



The Vista

Club President
2014/15
Kevin Delaney



Hi All,

Well we were all set to take a bike ride across Egypt but Davo got overtaken by our EGM. Sorry Davo, but you will be able to tell us your story early in the New Year, and we did enjoy the slideshow.

This week we'll be able to read in the Vista about another club member's recent adventure in PNG—Vince Habermann has shared his story of taking part in Tuffy's Challenge. It's very inspiring.

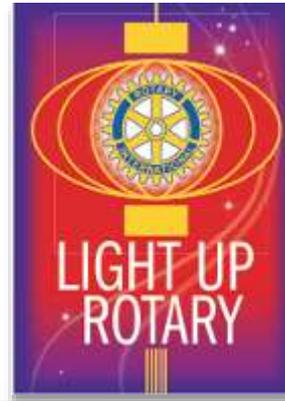
Next week's meeting is our last for 2014—Christmas Dinner at The Spotted Dog Tavern - Numbers will be in by today, so hopefully you're all coming for a great evening. 6 for 6:30 start—see you there!

As it's the last Vista for this year I'd like to thank everyone who has helped out at our various Community events since July—I know it's a busy time of year for club members.
Thank you -

Kevin Delaney



R I President
Gary Huang
Rotary Club of
Taipei, Taiwan



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BUNDABERG REGIONAL
Libraries

Rotary
Bundaberg East



Summer Book Sale

Bargara Cultural Centre

Fri Jan 9th 4pm—7pm

Sat Jan 10th 8am—3pm



Helen, Leonie & Lynne—Catering

Ross—Book Sale preps

A roster was circulated to members this week—please let Ross know times you can help.



CLUB MEETINGS

December is Family Month

Tues Dec 16 Club Christmas Dinner at The Spotted Dog Tavern

Tues Dec 23 No meeting - Christmas break

Tues Dec 30 No meeting - Christmas break

January is Rotary Awareness Month

Tues Jan 6 Book sale preps

Tues Jan 13 Visit to Rotary Lodge & BBQ

Tues Jan 20 Guest Speaker—Ben Galea

Tues Jan 27 Guest Speaker—TBA

CLUB/DISTRICT/ROTARY EVENTS

Fri Dec 12 FOSH—Wallaville Hall @ 5:30 pm

Sat Dec 13 RLI Facilitators training—Rockhampton

Tues Dec 16 Club Christmas Dinner at Spotted Dog Tavern

Jan 8—11 Book Sale—Bargara Cultural Centre

Jan 26 Australia Day Celebrations at Botanical Gardens. BBQ
Stall 9am-12pm. Burgers, sausages & drinks.

Feb 23 Rotary's 110th birthday

Feb 27-Mar 1 Presidents-Elect Training, Rockhampton

Mar 6 RAM motorcycle ride in Bundaberg

Mar 23 Bundaberg Group Assembly 5:30-9pm Venue TBA

Please note email address for apologies below:

All Meeting Apologies and notification of extra guests (including partners) by Tuesday 11am to Sue on:

Ph - 041 385 1375

Email — SueGammonRotary@gmail.com

Please note: If you do not send an apology by the designated time and the club is charged for your meal, you will be billed for that cost.



CLUB DUTIES—Nov/Dec/Jan

Chairperson

Jan 6 Charles Blanshard

Jan 13 Rotary Lodge visit

Jan 20 Leonie Braund

Jan 27 Andrew Bull

International Toast

Jan 6 Kev Hickey

Jan 13 None

Jan 20 Ray Harbert

Jan 27 Vince Habermann

Greeter & Vote of Thanks

Jan 6 Dave Batty

Jan 13 None

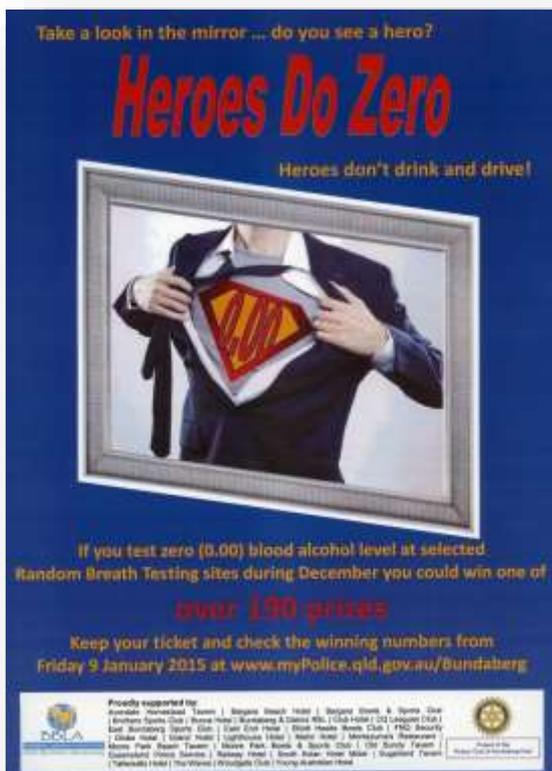
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**If you cannot do your Club Duties,
please arrange for someone to
substitute for you.**



Club News



Our club will once again work with local Police and be a sponsor for the **Responsible Driver Awards** over the holiday period. Drivers who register a zero on a Random Breath Test are given a ticket in a draw for free meals around Bundaberg.



Board members voted to support the Toy Library by donating funds for a new Computer—their most

urgent requirement at the moment.



Khourtney Kardashian slugging back a Bundaberg Ginger Beer. Cliff that beer is loved by everyone!



Club members celebrated Bert's 92nd birthday a week early as he will be with family next week. Fire crews were standing by in case the flames took hold from the candles....



Good sales and fellowship at last week's Pageant of Lights. We sold out of Xmas puddings and shifted a lot of cakes too.



Our Club won an Inclusive Community Champions Award 2014 for the second time. The awards, from the Spinal Injuries Assoc., recognise the services, venues and people that are contributing to the development of an inclusive community in this part of the world. Our club won this award in 2012 as well.

This year it was for the Everyday Life Skills program, which will recommence in the New Year. Our Board voted this week to support the program by sponsoring lunches for the students, as Govt. funding was cut earlier this year.



Tuffy's Challenge—Vince Habermann

forward mounting base for possible insertion into Australia. Today, battle localities are still evident throughout the jungle.

Walking the track had special significance for me because 2 of my late uncles fought on the Kokoda Track. While it was tough for us, ploughing up and down steep mountains and cliffs with 10kg backpacks and water bottles, one could only imagine how tough it was for our troops, carrying packs and ammunition three or more times heavier, often sick or injured, with very limited supplies and no sleeping tents, under enemy fire.

A visit to the Bomana War Cemetery on the last day was a poignant reminder of the horrors of war and a tribute to all the young Australian heroes who were laid to rest there, many graves without a name, only "Known unto God".

The adventure also gave me a new insight into the Papua New Guinea locals, with people in all of the villages which we visited along the way living by subsistence with barely the basics but they were all beautiful, friendly and very spiritual people who made us so welcome. It was also inspiring to see the Rotary International symbol on a number of buildings and other infrastructure along the way, such as water tanks and medical facilities and know that Rotary is reaching out to these remote places and making a difference.

I was honoured to take up the challenge and while I expended a bit of blood, a lot of sweat and a few tears, all both in preparation for the event and on the track, and I did not achieve my target amount of money raised for Lung Foundation Australia, I say thank you to everyone who donated to the Foundation. Personally it was a once in a lifetime experience, and I encourage everyone who is able to, to walk the Kokoda Track.

I like this quote by another trekker: *"No radios, no phones, no lights, just open skies. A chance to think, reflect and to breathe. A memorable and rewarding adventure that you can talk about for years. Tick it off the list, you won't regret it."*



*Happy
Holidays!*

Rotary Anthem

Mighty Union Glorious Band, Rotary is in our hands
Friendship, service, liberty—all are found in Rotary
Ours the joy to be the best, Service above self is our test
Let every person say with zest—long live the days of
Rotary.

Rotary Invocation

As Rotarians, may we always be patient and kind
And be inspired to spread peace, hope and
perseverance

Join our conversation ...



Our new Facebook page as a Non-Profit Organization is now operative and members can go and 'Like' the page, rather than requesting Friend status:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bundaberg-East-Rotary-Club/194908310570425?ref=hl>

Rotary Voices



By Kostas Karvounis

In September, I joined two fellow Rotary members in Greece, Vassilis Papagiannis and Spyros Gravellas, in climbing Mount Olympus to raise money and awareness for polio eradication.

Almost three-decades ago, Rotary promised to eradicate polio, and we intend to keep our promise. Even though Greece has been polio-free for more than two decades, I still remember close family friends who were disabled by polio. I have four children, and I know that until polio is eradicated from the world, it remains a threat to children everywhere. So offering our children a polio-free world is the least we can do



*By Rotary
Voices staff*

Rotary members in Juneau, Alaska, USA, are using their loose coins to

create big change in different parts of the world.

The Rotary Club of Juneau-Gastineau collects nickels, dimes, and quarters from members in glass jars placed around the room during its weekly meetings. More than \$8,000 has been collected since the program began. But more amazingly, the spare change has been turned into more than \$39,000 in micro loans, by working through the microfinance website [Kiva](http://www.kiva.org).