



Presidents Post



What a month it has been. Since starting on the 23rd of July, we have hit a milestone as we have reached 10 members. I really cannot believe how far we have come in only 4 months! As a club we have decided to end our book drive project after we donate more than 600 books to the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation (ALNF). These books will go out to communities and children and I could not be more proud of the club. The impact the books will make to these children and their communities will be life changing. Any books that did not fit the description that the ALNF set out were donated to West Pennant Hills - Cherrybrook Rotary Club.

We have also been invited to many events lately including giving a helping hand to Pennant Hills Rotary Club with their trailer raffle every Saturday until the 19th of December. We have now recruited Megan as our PR officer and we welcome her to our board. I believe that she will make a tremendous difference on our social media platforms and get our name out there. We look forward to working with you over the year!

- Jason Terry

Pennant Hills Trailer Raffle

Every Year, one of our sponsor clubs, Pennant Hills Rotary Club, hosts their trailer raffle and for this event they invited Pennant Hills - Cherrybrook Rotaract Club to help them. They are doing the trailer raffle for 8 more weeks at various locations and when the draw happens,



the lucky winner wins the trailer and everything inside it. The money from this event goes to St Lucy's School in Wahroonga. St Lucy's School supports disabled children and money helps them purchase items that best suit their children's disability needs. This also gives them access to Speech Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, School Psychologists and Positive Behaviour Therapy. On the 24th of October, President Jason Terry and one of our members Tony Lu joined forces, with Pennant Hills Rotary Club, to sell raffle tickets. This was a great opportunity for one of our new Rotaractors to meet the members from one of our sponsoring clubs.



Certificates of Recognition



On 12th October, I had the chance to accompany Rosemary (WPHC Rotary Club President) and Edwina (WPHC Rotary Club Vocational Director) to the local shopping villages in

Cherrybrook and present the small business owners/operators with certificates recognising their sustained effort and tireless contribution to the community despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 Pandemic. These businesses were open throughout the period during which NSW was in lockdown and have supported the community with all the essentials they require. I am incredibly thankful to have met these wonderful business owners and to have been able to express our gratitude for their industrious work. This was also a great opportunity to see our sponsoring club in action. WPHC Rotary has been doing multiple "Certificate Presentation Days" over the past few weeks under Edwina's guidance, and has been doing an amazing job acknowledging all of the everyday heroes in our community.

-Samprithi Raja



Quote of the Month



“It isn't what we say or think that defines us, but what we do.”

—Jane Austen , Sense and Sensibility

Events — District Governor Visits our Club

On the 20th of October we had the privilege of having The District Governor, David Clarke, pay us a visit online. To start off his talk David shared a video with us which was a representation of well functioning Rotaract clubs. He then recounted his own Rotaract story, beginning on his seventeenth birthday when he joined the Rotaract Club of Katoomba. Two years after joining Rotaract, David went to RYLA, which changed his worldview and deepened his appreciation for community service. David became a Rotarian at twenty two years old and his first international experience was as a member of the Youth Exchange committee. In 1982 David led a program to build classrooms and accommodation for a Catholic girls' school in New Ireland, Papua New Guinea. In 1985, David worked on Rotary Oceania's Rota Homes Project which was a similar program. The project involved building homes that would still stand after cyclones. A program that left a lasting impact on David was the Promise of Assurance to Children Everywhere (PACE), which exchanged Australian and Pacific Island students for a month. David and his Rotary club hosted students from several of the islands letting them spend weeks split across Sydney and Canberra. David was also a part of Rotary's Village Aide program in the Philippines where Rotarians would buy houses which would shelter families of 10 people for up to 25 years. As an engineer, David showed families how to put the house together, giving them ownership. In 1995, he, alongside four other young people, travelled for his exchange to District 5010 encompassing the Yukon, Alaska, and Eastern Russia. A big thankyou to David for sharing with our Club his experiences with Rotary and his International work.

- Adapted from Lyn Wang



West Pennant Hills - Cherrybrook Rotary Club Donation



With more than 600 books ready to donate to the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation (ALNF), our club has decided that this project has come to an end. The ALNF had specific guidelines that we had to follow and many of the books we collected will be donated to the ALNF. For the books that did not make the cut, but were still in good condition, we decided to donate them to West Pennant Hills - Cherrybrook Rotary Club (WPHC). When they received these books they were overjoyed as they needed children's books for their mini book fair. The books they received will be sold and the proceeds will be put towards their own community Project.

Key dates — November

3rd November	Zoom Meeting - New project negotiation
7 of November	Kings Langley Stall for Hills Rotaract Clubs 'it's in the Bag' Project
17th November	Venue meeting
30th November	West Pennant Hills—Cherrybrook Youth night

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