



February 2020 Guest Speaker

Peter Kirkwood is a didgeridoo player - yup - he is also an active Rotarian and graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute, President of Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai PCYC as well as a director of CPI (Communications & Power Industries Australia), specialising in satellite communications.

Whoa... let's go back a step.

Peter has had a quintessential role as a Rotarian, establishing Rotary Waitara, serving as its Club President, Community, as well as Vocational Director and Service Director, before moving across to Rotary Wahroonga. At the District level, Peter served as Rotary Wahroonga Assistant Governor, Vocational Service Director and Community Service Director.

Recipient of many significant awards including, of more recent times, NSW Premier's Community Service Award, Ku-ring-gai Citizen of the Year and a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM), Peter Kirkwood has a history of giving to the community.

Peter was significant in establishing the Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai PCYC and was actively involved in establishing the PCYC Performing Arts Centre which includes music, drama, dance, and other cultural activities.

Recently retired, Peter (black belt in karate so watch out) continues to give selflessly to his community, being very active as Life Governor and Director on the Board of PCYC NSW.

Now back to that didgeridoo!

Several years ago, whilst on a business trip in Alice Springs, Peter acquired his first didgeridoo. It took a couple of years before he decided to learn how to play the instrument - he is self taught from a *cassette tape*, no less! Over the years he has been a student of the instrument including its cultural significance, and has acquired a collection of authentic didgeridoos from different parts of Australia; also a few not so authentic didgeridoos including a *didgeribone* and a *slidedidge*.

Peter is an accomplished didgeridooist, playing with different bands including an Aboriginal reconciliation group at Uluru, as well as playing didgeridoo in the USA, Canada and Singapore.

Peter's talk will be on *History, Making and Playing the Didgeridoo*. I'm excited. Are you?

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