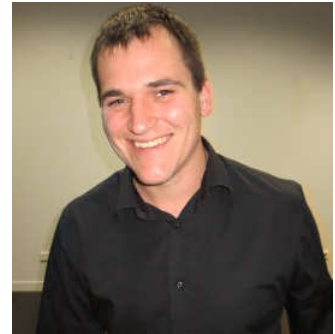




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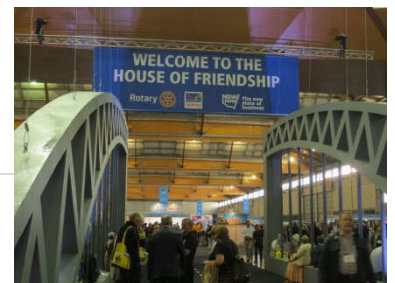
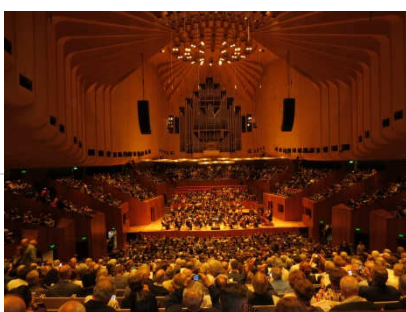
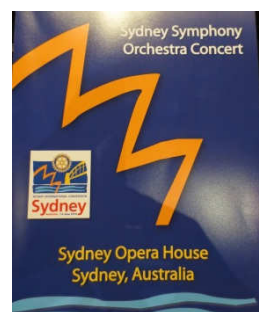
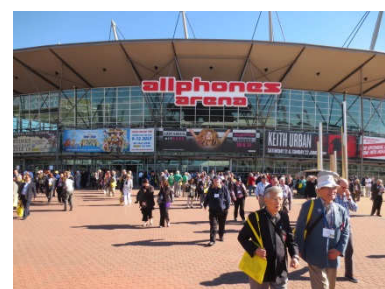
June 11th

This week we were addressed by Adrian van Hest – who we sponsored to RYLA in April. Adrian is incoming Treasurer for Rotaract, and President Nominee. (2015 – 16) He gave us a very full description of RYLA, the different speakers, activities and events provided, and talked about the effect it’s had on him, and how worthwhile he found the experience. He’s one very focussed, enthusiastic young man who is also a driving force behind setting up INTERACT CLUBS in Rutherford, and Massey High schools among others. With young people of this calibre being involved in Rotaract, and eventually Rotary, the future looks rosy!



SYDNEY CONVENTION

What an experience! With almost 20,000 Rotarians in ‘one place’ the atmosphere was electrifying, the enthusiasm for ‘all things Rotary’ palpable, and the warmth and friendship heart-warming. It’s an experience I’ll never forget. From The ‘End Polio Now’ walk on the first morning, to the ‘Ten Tenors’ singing and congratulating us on our work at the closing ceremony, it was five days of amazing stories. One of the most poignant being a wheelchair bound polio victim who was born in Nigeria, moved to England and through his eventual high profile in England, was able to make a documentary to “End Polio Now” in Nigeria. Part of this involved a protest march of the ‘hidden victims of Polio” (many of whom had never left their homes) to the Imperial Palace .. to see such determination as these people struggled on crutches, were carried, pushed and even crawled along the roads, was inspirational. This, just after Tony Abbott addressed us to announce his government is getting behind our campaign with a \$A100 million donation to End Polio! (I must also give a big ‘Thank You’ to Henderson Rotary for inviting me to join their group, making it a much more enjoyable and enriching time for me.)





GUESTS:

We welcomed Sue and Marcus Benzie to our meeting and also Brazilian IYE student Katryann, whose host family is in Sydney. She met Vincent at the Sydney Convention, and is currently staying with the Benzies. (She also lives close to Sao Paulo for those of us planning to go to next year's Convention!)

JAEDWYN GARDENS:

Thank you to the members who turned up on Saturday morning to help with planting at Jaedwynn Gardens ... what a beautiful morning we had. As Matt had already dug the 450 holes that were to be filled, it was a pleasant and rewarding task to plant all his little plants...it's certainly a very different place from when we started there after the Auckland Conference. (And we were very well fed too!)



BEST WISHES:

Best wishes go to Kerry – we hope his operation went well, and his eye heals quickly – then we can stop accusing him of being 'one-eyed' about things. !!

Please advise Alan if you will **not** be attending on Wednesday (or if you're bringing a guest) **apology@details.co.nz** by Monday evening please. **Members not tending their apology will be charged for their meal.**

Date: Wednesday 18th June		IYE Student Vincent's final presentation
Meeting Manager	Derek	
Sergeant	Mike	
Speaker	Vincent	
Greeter – Introducer		
Grace	Roger	
Squire 1	Bob	
Squire 2	Sheena	
Thanker	Craiger	
Parting Thought	Heather	

Dates to remember

25th June Waitakere Changeover at the Stadium – "Red, white and blue" theme.