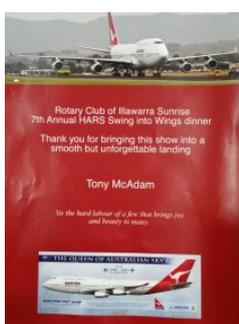


# Minutes : 11th May Meeting



## Apologies

Carol Jeffs, Chris Boddington, Bill Wessel, Ian Wilson, Ian McMaugh, Wyn Jansen, John Bilbo, Bernie McNamara.

- ⊗ This week, the members were summoned to readiness by the proficiency and panache of bell-ringer Rob.
- ⊗ Edith took over the BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to Elaine AND Ian Hart's birthdays on the 14th and 11th respectively.
- ⊗ SWING REPORT. It was the "Best yet" with 8 captains on the VIP list, Rob an MC par excellence, the Dancers a crowd-pleaser and well-deserving accolades to Tony and President Brian. The raffle brought in \$2,370, bar sales were \$4,000 and the total income approximately \$32,000.
- ⊗ SURVEY. Michael outlined the results of our survey. All details are on the website and were also included in last week's newsletter.

**MOTION It was proposed that the Extraordinary Meeting to address the survey results, should not be delayed and so 24th May was accepted (pending confirmation of venue) and it will replace the Fri 25th Breakfast Meeting.**

- ⊗ INTERACT. Numbers have dropped and so Year 8s have been invited to join. Their next event in organisation stage is "Murder Mystery Night" with proceeds going to East Timor and the "Adopt a Cow" program and to Sister Rita Haise's Sri Lanka project supporting Girls' Education. The girls have also sent in their apologies for not being able to enter a team in the "Ride for Rotary" this year.
- ⊗ RAFFLE. Won by a most deserving recipient, (myself), the first time EVER that I have won the bottle of wine. Add to this, the winning of my Casa Mia voucher at Wings..and I await my 3rd winning event with anticipation and expectation.

Minutes

Betty Hassen

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# Minutes of 4th May Meeting



President Brian opened the meeting with final updates for Wings, 252 tickets were sold, workers were ready to 'man' their stalls, assist with parking and set up for the Swing into Wings Dinner.

Elaine then added to the excitement, announcing that \$22,000 has been sent to UNI Research, from Race Day proceeds.

Then Peter introduced our **Guest Speaker, Dr Michael Davey.**

Michael rode a pushbike 14,000 kms around Australia (Including Tasmania) to help children suffering from cancer. Leaving home in 2014 he battled with continual hydration from the unrelenting oppressive heat of the outback, trucks so big they looked like freight trains, snakes, plagues of flies, hospital visits and riding 300kms in one day.

A man driven by the belief in God, Hope and Profound Resilience, he then revealed his own childhood life of being in foster care, life with a "violent and crazed schizophrenic mother", abuse and neglect forcing him to leave home at 15 and join the Royal Australian Navy and the incredible support from his wonderful wife Bonnie.

Michael had books of his life on sale, with a % of his book sales to his "Child and Youth Advocate" projects. His next adventure will be on a SKATEBOARD. We can't wait for that book to hit the book stalls.

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## President Brian's Report : Number 23



Friday's speaker was a most interesting fellow who has accomplished many things in his life already. Certainly his life did not seem to be one of nine to five employment, as most of us do but was out there riding around Australia raising money for charity. His story was most inspirational and it will be interesting to hear from him in five years time as I believe Michael is capable of anything.

Swing into Wings was on this last weekend and I manned the Rotary Information stall on both Saturday and Sunday morning up until midday. Peter Hill was also there helping and Peter Rixon did the afternoon. The amount of people that were there was staggering as well as the aviation show put on by many different aircraft and the static display of historic planes that are present. The Roulettes and the F/A-18 Hornets were the highlights for me, the first for precision flying and the second for sheer noise and speed.

Swing into Wings was held on the Saturday night and it was, in my opinion, the Best Yet. Tony McAdam has done a wonderful job in organising the whole evening.

Our Guest Speaker, Lisa Norman flew the first new Dreamliner that Qantas has and gave an excellent talk about aviation. I also had the enormous pleasure of presenting a memento to each of the Captains of Qantas involved in the record breaking first flight of a Boeing 747-400 registered VH OJA from London to Sydney, the world's longest flight and also the Captains of the last flight also a record of the shortest flight on the same plane. That flight was 11 minutes. To have all those who flew those two epic flights in the one room at the same time was a great coup for Tony. As well as that HARS has the aircraft that flew those flights, and many more, at Albion Park.

The second highlight for me was when the Roulettes sought me out and presented me with a signed print, shot from within the cabin, with the other Roulettes just off each wing and the Apostles on the South Australian Coast in the background. A stunning trophy which the club will decide what to do with to raise funds. Perhaps Race Day?

All in all a very busy week which took its toll on my ageing body, by falling

asleep on my lounge Sunday afternoon when I had planned to visit Ian in hospital. I did get out there on Monday afternoon and the good news is that Ian was planned to be discharged Wednesday 9 May 2018. Ian was sure looking forward to this.

Have a safe week and I look forward to joining with you all on Friday  
Brian Ashe

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## President Brian's Report : No 22



Congratulations to all Club Members who completed our survey. I understand that 22 out of a total of 35 members completed this survey, which is a good section to then analyse and bring back to the club what was said and what was suggested. This process of reviewing the direction and long term continuance of the club will take some time so I ask all members to please have patience and bring forth ideas that might help at any time. An evening meeting is still being organised to allow our best attendance on the night.

Swing into Wings has now closed for booking a seat but again I understand the numbers coming are excellent. Well done Tony! The programme is set and the indications are for an excellent night to be had. Again Well Done Tony! I am looking forward to the evening and enjoying the company of members at what is our biggest Social Night held by the club for the year.

Guest Speaker, Betty Hassen, gave us a talk that she wishes to go around to all clubs to speak and gain support for each club to donate \$500 which would raise \$4,500 to enable her to purchase 3 specially designed sport wheelchairs for children who wish to play wheelchair Basketball. This talk to our club was for Betty to receive feedback about her content and presentation before she ventured onto other clubs. There was some good suggestions made by members that Betty said she would include in her presentation. This talk then brought about a surprise and that was that Paul, representing Ramsay Health, committed to donate the first \$4,500 to purchase 3 sport wheelchairs immediately. Indeed a very generous offer from our newest member Paul. Thank you and good luck to Betty

I look forward to joining with you all on Friday  
Brian Ashe

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## President Brian's Report : No 22



Catch up with webmasters

I would like to report that the **survey about our club** has been sent to all members and I request that you complete that survey and return it for compilation. The second thing that I would inform all members is that I now have three completed "Rotary Youth Volunteer Information and Declaration Form 3" and will have to report by the end of the month on this matter. Attendance at our last meeting was 12, which seems to confirm that there is a problem with attendance and whilst that might be the new norm it does pose difficulties with finances, which will need to be resolved before it is too late.

The Board meeting was again taken up mostly by the impending meeting about the future of the club. The survey was presented, discussed and approved for circulation to members. The Board also spoke about the proposed date for the **Philippines trip 2019**, which clashes with Australia Day again, and we are waiting for advice from John Bilboe who was going to speak to Myra about this matter. The Board expressed it's disappointment that our request for leaving Australia Day free was not taken up. There was also a suggestion that the Dental Nurses that were on the last trip to the Philippines be requested to do a presentation to our club at a date to be fixed. During discussions about our **up and coming Race Day**, one charity that was mentioned was Interchange and as we have given money a number of times as well as the chance of mutual benefit, a Memorandum of Understanding is to be considered. The Memorandum would be similar to the one with Dream Big Dancers with the same conditions and agreements. Also discussed was the **Illawarra Retirement Trust** which is setting up a new service for Aged Care and The IRT will be asked to present this at our meeting for consideration that we support this new project

through Race Day.

So again I request that the survey be completed and returned as well as the Rotary Youth Volunteer form be completed and returned to me as soon as possible.

As **Anzac Day** fell during this week a small reading was presented about the losses Australia has seen through World War 1, WW2, Korea, Vietnam and Afghanistan, followed by a minute silence and the Ode was then read out.

Have a safe time and I hope to see you on Friday.

Brian Ashe

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## Minutes Fri 16 March : Chris Boddington



### **Apologies**

John Bilboe, Janice Gray (celebrating Rhys's birthday with family in Vietnam), Peter Hill (at the ski lodge), Isla & Michael (still enjoying NZ but home by now), Stephen Swan (on the road again), John Pearman (we're sending our love to Marion who is doing really well), Rob Edwards, Bernie, Paul, Wyn & finally Ian Wilson, who is on the mend.

You can tell who actually was at the meeting (the whole dozen of us) by the photos on the website (except for the photographer & occasional minute taker which is a lovely advantage for that role). So it was a great catch up

meeting.

**We** appointed Peter Rixon to be Sarg & lead the Toast to Australia.

**Edith** brought birthday cards for Isla & one for Rhys ( Elaine Hart dropped that one to the Gray household for Rhys's return).

**We** had a lively update on HARS at Albion Park Airfield & the Swing into Wings Dinner. Tony McAdam is very excited about the dinner with its links this year to Qantas. Both David & Stephen Swan are most impressed with the HARS crew of volunteers & the characters they find out there quietly working away on the air fleet.

**Elaine** DeVries responded to a question about the Lego Show last weekend at Kembla Grange Race Course which was very successful with 6,000 people attending. Kembla Grange is available for all types of events said Elaine including Christmas parties, weddings & even wakes. Now there's a thought.



Nice photo on the website of the **Clean Up Australia** crew at Mount Kembla with a heap of car tyres swelling their rubbish pile. Thank you Rowan, Theresa, Elaine Hart & visiting DG Elect Di North. President Brian almost helped but was stumped by directions & even missed the coffee after. Chris & Bill weren't available on Saturday but contributed by photographing the rubbish on the wrong side of the fence along Cliff Rd & emailing it to Wollongong Parks & Gardens with a 'please explain what we're going to do to clean up this mess'. We understand the OH&S issues but some long term solution is needed.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wed 21 March** Board Meeting.

**Wed 28 March** End Trachoma Meeting @ Fraternity Club \$35 for a two course meal. Pay Treasurer Elaine DeVries this week if you are planning to attend.

**Sat 30 June** District Changeover 12 noon @ St George Motor Boat Club ( can you let Peter Rixon know if you are planning to join Collette & himself at this function).

**Brian won the Raffle** & won a bottle of wine (Ongoing thanks to member Mark Hampton from West End Cellars who has been cheerfully providing wine for all our Rotary events from Breakfast to Race Meetings & Dinners. Do drop in for recommendations for the best wine for any functions you are organising. Thanks Mark).

We finished the meeting with one 'gallant soul' suggesting maybe not singing the National Anthem but it seems to be ingrained in the members & we sang it with enthusiasm anyway.

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## President Brian's Report for 23rd March : Number 21

**One urgent task** for the Club is to complete the "Rotary Youth Volunteer Information and Declaration Form 3" which will come out to you this week and return the completed form, with the Police Check Number and expiry date, to myself if you have it. I will have to verify your referees and declare you are a suitable person according to your form to work with children. If you do not complete this form then you will not be sanctioned to work with children including any Exchange Students, Interact activities or other activities involving children. There is a lot of work involved with this and all you have to do is complete the form and give it to me on a Friday Meeting or post it.

**End Trachoma** will be held on 28 March at the Fraternity Club. This Friday will be the last chance to pay for your dinner (\$35) to our club who will send one cheque through to Corrimal Club. I urge you to attend this educational meeting as this is a good cause which our club could be part of.

**Attendance** at our own meeting is still a very strong concern with only 10 members at our last meeting. We must be able to do better than this, having some 35 members in the club. When each of us joined there was a commitment from us to serve and be a good Rotarian. A part of that commitment was to attend the meetings each week. Corrimal Club has also just informed us of the attendance of the **Ambassador of Indonesia** on Wednesday 18 April at the Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow and have invited people to attend. The cost is \$30.00 which also covers a 2 course meal. Members who wish to attend are to contact Kate Strasburg before 13 April.

There is a Board Meeting this Wednesday which will then be followed by a Club Assembly Friday. Please keep safe all week and we will meet again on Friday.

Brian Ashe

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## Minutes of 9 March, 2018 : Chris Boddington



Secretary Isla who is busy tramping the Queen Charlotte Track in NZ with our IT guru Michael sent out a please be there reminder to members because we had an interesting morning coming up with a trio of guest speakers. And for those who read the fine print it was a most interesting morning because we learnt the **Novotel is planning to turn the Windjammers into a Function Centre**. What this means for club meetings is still to be determined. But we must acknowledge that the Novotel has been most supportive with everything from our Change Over to Australia Day to no room rate charge for our morning meetings to not requiring numbers for breakfasts a week ahead. So it's understandable that from time to time they need to look at the business of running a hotel. And this is obviously currently happening ... Now back to the meeting.

We had our two **National Science Forum candidates** from St Mary's & their teacher Liz Davies attend the meeting to report back on their week away. It was wonderful to hear their enthusiasm at getting to network with other bright young people and older members of the science community all enthusiastic about science, currently fashionably referred to as STEM (Science, technology, engineering & maths – I just had to google it).

A wise Rotarian once said to us that the health of a Rotary club has been shown to be linked to the strength of the youth programs it supports. And so this turned out to be a prescient comment with our best breakfast numbers for weeks all coming to listen to what will hopefully be two of our science leaders of the future. So we had Emma McFadden & Mildred Sim two impressive young ladies reporting back on their fabulous week with a network of contacts & new friends which will all contributed to valuing & empowering tomorrow's scientists. And surely we need to support our young people & our girls into this important field. I assure you lots of photos were taken which you can find on our website.

Then our **Guest Speaker Alex Rachlewicz** from Propel Technologies managed to shake a few folks up & generated a lot of interest by discussing Data Safety & passwords. By the time he'd finished discussing how easy it was to harvest your email address, your password & your identity he had us all concentrating

on his advice.

Alex is a colleague of our Guest Speaker coordinator Peter Hill & we were most interested to hear Alex's advice on how to make your data safe. In fact a few of us noted Alex's contact details ( [www.propeltech.com.au](http://www.propeltech.com.au) 0401874899) & think it may be a wise investment in the security of our systems. He also said set up a two step banking system where any fund transfers are cross checked before they are completed. Yep, do it!

His final piece of advice on passwords resonated with some of us older members. He said keep a paper copy of your passwords somewhere safe because no one from the dark side can hack those. He also worryingly said he changes all his passwords routinely each new year & each new financial year. Yep, that's each six months but only the important ones. Get yourself a password manager or give Alex a call.

Finally it was great to see everyone at breakfast & hear about all the projects currently underway. Best Swing Into Wings ever said Tony, get your tickets now!

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## [Report from President Brian : Number 20](#)

### **9 March 2018**

My last week was all about District Conference. We made a bit of a trip of it staying one night in Bathurst then one at Orange, three nights in Mudgee and one night in Cowra on the return trip. The conference was of equal standing with the previous conference at Wollongong with excellent speakers from a wide range of people. The conference dinner was at the Rural Education Centre which, is in fact a very large shed, no air and thirty degrees. It was hot but who can control the weather. There was three hundred and seventy six Rotarians at the conference so it was well attended. Illawarra was well represented although Sunrise only had two who went.

On my return there was the usual hundred emails to sort out although two were from Rotary and marked urgent. The first was about insurance and I will fix that but the second was about all club members. It was the "Rotary Youth Volunteer and Declaration Form 3" This form is to be filled in by all members but there is a difference to previous years. Not only do you need a Police check, done by email, but you need to nominate three referees which the club's Authorised Officer will contact and verify. Both the Authorised Officer and the club President must sign to say that the member has satisfactorily completed the form, Referees have been contacted and the working with children Police check has been done and the member is a suitable volunteer. To get all members to do this will be a massive task as it is difficult to get a number of members to reply to anything. That said I hope there is an excellent response to this task.

Friday's meeting was very good in that we had two students, sponsored by Fairy Meadow and Sunrise Clubs, from St Mary's College telling us about their experience at the Youth Science Forum held in Queensland. We also had Aleks from Propel Technologies giving us information on how to protect your on line sites.

Clean Up was on Saturday at the Mt Kembla Lookout however I was 20 minutes late, the others had cleaned up and left to another site (secret business), so I had a pleasant Saturday Morning drive without result. I can now tell you where Mt Kembla Lookout is and could save you the additional 25 klms. I travelled.

Hope you all have a very pleasant week.  
Brian Ashe

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## [News from Rob Edwards in Fiji](#)

A big 20 days in Fiji, but kicked some good goals. The house is base for the women's project I set up – solar to start pearl jewellery business. That women's project suddenly has 6 other women wanting to take the concept to their communities all round Fiji – pretty powerful stuff for the small group of women who kicked this off with a little mentoring and support from here <http://healthyresilient.com> Also relocated one solar system on Taveuni into the just rebuild post cyclone school – installed 2015. And wired up an new donated admin building for a school we put solar in a few years back.

Phew – back to business.  
Have a great rest of your day.  
Rob