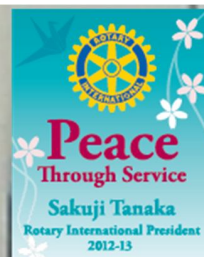




# The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Club Bulletin

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## Monday 4 March

Jim Kehoe, author - "From Whites to Muddies" Rugby Union in the R.A.N.

## Monday March 11

Bryan O'Shannassy from Erina Club on Ethics

## Monday March 18

Steven Carruthers - Naval Historian - "First Salvo" Japanese Midget sub attack on Sydney 1942.

## Duty Roster

Next Meeting - Monday 4 March		Following Meeting – Monday 11 March	
<b>Speaker Host</b>	Tom Wescott	<b>Speaker Host</b>	Rob Hamer
<b>Night Reporter</b>	Barry Freeman	<b>Night Reporter</b>	Larry Jacka
<b>Front Desk</b>	Brian Furrer	<b>Front Desk</b>	Jim Simpson
<b>Front Desk</b>	Graham Evans	<b>Front Desk</b>	Tony Makin
<b>Steward</b>	Alan Paynter	<b>Steward</b>	Doug Lam
<b>Steward</b>	Col Wright	<b>Steward</b>	Col Wright
<b>Photographer</b>	Steve Baker/Ross Ballinger	<b>Photographer</b>	Steve Baker/Ross Ballinger

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## Upcoming Events

<b>Wednesday/Thursday March 6/7</b> Book Sale set Up 2013 District	<b>Monday March 25</b> Anne Harcombe - Dress for Success
<b>March 15-17</b> Conference Evening - "Soar into History"	<b>Monday April 1</b> Easter – no meeting

## Meetings

Monday 6.30pm for 7.00pm – Springfield House – 245 New Line Road, Dural. <http://www.rotarydistrict9680.org.au>  
Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Inc. PO Box 103 West Pennant Hills 2125 Australia

**APOLOGIES:** If you are unable to attend or are bringing a guest (even if they are your partner) you must notify Jilda.  
Phone 9439 1422 or email [accounts@lhogroup.com.au](mailto:accounts@lhogroup.com.au) before 11am on the day of the meeting.

**\*\*If you are expected and do not show you may be required to pay for the meal\*\***

## Presidents Report



What a great Youth meeting we had on Monday night. Merle Runde and Sarah Collins spoke with such enthusiasm of their experience at RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) which Sarah commented "... has made us better people". Then Adam Derriman spoke of his experience at RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards). He had little idea of what to expect (this is intentional, each year they are told not to give details to the next year candidates!), but the experience was fantastic. The timing for Adam was really good, because shortly after RYLA he lost his job as a mechanic at Porsche, but RYLA gave him the confidence to move on, he now has a job at Honda. Our NYSF (National Youth Science Forum) candidates had a great time at ANU, Canberra. Both Rachel Gibbons and Mehul Gajwani used the experience to build a network of scientists and like minded students and also to clarify which science specialty they wanted to pursue. Mehul presented me with a certificate acknowledging our support. The final student was Caitlin Gilchrist

who told us of her year on exchange in Madrid, Spain. Caitlin's biggest challenge was language, both in understanding and being understood. But she had a fantastic year and was very appreciative that our Club and Rotary gave her this opportunity. It was also interesting that her Club of six members has seven students – now that is an interesting way to get increased membership! She presented me with pennants from both Club and District.

The personal development of these young people through their involvement in these Rotary programs is really obvious, they are confident speakers, and reassure us of the value of the youth programs we participate in. Rosemary also reported that we are sponsoring a team from CTHS to MUNA (Mock United Nations Assembly) which is another great program.

Last week we had a Board meeting. Ian Roberts is away, but provided financial statements as at the end of January, with a projection to the end of the Rotary year. Our general account is looking at a surplus of \$1,900 and Fundraising a surplus of \$7,200 over budget (assuming that the book fair comes in on plan). This is a great projected result, and it is Ian's good management that enables him to do these forecasts. I have every confidence that the book fair will be successful. The book sort went well last weekend with many volunteers (regardless of the rain – Tom's factory was ideal). The books are still coming in, the media adverts have been booked and Clive is scheduling the volunteers for next week (Wed to Sat) – have you volunteered yet?

At the meeting of 4th Mar I am looking forward to a previous member, Jim Kehoe, presenting on his book "from Whites to Muddies", not because I am a keen Rugby supporter, but because it is always great to catch up with past members.

***President Bob Davison***

## Night Report

Bob Davidson opened the meeting and welcomed the visitors on the night Megan and Mark Gilchrist with their son Liam and Grandma Pat and Laj Gajwani. We also had Jan and Geoff Duffy from District Youth Committee. Bob then welcomed the partners who were there plus our guest speakers.

It was then time for Miska to report on his activities for the week and he was questioned on the road signs and what they meant.

Clive Denmark spoke on the book sale and the working bee at Tom's place sorting books last Saturday. He is looking for people from Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th to set up tables at the church in readiness for the book sale.

Barry Lambert advised that Castle Hill Rotary is looking for people to man the gates at the Castle Hill Show. Bunnings at Dural have a program called Rotary at Work, they want to paint the inside of the day care house at Warrah, this is from the 1st to 21st April, volunteers requested. The bowel scan program has been deferred to May. Bob Davidson then gave John Fletcher his wife Mala's Rotary name badge.

Rosemary Clark introduced Merle Runde & Sarah Collins who spoke on their time at RYPEN. The first night they learnt to be more confident and better at meeting people. One of the tasks they had to perform was to build a stretcher for a dummy and carry it around to various checkpoints e.g. to the archery area & climb a rope ladder. There was then a session on different ways to deal with stress. Then they had to make a video advertisement for a charity. This was a team building task and the charities they chose were Canteen & Ronald McDonald House. Another activity was to disarm a bomb. They were able to use the new skills that they had learnt to complete the challenge.

Our next speaker was Adam Derrimam who went to RYLA. The first day was introductions and meeting each other. There was a series of lectures on working with others & getting to know each other. Two of the guest speakers were from the Police Force one was a detective and the other was in uniform of high rank, they also had a talk from a lawyer. There was team building activities and learning leadership roles. Adam continues to meet some of the team he was with and goes rock climbing and dancing with them. Adam is an apprentice motor mechanic with Honda, and expressed how much benefit he got from this leadership course.

Rachel Gibbons went to the NYSF summer science school in Canberra and had an "amazing experience" meeting actual scientists, she has a great passion for science. They learnt how the universe was created and studied biology dissecting things, and many other scientific facts. She also saw a lot of Canberra and met an amazing group of people. From this visit it has helped her make a decision to do a Psychology degree

Mehul Gajwani also went to the NYSF summer science school in Canberra where he was introduced into what scientists do every day. He learnt communication skills, inter personal skills, national global

issues, and he now has 143 new friends to communicate with. He also conducted biological experiments, laser research and geological chemistry at both the Canberra Universities and Canberra Hospital. This has helped him to make up his mind as to what he will do when he leaves school. He then presented a certificate to the club in appreciation of going to NYSF.

Our exchange student Caitlin Gilchrist had a wonderful time in Spain she showed us on the map that she was 22km's from Madrid at a town called Tres cantos of 40,000 people. She went to school with her house brother and took 3months to speak the language but the family could not understand Caitlin's Spanish. In her presentation there were pictures of plenty of food including eating "nice steak" (horse meat) and Japanese food. Caitlin met a lot of other exchange students and made many friends at school. One of the tasks everybody learnt was to juggle, and she took many photographs of her time away. On Rotary safari the main food was chicken & chips, which she had every day, and she saw some amazing places in Spain and Portugal. Her Rotary Club was Serra De Madrid and she presented our club with 2 Rotary banners. She went to Paris, which she loved, and saw the Moulin Rouge, Eiffel Tower & Notre Dame etc. Caitlin also went to Denmark and met Louise and spent some time with her. Caitlin is now working at the Golden Ridge Animal Farm and studying at Taronga Zoo.

Graham Cuthbertson won the raffle and Miska won the bottle of wine for heads & tails.

***Night Reporter Stan Basesley***

### **Photos from the Last Meeting**

Alison Bowland with Geoff and Jan Duffy from the District Youth Committee





Adam Derrimam – our RYLA student



Rachel Gibbons and Merle Runde with Sarah Collins speaking about their time at RYPEN



Mehul Gajwani presenting President Bob Davsion with a certificate acknowledging the Club's support



Our Exchange Student Caitlin Gilchrist talking about her wonderful experiences in Europe



A great turnout for the Youth Exchange Meeting





## **Report from our Exchange Student in Denmark - Beth Ferguson**

Hej Australia!

I have had the most amazing time in Denmark so far and I firstly wanted to thank you all for helping me have the most amazing year of my life!

I have made a blog which is <http://hejderdanmark.blogspot.dk> and you can read all about my year, but just in case that isn't easy for you I'll also let you know in this report

The first few days were very crazy for me. I went from 45 degC to -5 degC in one day; said goodbye to my family for a year; sat on a plane for 25 hours and moved to a foreign country. The start of my massive adventure for me actually started as soon as I got off the plane and found my bags - I was greeted at the airport by 3 of my 4 host families, my counsellor and my club president. It was very cute because they were all standing there with either Danish flags or Australian flags and they were waving them around just for me.

Then, after a whole lot of introductions, we all drove back to my first house for a big Danish meal. As soon as I got there Inge (my first host Mum) wanted me to Skype my parents and show the house to them. It was great to Skype with them even though it wasn't for very long! Also at lunch I met a girl from Germany who is living here for 6 months and her name is Flora. I found out that I am going to be in all the same classes as her and she lives very close to me. After everyone had gone I unpacked my bags and made my room more 'me'. Inge organized two other people from my school to drop round and meet me and help me get ready for starting school on Monday.

After the first day things just kept getting busier and busier, and apparently my body didn't like that - I got the flu was away from school for 5 days. Even though I was home from school on Thursday I was feeling considerably better and I managed to catch the bus into the city to meet my second host dad, who was picking me up to take me to the first of many Rotary meetings. The meeting was good, and I met heaps of Rotarians, but it was a little boring because they were all talking in Danish - I just have to get used to that until I learn the language. I met my Club President again and gave him an Australian desk flag, big flag and the banner you gave me. I also gave everyone a pin of a kangaroo which I think they all appreciated!

My host parents also took me, and another exchange student Jeremy, to meet the Mayor of the town I live in. She was very nice and gave us a tour of the building, and it was big! She showed us things like where all the different parts of government work, and where all the primary schools get their internet from and many more interesting facts.

The Saturday after I got there was Australia Day (and I was also celebrating the anniversary of me being in Denmark for 1 week) and I went all out and the whole day I tried to sound as "Aussie" as I could. I also invited some new friends over for an Australian dinner, which meant we all helped cook Hamburgers (with beetroot), Pavlova and Lamingtons! My host brother and his best friend Jacob did the decorations, and they did a pretty good job! There were Australian flags everywhere, maps, a really big Australian flag hanging up and other bit and bops everywhere. It was a very relaxing night and overall heaps of fun



- although I do have to admit, it felt a bit weird calling it Australia Day because it was snowing outside the whole night and freezing, but nonetheless it was great!

School is pretty good, just very boring at times as you could imagine. My first day was good but just very daunting being in a new school with no Danish. I was given a buddy and she is still one of my good friends in school :) Exchange students always talk about how it is hard to make friends in the first few weeks, but on my first day a girl in my class (named Molly) introduced herself and then invited me to a party she is having, and I don't know if she knew but that made making friends and talking to them a whole lot easier.

As I said before, it's hard in class sometimes because I never have an idea of what is happening but my friends help a lot :) My favourite class at the moment is English. I am finding it very easy - but it's good because it gives me a chance to help them and they help me with Danish at the same time.

From the 3rd - 7th February I was had the best time on Intro Camp - a Rotary camp for all the newbies in Denmark to meet, have heaps of fun and have over 25 hrs. of intense Danish lessons. It was a bit hard the first couple of days because I had just met 40+ new people as well as 7 hrs of Danish every day, but the good thing was that all 40+ of those people were feeling exactly same!

Pretty much we would wake up bright and early and eat breakfast together, then we would go into our classrooms and do a solid 3 hrs of Danish lessons. Then it was lunch and a small break which was then followed by another 4 hours of Danish lessons. After going through 7 hours of Danish our heads were pretty tired which was okay because then we got a few hours break - which usually ended in us all either sleeping in our rooms or sleeping in the Pejsestue (which is where we can relax and where we spent most of our spare time). After that we would have dinner, some sort of activity like sport, relax a bit more, then go to bed. Then we would wake up and do it all again.

Thursday was different though, as we took the whole day off to explore Aarhus! First we got a tour around 'The Old Village' which was a beautiful little village with old houses all together. They had some buildings from the 1800's onward and beautiful picturesque places. After about 2 hrs of that we pretty much got 5 hours of freedom to do anything and go anywhere in Aarhus, and being in a group of girls we managed to spend the whole 5 hours shopping!

It was sad saying goodbye after having such a great time together but we all knew we would see each other soon and then we could share all the great places we've been and things we have seen!

This week is Winter School Holidays we drove up to Skagen for the night. Even though it was a long drive up it was definitely worth it! I got to stand on the most northern part of Denmark, see a church filled with sand, play on sand/snow dunes and have an overall great time! It was a pity that it was -5 degrees because it made it hard to imagine the "sunny beach" atmosphere but that just means I'll have to go again (and that's awesome)!

After getting back from that mini road trip I was so tired and I was looking forward to the next few days of relaxing; little did I know Inge have planned to drive another 2 hours to Odense for the day! I am so glad I went because I got to go see Hans Christian Andersen's house and the museum all about him and his fairytale stories. It was so interesting learning about how someone so poor and alone as a boy could become this amazing, and well-known writer. I also saw two other museums and walked down the main walking street with lots and lots of shops along it.

I will be going back to school next week and for the end of the week my big sister (who is studying in England) is coming over for a few days to see Denmark and to meet my host family. Then I have one more week of school till I go for a week to Manchester, England with my class at school on study trip! I am so excited and I think this is an amazing chance for me to bond with the Danes in my class and make some great friendships!

Wish me luck for the rest of my exchange and I'll keep you updated!

*Xx Beth*

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**



**Anniversaries** - *None this week*

**Birthdays** - *Larry Jacka - March 3*

## **Food for Thought**



'The average person thinks he isn't.'

Larry Lorenzoni

*Contributed by Barry Lambert*

## Humour



### **Subject: AND THE OSCAR GOES TO .....(DRUMROLL)..... JAIL**

1. She didn't notice Oscar sneaking up behind her ... it was the silence of the limbs.
2. When Oscar Pistorius said he wanted to be just like able bodied athletes, who knew he meant OJ Simpson?
3. Absolutely shocking news from South Africa ... White man arrested for murder.
4. Oscar Pistorius. Just because he has no legs doesn't mean he's unarmed.
5. Oscar Pistorius's legal defence- he hasn't got a leg to stand on..
6. What did Oscar Pistorius get for Valentine's day?... 20 years.
7. Breaking news: Oscar Pistorius named in South African shooting team for 2016 Olympics.
8. It must have been dark when Oscar Pistorius shot his girlfriend ...He said he couldn't see two feet in front of him.
9. Shame about Oscar Pistorius ... the man had the world at his knees.
10. I gather that Oscar Pistorius' girlfriend bought him shoes for Valentines.
11. Oscar Pistorius, bringing a whole new meaning to 'taking your girlfriend out on Valentines day'.
12. Word of the day: 'pistorious' meaning 'handy with a pistol'

New revelations in the Oscar Pistorius case. Police found a cricket bat covered in blood.... And 2 stumps

		<b>Club Program 2012-2014</b>	RED YES = PARTNERS on a meeting night	
		Updated 05/02/2013 by RWH	Tentative date hold only	
<b>Mar-13</b>		<b>Literacy Month</b>		
Mon	4	Jim Kehoe, author - "From Whites to Muddies" a history of Rugby Union in the Royal Australian Navy. Confirmed 25/10/2012		Rob Hamer
Wed	6	Book Sale Setup		Clive Denmark
Thu	7	Book Sale Setup		Clive Denmark
Fri	8	Book Sale		Clive Denmark
Sat	9	Book Sale		Clive Denmark
Mon	11	Bryan O'Shannassy from Erina Club on Ethics.		Peter Cleary
Wed	13	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.		
Fri	15	2013 District Conference Evening - "Soar into History"	Yes	David Turnbull
Sat	16	2013 District Conference Day 1	Yes	David Turnbull
Sun	17	2013 District Conference Day 2	Yes	David Turnbull
Mon	18	Steven Carruthers - Naval Historian - "First Salvo" Japanese Midget sub attack on Sydney 1942.		Rob Hamer
Mon	25	Anne Harcombe - Dress for Success	Yes	Rob Hamer
<b>Apr-13</b>		<b>Magazine Month</b>		
Mon	1	Easter Monday - No meeting		
Mon	8	Gary Musgrave - Cancer Council NSW		Rob Hamer
Wed	10	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.		
Sat	13	DIK Working Bee. Minchinbury	Yes	Bob Davison
Mon	15	An expose of the current work of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Greg Woodward. Confirmed 01/12/2012		Rob Hamer
Mon	22	Anzac Meeting - our own Larry Jacka on Albert Jacka VC, MC and Bar.	Yes	Rob Hamer
Thu	25	ANZAC DAY		
Mon	29	The Kimberley at the Crossroads - Lynn McColl - The Wilderness Society Sydney. confirmed 06/12/2012		Rob Hamer
<b>May-13</b>		<b>Community Service Month</b>		
Sat	4	Weekend away		Social Comm.
Sun	5	Weekend away		Social Comm.
Mon	6	Youth Night - Reporting on their MUNA experience.		Rosemary Clarke
Wed	8	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.		
Mon	13	Club's (26th) Anniversary meeting (Past Members night).	Yes	Ross Ballinger
Mon	20	Philip Smith - ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) presentation		Rob Hamer
Mon	27	David Rosenberg - Inside Pine Gap: The Spy Who Came In From The Desert - confirmed 06/12/2012		Rob Hamer



Please don't forget to book an outing, dinner or activity with Miska  
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### Miska's Family of the Week Program

2012-2013			
Week Ending Friday	Host Family	Planned Activities	Miska with You
Fri. 22- Sun. 24 February	Ferguson	Umina Beach Weekend for Inbound students – Umina Club	
Fri 15- Sun. 17 March	Ferguson	District Conference - Nowra	
17 March	Davison		
April/May	Davison	Safari briefing – St Albans Anglican Church – Lindfield -TBC	
Sun 5 May – Sat 25 May	Davison	Safari - Confirmed	
15 June	Davison	Farewell to students - TBC	

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