIARY

June 10: Club meeting – Cam Turner at Gallipoli, also Peter Smith
June 17: Club meeting – we wind up David's year.
June 24: Club meeting
June 27: District Changeover at the Hornsby R.S.L.
July 1: Club Changeover dinner at the WBC, \$45 a ticket.
July 8: Club meeting – Terry Hodge on Child Protection.
July 15: Club meeting –Sister Sheila in Jo'burg update.
August 8: The club celebrates Yuletide at Kerri's. Book the date.

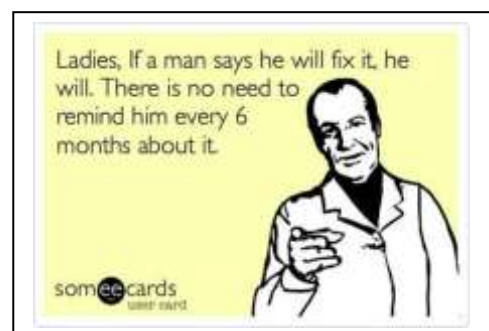
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	Set-up and Put Away	Hospitality	Reception (2 Rotarians)
June 10	Gordon Fuller	Rob Ferguson	Rob Giacometti Ross Grant
June 17	Rob Giacometti	Gordon Fuller	Ross Grant Janet Grundy
June 24	Kerri Hodge	Janet Grundy	Carol Johnson Steve McGregor
July 1	Steve McGregor	Kerri Hodge	John Julius Carol Johnson

WHAT WE GOT UP TO LAST WEEK (June 3, 2015):

Attendance: 74%. **Apologies:** Jim Verco, Alfreda White, Barbara Salisch, Len Stanley.
Visitors: Wayne Kearns (speaker), Neil McWhannell, Margaret Turner, Cam Turner. **Visiting Rotarian:** Wayne Kearns (Chatswood). **Make Up:** Ken Broadhead (Beecroft 25/5)
Anniversaries (for the week starting June 10): June 15 – Angus Robinson (birthday).. **Joining the club –** June 11 - Marlene Carty (2008), Margaret Sachs (1997). June 12 – Leon Clark (2002), Gordon Fuller (1978).



2014-2015 Russell's Regiment

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PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS: The late John Doherty, Jack Rashleigh, the late Bill Leventhal, Gordon Fuller, Rob Ferguson, the late Ern Hoy, Hilton Krone, the late Stan Penberthy, the late David Gardiner, Rob Giacometti (two Sapphire Pins), the late Martin Forrow, David Cooper, the late Phil Dean, Tom Love, the late Gordon Johnston (Sapphire Pin), Ross Blackmore, Jim Mein, the late

Henry Salisch (Sapphire Pin), Ian Davidson, Peter Weekes, Richard Lombard (Sapphire Pin), George Richards (2 Sapphire Pins), Ian Cameron (4 Sapphire Pins), Dr Charles Sharpe, Jill Everett, Richard Davies, Bob Quodling, Joan Giacometti (Sapphire Pin), Graeme McLean (Sapphire Pin), the late Lionel Lever, John Cameron (2 Sapphire Pins), Paul Cave, David Maclean, John Welch, Dick Webb, John Baikie, Bob Howe (2 Sapphire Pins), Bruce Grime, Ken Broadhead (1 Sapphire Pin), Phil McCarroll (1 Sapphire Pin), Vic Deeble, Peter Edwards, Pat Edwards, Garry Webb, Richard Pitt, Jon Phegan, Peter Smith (1 Sapphire Pin), Micheal Schwarcz (2 Sapphire Pins), Sue Owen, Anne Prescott, Janet Grundy, Phil Comfort, Arthur Pearce, Allan Waldon, Margaret Sachs (Sapphire Pin), Margaret Cameron, Jim Verco (Sapphire Pin), Leon Clark (1 Sapphire Pin), Jan Cameron (2 Sapphire Pins), Matthew Webb, Barry O'Farrell, Bob Potter, Richard Jackson, Paul Murphy, Chris de Zylva, Greg Starr, Leisa O'Connor, Philip Easton. Jan Rowling, Angus M. Robinson (Three Sapphires), Michael Sobbi, Jo Karaolis, Ian Perrett, Rob Hamilton, Brian Freeman, Max Lake, John Julius, Lyn Wood., Tina Donnelly, Coralie Batchelor, Helen Clarke, Terry Hodge, Mike Brownlow, Marlene Carty, Jenetta Russell, John Collins, Rochelle Wiley, Jim Georgas., Glen Moroney, Barry Edmundson..

