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Monthly Breakfast 10th April:

- **Apologies were received from Helen, Stewart, Vicki and Manny, Rick**
- **The “monthly meeting” format scored another win with another good roll up, and a full and fun meeting.**
- As well as our Hon member **Joe Viglione**, we welcomed **Jose Da Silva** (NAB Branch Manager) and **Manuel Xipolitas** (NAB Sydney South West Area Manager), prospective member **Hugh McDermott**, **Leah Marando** and **Nick Pospischil** – (Rotaract members and RYLA attendees), as well as **Riley** who is Catherine’s young Grandson!
- **In a new meeting event, the first of our Breakfast Meeting raffles was held, with two bottles of wine being won by visitor Jose. (Thanks Keiran for the prize donation and young Riley for drawing the ticket!) This raffle will take place at all of our breakfast meetings in an effort to make up our reduced income from having fewer meetings. If you intend to donate something to raffle to next meeting, let President Chris know in case someone has beaten you to it!**
- It was great to see Miles Mailvaganam at the meeting. Miles finds it difficult to attend for breakfast as he works in Melbourne, but he said that the new monthly meeting format will help him become a regular! (*Another point for the new system – Ed.*) I remember Miles was the first member to bring up the idea of a Rotaract Club, waaaay back when he joined us in 1999 (his daughter was in Rotaract back in Sri Lanka).

We were sad to hear that Stewart’s father passed away last week. Our club was represented by President Chris and Joe Viglione at the funeral. Flowers have been sent to Stewart and Michelle.

In-coming President Catherine has booked Twin Creeks Golf Resort for our combined Rotary/Rotaract Changeover on **Saturday 30th June**.

Make sure that you’ve booked the baby-sitters, and cancelled your early Sunday morning fishing trip/golf day/family picnic. Catherine is looking for a good roll-up of members, friends and family which will help the night along as we thank Chris for her two years of **Service Above Self**, and look forward to Catherine’s year as President of our club.

Have a look.... www.twincreeks.com.au

See LAST PAGE for an UPDATE on our upcoming GOLF DAY....



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Belated photos from the District Conference at Penrith...



Our GSE girls Anniina and Nora got a brief look at “the other side” of Rotary at the Roman Night, including David (GSE Chairperson) in his toga which got shorter as the night grew longer!



Catherine, Roy, June, Chris, Brian & Helen enjoyed the 2012 District Conference – especially the Roman Night.

Thanks to Harry & Chris for the excellent club “Roman Standard”



The next conference will be held 15th-17th March 2013 at The Cube in Campbelltown (or “Macarthur” as it says in the literature!), and we are hopeful of a better attendance than the six who went to Penrith this year. President Chris is reserving rooms... hopefully at the 5-star Rydges.



The Joker Jackpot sat at \$67 when Keiran’s ticket was drawn by visitor Hugh. Keiran’s terrible run of Joker Luck continued (*he has never won*) and the Seven of Clubs was removed from the pack. Better luck next time KS!





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Next year's District Conference (2012-2013) will be special, in that it will be the **LAST ONE** for our existing district 9690. (In the months following, that conference district will be split into two and merged with the existing two Sydney Districts creating D9685 and D9675. We will be in D9675 under Governor Garry Browne from the Rotary Club of Sydney).

Dates For Your Diary – Dates For Your Diary – Dates For Your Diary

Friday 20 th April	President's Meeting at Panthers.
Sunday 29th April	District Assembly – ALL incoming Board is required to RSVP to Catherine RIGHT NOW! 0403 684444
Tuesday 8th May	MAY MONTHLY BREAKFAST MEETING. RSVP to President Chris
Friday 11 th May	Our Annual Charity Cup Golf Day & Holden Scramble. Roy 0418448544
Saturday 12 th May	Rosehill Rotary Awareness Race Day. \$110 including lunch. By ticket only. See www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au
Friday 18 th May	Australian Rotary Health HAT DAY www.hatday.com.au Chris has organised for Royalty Crew to perform in Martin Place (again)
Monday 11 th June	Queen's Birthday holiday
Tuesday 12th June	JUNE MONTHLY BREAKFAST MEETING. RSVP to President Chris
Saturday 30 th June	Combined WP Rotary and Western Sydney Rotaract Changeover at Twin Creeks Resort \$42pp. More details soon!



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Interesting Facts and Figures about our area...

HORSLEY PARK

In 2006, there were 1,811 persons usually resident in Horsley Park: 51.4% were males and 48.6% were females. Of the total population in Horsley Park 0.0% were Indigenous persons, compared with 2.3% Indigenous persons in Australia.

62.6% of persons usually resident in Horsley Park stated they were born in Australia. Other common responses within Horsley Park were: Italy 10.2%, Malta 8.0%, Cambodia 1.6%, Iraq 1.4% and England 1.3%.

The most common industries of employment for persons aged 15 years and over usually resident in Horsley Park were Road Freight Transport 5.9%, Residential Building Construction 5.7%, Building Installation Services 3.8%, School Education 3.8% and Mushroom and Vegetable Growing 3.2%.

86.3% of persons usually resident in Horsley Park were Australian citizens, 29.8% were born overseas and 0.0% were overseas visitors.

WETHERILL PARK

In 2006, there were 18,517 persons usually resident in Wetherill Park: 50.0% were males and 50.0% were females. Of the total population in Wetherill Park 0.6% were Indigenous persons, compared with 2.3% Indigenous persons in Australia.

The most common responses for religious affiliation for persons usually resident in Wetherill Park were Catholic 46.8%, Anglican 11.1%, Buddhism 5.9%, No Religion 5.8% and Eastern Orthodox 5.6%.

51.8% of persons aged 15 years and over usually resident in Wetherill Park were married, 32.1% never married, 10.5% separated or divorced and 5.6% widowed.

English was stated as the only language spoken at home by 44.5% of persons usually resident in Wetherill Park. The most common languages other than English spoken at home were: Arabic 8.2%, Italian 6.7%, Spanish 6.3%, Vietnamese 5.1% and Assyrian 5.1%.

*** Statistics taken from the 2006 Census for postal area 2164 conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics**

Be on the look-out for a National Ad Campaign run from **22nd April** through to June on **Channel Nine** to create Rotary awareness by illustrating what Rotary achieves both in Australia and overseas.

The ad shows a number of images that illustrate Rotary activities. They are linked with a simple commentary and there are contact details on the final screen.

Our Next meeting... Tuesday 8th May



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**Thanks to the many sponsors of our
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An Irish Family Tradition

Paddy had long heard the stories of an amazing family tradition.

It seems that his father, grandfather and great-grandfather had all been able to walk on water on their 18th birthday. On that special day, they'd each walked across the lake to the pub on the far side for their first legal drink.

So when Paddy's 18th birthday came around, he and his pal Mick, took a boat out to the middle of the lake. Paddy stepped out of the boat... and nearly drowned! Mick just barely managed to pull him to safety.

Furious and confused, Paddy went to see his grandmother.

'Grandma' he asked, "It's my 18th birthday, so why can't I walk across the lake like my father, his father, and his father before him?"

Granny looked deeply into Paddy's troubled brown eyes and said, "Because your father, your grandfather and your great grandfather were all born in December, when the lake is frozen, and you were born in July, ya nitwit".

GOLF

Friday 11th May is fast approaching, and now is the time for you to contact Roy (on 0418-448544 or email) to either:

- Confirm your attendance as a Golfer
- OR**
- Confirm your attendance as a helper for either
 - Set-up (7.30am-10.30am)
 - All-day (7.30am-7.00pm)
 - Pack-up (4.00pm-7.00pm)
 - Or ANY part thereofWe need 5-6 non-golfing members to make the day run smoothly in addition to the cooking team from the Autism School
- OR**
- RSVP your inability

The day is shaping up to be similar to last year (which had 110 starters) but we do need a few more **SPONSORS**, as well as some prizes donated. We have 92 players promised so far, but as usual we need more Holden Scramble teams...

Call Roy if you can suggest a likely sponsor or player 0418 448544