

The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

Club Bulletin

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Monday 5 December

Annual General Meeting

Monday 12 December – last for the year

Xmas Meeting with 'Kris Kringle' Gifts

Monday 16 January

Club Assembly

Organizer Colin McGowan

Duty Roster

Next Meeting Monday 5 December 2011		Following Meeting – 12 December	
Chairman	Colin McGowan	Chairman	Clive Denmark
Night Reporter	Graham Cuthbertson	Night Reporter	Sandy Burrage
Front Desk	Alan Paynter	Front Desk	Carol Russell
Front Desk	Michael Moroney	Front Desk	Michael Moroney
Steward	Keith Ball	Steward	Barry Freeman
Steward	Colin Baxter	Steward	David Turnbull
Photographers	Ross Ballinger/Steve Baker	Photographers	Ross Ballinger/Steve Baker

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday 14 December

Tree of Joy – Santas' Workshop
Organizer: Brian Furrer

Saturday 7 January

Presidents New Year Lunch – Geranium Cottage
Organizer: Carol Russell

Meetings

Monday 6.30pm for 7.00pm – Springfield House – 245 New Line Road, Dural

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APOLOGIES: If you are unable to attend or are bringing a guest (even if they are your partner) you must book them in.

Phone **9439 1422** or email dturnbull@lhogroup.com.au **before 11am** on the day of the meeting.

President's Report – 28 November 2011



What a great Sunday Christmas lunch we had. The Castle Hill Country Club golf course looked magnificent and the outdoor and indoor facility that was available to us made for a perfect day.

Because of the big roll up on Sunday I was very pleasantly surprised with the 41 members and guests attending on Monday night to hear the 4 Way Speaking Competition between Hornsby Girls High and James Ruse. Partner's attendance was light on but I can understand why.

As result of quite a few enquiries from members we have decided to reintroduce the friendship dinners next year. Round 1 and 2 will occur on Sat 14th April and Sat 21st April. Stay tuned for more information. Tony Makin is coordinating.

We have our RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Award) this Thursday and Friday. Thank you to those people who volunteered to help out.

Next Monday is our AGM and Directors elections. I hope to see everyone there.

And then Monday week (12th), at great expense to the Club we have again arranged for Santa to arrive for our final meeting of the year.

This is our very special Kris Kringle night so don't forget to bring your **Partners**. At that meeting we will also be making the Rotary Blazer presentation to Caitlin Gilchrest, our excited Outbound Student to Spain

Night Report

The Sergeant rang the gong, introduced the President who welcomed the members, the partners present, the guests and the two participants in the speaking contest.

President Colin reported 55 members and guests enjoyed the Christmas lunch and then went on to thank Carol for organizing the event.

Louise told of her trip to Queensland with the Hamers. She visited the Gold Coast, Nimbin and Byron Bay and went to the Rugby 7 World Cup. She did not say what she thought of Rugby, perhaps a wise young lady?

Tim has worked hard in preparing information kits to assist the Club and its members in raising sponsorship for the Art Show. Whilst he has received some response offering help, he would like more.

Rosemary said RYDA is on this week, Thursday and Friday, and thanked those members making up the support teams for the project.

Barry, the man with the eye to the future, sought people to work the Bunning's Thornleigh BBQs on 7th January, 14th July and the 7th October 2012!

Last Saturday the BBQ at Bunning produced a profit of about \$600, a good result considering the heavy rain that fell throughout the morning.

Barry, as the Secretary, advised that next Monday is election night and we are still seeking nominations for President 2013-14 and one more member for next year's board

Clive reported wine sales were underway and asked that you get your orders in quickly, something to do with cash flow, but more importantly it's good wine.

Brian advised that the Tree of Joy evening to label and arrange distribution of the presents was on the 15th December at Turnbull's home, this corrected the earlier date in the pro forma programme.

Peter Cleary was Chairman for the evening's programme. a public speaking contest based on The Rotary "four way test". *Is it the truth, fair to all, able to build good will, and beneficial to all concerned.*

He then introduced the speakers, two young ladies from local high schools, both in year 10; the first speaker was Allison from Hornsby Girls High School, and the second Thanya from James Ruse High School at Carlingford.

Allison spoke first and developed the theme of "kids today being in cotton wool" and decried the lack of realism in dealing with the disciplines of life. She told of the reaction of today's children to limitations on their wish to do what they want; by inference but not clearly stated, the benefits of the four way test would help to address this problem.

The second speaker, Thanya, introduced the role of social media in her life and stressed its collaborative openness and benefit to relationships. She then proceeded to assess the social media against the background of disaster relief and refugee support through the four way test. Truth was essential; sending help assisted those less fortunate; communicating what was being done should build better communities, and using technology would be for all to benefit.

The Barrys, Lambert and Freeman, were the judges and awarded the contest to Thanya. Peter presented awards to both girls.

The Sergeant performed, and he did it well!

Michael Mahoney won the raffle, Tony Makin the heads and tails.

President Colin thanked the speakers, their supporters, the partners, Jill, Alison and Julie, also our guest John Fletcher, for their attendance. Next week is election night!

Night Reporter Brian Furrer

Photos from the Last Meeting



Photos from our Xmas Lunch last Sunday at Castle Hill Country Club







Yes, it really is Xmas, not Halloween!



The Tree of Joy

Brian Furrer with some of the first gifts for 2011



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Anniversaries

Birthdays

Gwen Baxter - 7 December

Humour

Quotes from well known people

If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.
Mark Twain

I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.
Winston Churchill

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul. George Bernard Shaw

A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money. G. Gordon Liddy

Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner.
James Bovard, *Civil Libertarian* (1994)

Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries.
Douglas Casey, *Classmate of Bill Clinton at Georgetown University*

Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys. P.J.
O'Rourke, *Civil Libertarian*

Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavours to live at the expense of everybody else.
Frederic Bastiat, *French economist*(1801-1850)

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts. Will
Rogers

If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free! P.J.
O'Rourke

In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give to the other.
Voltaire (1764)

Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you!
Pericles(430 B.C.)

No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session. Mark
Twain (1866)

The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other.
Ronald Reagan

Contributed by Barry Lambert

Food for Thought

"Do not let what you can't do interfere with what you can do"

John Wooden

Family of the Week Program

Louise Lastein - Denmark 2011-2012			
Week Ending Sunday	Host Family	Planned Activities	Louise with You
	Hamer		
4th DECEMBER	Hamer		
11th	Bickford		
18th	Bickford	16th - Xmas party	Gladesville
25th	Bickford		
JANUARY 2nd	Bickford		
8th	Bickford		
15th	Bickford		
22nd	Bickford		
29th	Bickford		
5th FEBRUARY	Bickford		
12th	Hamer	Welcome Home Dinner - Friday 10th	District
17th - 19th	Hamer	Kosciusko Weekend	
26th	Hamer	Umina Beach weekend (Fri- Sun)	Umina
4th MARCH	Hamer		
11th	Hamer		
16TH - 18th	Hamer	Conference - Wollongong (Fri- Sun)	Club
25th	Hamer		
1st APRIL	Gilchrist		
8th	Gilchrist		
15th	Gilchrist		
22nd	Gilchrist		
29th	Gilchrist		
6th MAY	Gilchrist		
13th May – 2nd JUNE	Gilchrist	SAFARI (13May - 2nd June)	District
	Gilchrist		
	Gilchrist		
3rd JUNE	Gilchrist		
10th	Gilchrist		
17th	Gilchrist		
24th	Gilchrist		
1st JULY	Gilchrist		
8th	Gilchrist		

		Club Programme 2011-2012	Updated 12/11/11 by RWH	
Dec-11		Family Month		
Mon	5	AGM	No	Barry Lambert
Mon	12	Christmas Meeting (Khris Kringle-gifts). X'change student blazer presentation	Yes	Social
Thurs	15	Tree of Joy- Santa's Workshop at Brian Furrer's 7.30pm	Yes	Brian Furrer
Mon	19	No Meeting		
Mon	26	No Meeting		
Jan-12		Rotary Awareness Month		
Mon	2	No Meeting (New Years Day)		
Sat	7	Presidents New Year lunch celebration at Geranium Cottage (5pm)	Yes	Carol
Mon	9	No Meeting		
Wed	11	Club Board Meeting -Cancelled		
Mon	16	Club Assembly		CMcG
Wed	18	1/5 Book Fair Meeting		TBA
Mon	23	Ken Peterson - Sydney Norwest Astronomy Group (confirmed 16/06)	Yes	Rob Hamer
Thurs	26	Australia Day - Pub Hol		
Mon	30	Barry Gobbe, first ambo on site at the Granville Bridge Train Disaster. (confirmed 18/06/2011)		Rob Hamer
Feb-12		World Understanding Month		
Mon	6	Guest Speaker David Ellyard- TV Compere - Science and Technology- Antarctica? Confirmed 18/4 RH		
Tues	7	2/5 Book Fair Meeting		
Wed	8	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at CMcG's place		CMcG
Fri	10	Ronald McDonald House Westmead. Dinner with and for the residents.	Yes	CMcG
Mon	13	Speaker - David Cook, Freelance Journalist. 4 wheel driving/caravanning in the Oz outback.	Yes	Rob Hamer
Wed	15	3/5 Book Fair Meeting		
Fri	17	Louise's Kosciusko Walk.	Yes	Graham Cuth
Sat	18	Louise's Kosciusko Walk.	Yes	Graham Cuth
Sun	19	Louise's Kosciusko Walk.	Yes	Graham Cuth
Mon	20	Nigel McDonald Cherrybrook RFS (Confirmed 24/08/11)		Rob Hamer
TUES	21	4/5 Book Fair Meeting		
Sun	26	NORDBY Retirement folks 10-5,Kokoda Memorial Walkway BBQ area (adjoining Cafe end Killoola St Concord)	Yes	Tony Makin
Mon	27	Youth Night -RYPEN, RYLA, NYSF reports	Yes	Rosemary Clarke
Tues	28	5/5 Final Book Fair Meeting		
Mar-12		Literacy Month		
Thurs	1	Moving of Books from garages and containers to Church carpark	All	
Fri	2	Book Fair (starts 12 noon, Uniting Church, NLRd, Cbrook)	All	
Sat	3	Book Fair 8-12 noon	All	Rob Hamer
Mon	5	Rex Langthorne Director Special Olympics (per jim Simpson - confirmed 20/07/11)		
Thu	8	Bowel Scan sales commence at Cherrybrook Shopping Centre (through to Friday 16)	Yes	Barry Lambert

Mon	12	Paul Jeffress from MIVAC (Mines Victims and Clearance Trust) Accepted 05/08/2011		Rob Hamer
Wed	14	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at CMcG's place		CMcG
Frid	16	District Conference- Woollongong- Go for Gold at the Gong	Yes	Rob Hamer
Sat	17	District Conference- Woollongong- Go for Gold at the Gong	Yes	
Sun	18	District Conference- Woollongong- Go for Gold at the Gong	Yes	
Mon	19	"Managing Conflict at work (and at home)". Mark Rosenburg, Balanced Curve		Rob Hamer
Sat	24	Hills Home Show BBQ Fund Raiser (Date to be confirmed)		Tony Makin
Sun	25	Hills Home Show BBQ Fund Raiser		Tony Makin
Mon	26	Miriam Jacka - Vanuatu (confirmed 18/08/2011)		CMcG

Apr-12		Magazine Month		
Mon	2	Meeting		
Mon	9	Pub Hol- Easter Mon		
Wed	11	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at CMcG's place		
Sat	14	Friendship Dinners Round 1		Tony Makin
Mon	16	Professor Nigel Hope, Orthapod at SAH - (confirmed 27/10/11)		Rob Hamer
Sat	21	Friendship Dinners Round 2		Tony Makin
Mon	23	Meeting (Anzac Day on 25th)-looking for a speaker (Possible move of meeting with Lions)		
Mon	30	Meeting- looking for speaker		
May-12		Community Month		
Wed	2	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at CMcG's place		
Mon	7	Ross Ballinger past members night- Speaker required	YES	Ross Ballinger
Wed	9	Combined Club Board Meeting at 7.30		
Mon	14	Ladies run meeting tonight+ International Night (C. Denmark) + Raffle Draw for Mothers Day	Yes	
Sun	20	Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal (date confirmed with Major Colin Maxwell email 30/5/11)		Tony Makin
Mon	21	Meeting- looking for speaker		
Sat	26	Weekend away- highlight of the year	Yes	Carol/Prue/Mike
Sun	27	Weekend away- highlight of the year	Yes	Carol/Prue/Mike
Mon	28	Vocational Awards -Pride of Workmanship (PC)	Yes	Pete Cleary
Jun-12		Rotary Fellowship Month		
Mon	4	Final Presentation by Exchange Student	Yes	Rosemary Clarke
Mon	11	Pub Hol- Queens Birthday		
Wed	13	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at CMcG's place		CMcG residence
Mon	18	Meeting- looking for speaker	Yes	
Mon	25	Youth - Art Competition Prizegiving ; RYPEN	Yes	Rosemary Clarke
Fri	29	Club Changeover Dinner- Epping Club- all members - suit/black tie	Yes	CM/RH
Mon	2 Jly	No Meeting (on first meeting Day after Changeover)		

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