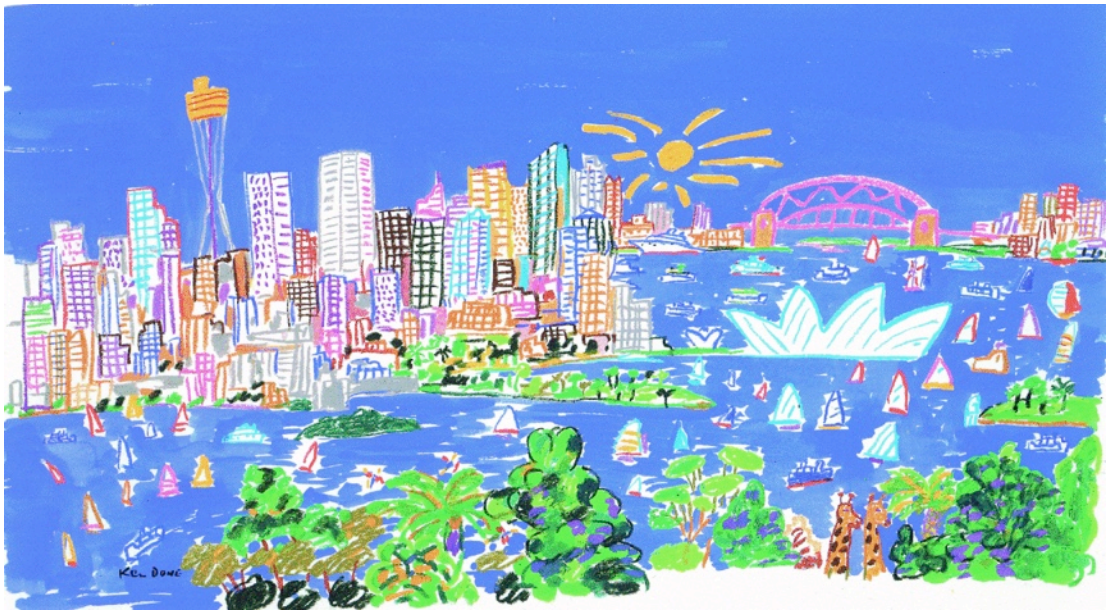

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

5th September - Bill Walker

Bill will be giving us a presentation on his successes at the World Masters Swimming in Budapest. No gold medal this time but he did get a silver and bronze!

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September is Rotary New Generations Month

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

Our first 5th Tuesday Dinner at Thai Kanteen

Despite illnesses, travels and various domestic emergencies we had 32 members and guests sitting down to a great dinner. It was good to see Sandy Godfrey there which to a limited extent justified having a dinner meeting.

Unfortunately the acoustics were such that Dr Peter Scougall couldn't address us at the dinner. He will however be coming to a club meeting in October and giving us an update on the hand team's activities.

Not only was the evening extremely enjoyable but we also received the ultimate accolade from the restaurant who found us polite and not as rowdy as they normally found with large groups.

Many thanks to Michael Fisher and his team; in particular Chef Anan who prepared a fantastic banquet of starters and main courses. No deserts for us apart from our 3 exchange students who persuaded Vera Robinson to arrange them!

Out and about with Felix and Haruto

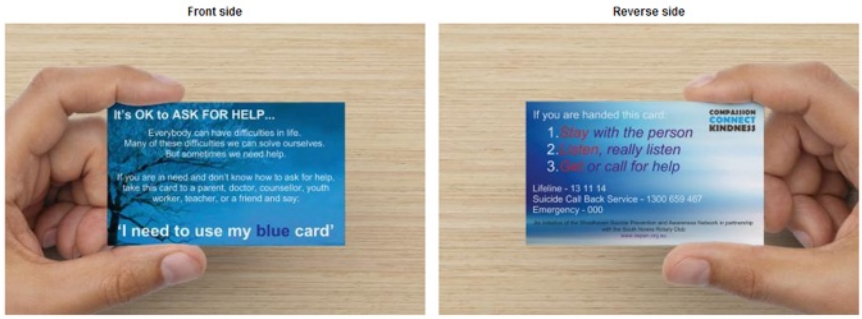
Of course the two boys were at the Thai Kanteen dinner. This was the first time Haruto had eaten Thai food. The highlight was his chosen dessert of Mango Sticky Rice!!

Later in the week Haruto was conflicted when the Australian Socceroos lost to Japan. He wanted to support his home country team but that might stand in the way of his aim of "Becoming Aussie"!

Potential New Projects

Its now the 3rd month of the 2017-18 rotary year. We already have a number of potential projects in hand such as Books In Home and the Manly Warringah Refuge. Its up to any member to make suggestions to the President and/or relevant director about projects they think our club could/should support. Please don't be slow in coming forward. Its no good moaning about not knowing what the board is up to; get involved and do something about it!!

One of our ex-members, Hamish Baker has suggested we look at a project he observed on a trip to Kiama. **Operation Blue Card** is run by the Shoalhaven Suicide Prevention and Awareness Network.Similar to other programs that exist internationally, its aim is to assist and encourage young people seeking help at times of need. The 'Blue Card' is provided to young people and services that work with youth. The Blue Card is provided FREE thanks to a partnership with the Rotary Club of South Nowra.



Over 40,000 Blue Cards have been printed since the implementation of 'Operation Blue Card'. The Blue Cards have gone as far as Bega on the South Coast, west to the ACT and the Northern Territory, and just recently to Papua New Guinea and India! See https://www.sspan.org.au/suicide-prevention/blue-card/ Rotarian Chris Gotham will be looking at this and reporting back to our club in the near future.

Another exciting possibility is **The Shoe That Grows**, a project originating in the USA and aimed at providing free footwear to poor and needy children. With shoes, kids are more healthy, attend school more often, and are more confident. The Shoe That Grows has 5x the impact of ordinary shoes because it expands 5 sizes and lasts for years. Without shoes, children are especially vulnerable to soil-transmitted diseases and parasites that can cause illness and even death. And since children's feet grow so quickly, they often outgrow donated shoes within a year, leaving them once again exposed to illness and disease.- see https://theshoethatgrows.org

Its early days but this could propel both International and Australian Community projects at a cost of approx $20 per pair of shoes. And there is also the longer term possibilty of establishing manufacture here along the lines of Wheelchairs For Kids

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 5th September - Bill Walker - Masters Swimming

Tuesday 12th September - PDG David Rands - Foundation

Tuesday 19th September - Follow up to Club Assembly

Tuesday 26th September - Bobby Redman - Vocational Update
Please note that Haruto's parents will be attending

Tuesday 31st October - 5th Tuesday Dinner at Infuzions

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