



## Speaker for

## Tuesday 9 October- Dennis van Someren - Parents in prison – what it's really like to have a parent behind bars

Dennis van Someren has been a Children's Supported Transport Service volunteer for many years. As Dennis had many of his formative years affected by having a parent behind bars. When you're young and you go through something like a parent going to jail what happens? So much less contact with parents when your parent goes to jail. Look at the numbers: In 2010 it was estimated that there were 2.7 million minor children with an incarcerated parent in the United States and that at least 10 million children have experienced parental incarceration in their life-times.

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Vocational Service

Come and visit us at one of our Tuesday lunch meetings.

12.30 for 12.50 start at The Upper Duck, Hotel Mosman

## **WHEELCHAIRS FOR KIDS (WFK) PROGRAM**

The objective of the "WFK" program is to provide wheelchairs to children living with a disability, enabling them to have mobility for the first time in their lives, facilitating their involvement with family activities, and aiding their integration into their local communities. The wheelchairs are a life-changer for both the children and their families.

Mosman Rotary Club is seeking donations to support the program and is also supporting Rotary Clubs throughout Sydney and on the Central Coast to run "Wheelathons" in schools to raise funds. As part of a Wheelathon, students are sponsored by family and friends to both "wheel" and "be wheeled" in wheelchairs around obstacle courses or sports grounds. Recent events have had great cooperation from schools, and enthusiasm from the students, and more than \$23000 has been raised from both the events themselves, as well as ancillary activities such as sausage sizzles and other catering.

Schools have also used the running of a Wheelathon to more generally raise the topic of living with a disability and to encourage students to think more generally about the importance of enabling access and inclusion for children who have less abilities than others and providing them with a meaningful opportunity to make a difference.

Manufacturing to support the WFK program is supervised by Rotary and carried out by volunteers in Perth, with an all up manufacturing cost of around \$200 per unit. To date more than 40,000 wheelchairs have been manufactured and supplied to international charities for their distribution around the world. As always, demand exceeds supply.

While many of the wheelchairs go to major global charities for distribution, individual Rotary clubs have also facilitated the delivery, assembly, training and fitting of wheelchairs and provided training on maintenance and repairs. These activities are supported by occupational and physiotherapists who donate their time to this important activity.

Mosman Rotary has 15 WFK wheelchairs for use in Wheelathons and can provide information for preparation of proposals for consideration by schools; help with the promotion of events by providing access to TV news and other videos, presentations, photos and other materials; and together with Rotary Clubs near schools provide logistical support and related fund-raising activities on the day such as sausage sizzles.

If you know of a school who may have interest in running a Wheelathon, or wish to support the WFK program in other ways, please contact Richard Vahtrick from Mosman Rotary at [rvahtrick@gmail.com](mailto:rvahtrick@gmail.com).



## OUR COMMUNITY

### Mosman Rotary fundraising for charity

The Rotary Club of Mosman has started a fundraising program for Wheelchairs For Kids, a Rotary charity based in Perth where 150 volunteers manufacture and distribute wheelchairs to disabled children through organisations across the globe.

No charge is made either to the children or the organisations, such as World Vision and International Red Cross.

One way that funds are raised is through 'wheelathons' at schools.

"We bring 15 wheelchairs to the school and make a course, and the students push or are pushed around an age-appropriate course," says spokesperson Clare Stockdale. "In order to raise funds, the children are asked to obtain per lap sponsorship.



"The donations are then passed on through Mosman Rotary to the charity, and tax receipts are available if required. These type of events have been held on a regular basis in Perth and Melbourne and have proven to be a popular and fun activity for the children involved

and a wonderful opportunity for them to make a real difference to the lives of other children."

If you can help connect Rotary with interested schools, please contact Mosman Rotary by phoning 0447 791 218 or visit [mosmanrotary.org.au](http://mosmanrotary.org.au)

### PP Derek Andrew is hiking

Here is Derek at highest point crossing the Pyrenees from France to Spain (Collado Lepoeder - 1430m) after San Sebastián today for a few days R&R at the world famous Playa de la Concha beach. Derek returns on 11/12 October



## Melbourne Cup Lunch - Tuesday 6th November

We will be celebrating the Race That Stops A Nation at the Mosman Hotel again this year. We need to reserve places so will be taking reservations and starting to collect the cost [\$65pp] next week.

## Dinner with Chatswood International

### October date TBA

Advance notice: October, a special social evening dinner.

It will take the form of dinner together with our Chatswood International club in a very stylish upmarket Chinese restaurant in Chatswood. Not to be missed.

## Rotary Foundation Dinner 2018.

The 2018 Multi-District Foundation Dinner is being held at 6.30 for a 7pm start on **Monday 26 November** at Waterview Function Centre, Bicentennial Park, Homebush.

See the link <https://rotarydistrict9685.org.au/event/foundation-dinner-2018/>

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tuesday 16 October - Chris Lee on his work with Medecin Sans Frontiere in Libya**

**Tuesday 23 October - Graham Munro - How photography impacts families**

**Tuesday 30 October - The Hon Michael Kirby - North Korea after Trump**

**Tuesday 6th November - Melbourne Cup Lunch**

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**November 2018** Mark Alderson and Graham Kenny

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