



Another month has passed and all I can say is, what a year it has been. With 2021 fast approaching I cannot be more proud of my team for the tremendous effort they have put in to make the club as it is today. Even with the struggles of COVID-19 this did not stop us! I would also like to congratulate our newest board member Kelly Xu who has decided to take on our 'Events Director' position . She will be an excellent addition to the team and I look forward to the many fun events that we will have in the near future. We are also in heated discussions to find out what our next project will be for 2021. The most exciting news that we have ,thanks to Judy Grice, the Club and District Support Coordinator, is that we now can charter by the end of the year! Being able to charter gives our club many opportunities in the future. By chartering we can now apply for District and International grants, be recognised by Rotary International and we will no longer be a provisional club. It also means that the members of the club can now receive a membership from Rotary international which, by itself, has its perks. The Team has decided to name the club 'Pennant Hills - Cherrybrook Rotaract club'. To make it to this stage I have many people to thank like the whole of District 9685, the District Governor and his team, our sponsor clubs West Pennant Hills - Cherrybrook Rotary Club and Pennant Hills Rotary Club and my mentor Rebecca Fry. But the biggest thankyou goes out to my team. my team and I are looking forward to the coming year and we also look forward to working with Rotary International, District 9685, our sponsoring Rotary Clubs, the other Rotaract clubs from the district and the future project providers that we will be working with in in 2021.

- Jason Terry

Our First Venue Meeting

On the 17th of November we were finally able to meet in person which was very exiting. What was even better was that we were offered a venue free of charge and for this thankyou to the Pennant Hills Hotel for their very generous offer. The venue was lovely and it was nice that we could also order drinks and food from the nearby bistro. We also had a surprise visit from the youth officer of the Pennant Hills Rotary Club, John Ellis, who was able to give us very informative information about twin club agreements, the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) and the Youth Science Forum. We look forward to future events that we will have at this wonderful venue. We are especially looking forward to our upcoming Christmas party, which is a social event, on the 1st of December. We will also be inviting Rotaract clubs from around the district and members from the sponsoring clubs that have supported us through the year. We could not ask for a better way to end off the year.



Quote of the Month



‘We are at last being recognised as the indigenous people of this country whom must share in its future. This is not a day of national mourning for us. We must leave history behind us and look forward.’
- [Galarrwuy Yunupingu](#)

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders days observation committee) is a week to be celebrated by one and all Australians. It is believed to be started in 1920 by Aboriginal groups who wanted to increase the awareness to the community about the treatment of indigenous peoples. Today it recognises the ‘First Nations’ that have cared for this land for the past 65,000 years. It also celebrates that not only Indigenous communities but all of us are spiritually connected to Australia. NAIDOC Week happened on the 8th - 15th of November and the theme for it was “Always was, and always will be”. It is very important to recognise our indigenous people and also their cultural beliefs. Rotaract recognises NAIDOC Week as a very important event as Rotary is always accepting of people of different nations and colour and assisting Indigenous people where they need it most.



Meet the Member!



Hi! My name is Tony and I'm currently a first-year university student studying Computer Science. The idea of volunteering and community work has always intrigued and heartened me, especially since I veer towards more nihilistic views. However up until now, I've only watched from afar, so I feel equal parts nervousness and excitement about being part of this Rotaract club. I'm especially interested in helping to combat environmental degradation, anti-intellectualism and socio-economic problems. Thank you all for welcoming me into the Rotaract family and I hope to contribute the best I can to future projects!

Key dates November - December.

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| 30th November | West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook Youth Night. |
| 1st of September | End of year Christmas Party. |

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday every month! So come along and join us today!



The Rotaract Club of Pennant Hills - Cherrybrook would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We as a club look forward to next year and the many impacts we will be able to make to the community. Our first meeting for next year, which will be a social event, will be on the 19th of January.