

# The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

## Club Bulletin

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Didgeridoo, History, Making and Playing

**Monday 12 September 2011**

Youth Debate – (Partner's night)

### Duty Roster

This Week 05 September 2011		Next Meeting – 12 September 2011	
<b>Chairman</b>	Graham Evans	<b>Chairman</b>	Rosemary Clarke
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### Upcoming Events

12 September 2011 <b>Youth Debate</b> Organiser: Rosemary Clarke	24/25 September 2011 <b>Garage Sale – At Cherrybrook Fire Station</b> <b>Garage Sale Dinner – Bivianos Restaurant</b> (Evening of 24 <sup>th</sup> )
Sat 15th Oct <b>Wesley Dalmar Centenary BBQ</b> <b>Redeemer School, Nth Parramatta</b>	18 October 2011 <b>Golf Day and Dinner – Oatlands</b> Organiser: Tim Bowland
Sat 22nd Oct <b>Chinese Lantern BBQ</b> <b>Cherrybrook</b>	30th October 2011 <b>Porsche BBQ</b> <b>The Armoury, Newington</b>

### Meetings

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

<http://www.wphcrotary.org>

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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](mailto:dturnbull@lhogroup.com.au) **before 11am** on the day of the meeting.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT – 29 August 2011



We had a very interesting talk on Foster Care from our guest speaker from Wesley Dalmar who stepped into the breach at the last minute for our Partners night. The complexity of issues that come up for the social worker involved in managing and supervising these placements made one realise that the anti social behaviours of some young children are certainly not of their own making. The number of questions received indicated it was an informative and appreciated session. Out of it came the revelation that the Bickford's had looked after 17 foster babies! Tim's emotion when he told us about it showed you how much he loved them. Wow! That just demonstrates what we are on about in the paragraph below

As a result of us all having a bit of guilt about not knowing enough about Graeme Yates and how sick he was there is a realisation that we would all like to know a little more about each other and we need to facilitate that some way without being intrusive. On Monday night I introduced a

"Getting to know You a little better" session. The crash test dummy for this experiment was Channa (unknown to him beforehand). It was very enlightening and you can read Channa's little introduction to his family in this Bulletin. All members were vocally enthusiastic in their support of doing it again, so I will do it every 2-3 weeks, picking someone at random. Thank you Channa for being the guinea pig.

In the same vein we are looking at putting on a St John's ambulance resuscitation course for members and partners. Col Baxter has done some scoping on it and we will see who is interested in doing it probably on a Sat morning after the September and October Rotary busy period passes.

Next week our guest speaker will be on the Didgeridoo, it's history, making and playing.

## NIGHT REPORT – 29 August 2011

President Colin welcomed the guest speaker, Marcie McGowan, and thanked those partners who were present for coming to the meeting. He also welcomed Steve Baker back to the Club in his new role of retiree; Steve retired from Westpac last Friday.

Louise recounted another very full week; at school as the audience for Year 12 drama presentations then spending a weekend in Victoria. Firstly to Bells Beach and Point Lonsdale then to that historic AFL match where the Swans beat Geelong at Geelong. She wore her Swans cap with pride!

As a host parent for Louise, Rosemary told the meeting that Louise would have the next two weeks free from school as it was exam time and she did not have to sit for the exams. Therefore any member with interesting things on their program in these two weeks was encouraged to include Louise in their plans. Rosemary also advised that the youth debate would be on at the meeting in two weeks time and she would appreciate volunteers to be adjudicators. Larry is already nominated but two more are sought, please let her know if you will do the job.

Tim Bowland updated progress on the garage sale.

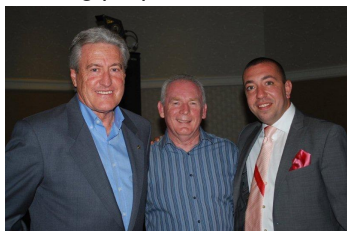
- He put up 7 banners on the weekend and already the phone calls have started.
- The advertising flyers are now available for distribution, he asked all members to take a map and a bundle of flyers to distribute.

- The Club's mobile phone is now active and receiving calls.
- Help is needed in collecting, please respond to his email offering your help.

Later in the meeting David reinforced Tim's words by telling how important the flyers were to the success of the Sale and showing a "monster schedule" for people to volunteer and fill in the time they could contribute.

Rob Hamer appealed for singers to help Sandy at the ARV, 1.30pm on the Tuesday 6 September; Sandy said she is desperate, even if we sing like we did later in the anthem (editor).

Clive reported four members went out to DIK and did a great job organizing the scrap metal. This year's wine sale is in the development phase, a great new New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc will be on offer along with another two fine wines from Margan in the Hunter. Special labels are being prepared.



Tony Makin reported that the Spring Dance was a Great night. 120 people attended and the finances finished a little over \$300.00 in front. The success was founded on hard work by a few, and two people who invited substantial numbers of guests.

President Colin then addressed the meeting on the subject of how well we, as Club members, reached out in friendship toward each other. He suggested an initiative "getting to know you a little better", where randomly he would ask a member to address the Club on the subjects of his or her family, their spouse and family and their children. The meeting welcomed the idea.



Striking whilst "the iron was hot", Colin invited Channa Jayasuriya to be the first to tell his story, and in the spirit of the initiative, although somewhat surprised, he did just that, well done Channa!

### Getting to know You a little better

- 1 Tell us about you and your wife's **parents**- (still living, where lived, occupation etc)  
Channa told us that his wife, Amala, has her parents still living in Sri Lanka,
- 2 Tell us about you and your wife **brothers and sisters** (eg how many, where do they live, what do they do etc) - **1/2 minute**  
Amala's sister who is a chartered accountant also still lives in Sri Lanka. However her brother, a computer genius, is with her in Australia and lives at Castle Hill.
- 3 Tell us about your **children** (ie number ages, school/ work, married, occupation) - **1 minute**  
Amala and Channa have two children, a boy and a girl, the older at CTHS and the younger at Oakhill PS.
- 4 Tell us about your **wife**- (eg where she was born, how and where you met, if she has any brothers and sisters, and what do they do, does she still work,)- **1 minute**  
Always a banker, Channa met his wife at the bank where she also worked. Today Amala is a doctor.
- 5 Tell us about **yourself** , where you were born, where you went to school , where you have worked and what are your interests outside Rotary– **1 minute**  
The family came to Australia six years ago and recently bought a new house here in Cherrybrook.
- 6 Give us a **smile or** tell us a **short joke** – **1/2 minute**



Channa being interviewed by President Colin



Our Guest Speaker, Marcie McGowan

#### The Guest Speaker:

Peter Cleary introduced Marcie McGowan tonight's guest speaker. Marcie is a psychology graduate working at Wesley Dalmar, part of Wesley Mission, training carers for the foster care program. Marcie has been doing this work for 5 years.

Marcie said she would tell us what foster care is about, but firstly gave an historical oversight to the organisation. In 1894 Dalmar commenced this story of caring for children by starting a home for "waifs and strays", which moved to the Carlingford site as it grew in numbers and required new premises. In 1962 the "out of home" care initiated formal foster care and today there are 230 children, ranging in age from 0 to 18 years, in the Dalmar program.

Using a typical case as an example Marcie gave details of the circumstances which may lead to removal of a child from his or her birth parent. Often the child is dirty and unkempt, aggressive and poorly socially adjusted; whilst mother commonly meets one or more of the following, being drunk, on drugs, mentally unwell (e.g. bipolar) or out of the house; with the child's brother or sister fathered by different men. Programs are available to help correct these negative conditions and get the family back to being able to care for their children.

Previously DOCS but now Department of Family and Community Services, DFACS, is the only organisation allowed to seek removal of children from their parent, there is an intensive set of reference items involved. Only the court can make a permanent placement.

Wesley Dalmar is funded to train foster care people who then wait for a child to be placed. The situation is tightly monitored, and child and carer are matched. Placements are made on a crisis or emergency, short term or longer term basis. Wesley Dalmar can provide accommodation for both foster carers and children; currently 3 major homes provide about 240 beds with a fourth, at Richmond to open soon.

Marcie told of the significant psychological stress on the child in placement who often feels "out of place", wonders about their other siblings and is not accustomed to a particular culture or dietary theme. Kids can't just forget the past and "move on" and some well fed and well looked after kids in care, do not feel gratitude. Policy holds that continued contact with the birth family is maintained, somewhat arguably even when the placement is permanent.

In concluding, Marcie stressed that there are many complex reasons for child abuse, it is not only bad people who do it; respect for the parent needs to be maintained.

In answering question she identified new-borns as the most common age for child placement. Teenagers are the least in number, failures are more numerous, and for this reason they are often given residential care. Asked what motivates foster carers to do this work, Marcie emphatically rejected the idea of monetary reward; saying that she believed it to be equally shared between those who wished to have children but could not do so and those who have had their own kids and are willing to give back to the less fortunate.

In giving the vote of thanks, Tim Bickford shared with the meeting that Sharon and he had been foster parents on a short term and emergency basis for 17 children. With emotion he stressed the value to society of Wesley Dalmar and its people. Thank you Marcie

The Sergeant's time: Tim Bowland won the raffle, John Russell the heads and tails.

Peter Cleary's birthday was today, he was fined for Julie taking him to dinner at Rotary but ecstatic when the sergeant advised they, "as lovers, should take frequent vacations together!"

In conclusion, President Colin,

- Thanked those partners in attendance for coming.
- Announced Peter Kirkwood, a didgeridoo player and maker would be next week's guest speaker.
- Said Mark Doran is home from hospital and would welcome a phone call.
- And John Russell is listed for surgery on the 13th

A good night all round.

**Night reporter Brian**

## \*\*\*\*\*The Garage Sale – 24/25 September\*\*\*\*\* Cake and Plant Stalls

Please, please, please - This is our major fund raising activity for the year. There will be a **cake stall** and a **plant stall** at the Garage Sale. Can you please assist by bringing along some of your amazing baking - cakes, slices, biscuits, etc. If you don't have time to bake, you may donate purchased items. And for all you propagators out there please bring along plants in pots to sell. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

### A Note from Honey Yeates

Thank you very much for forwarding on the bulletin. That was very thoughtful of you. I have been overwhelmed with kindness and the beautiful perfume in my house seems like spring has arrived.

At the funeral Honey asked for a donation to Rotary International in lieu of flowers.

### A Request from Sandy Burrage



**Tuesday 6 September, 1:30 – 4:00pm, Mowll Village** (Anglican Retirement Villages) is holding a concert called ARV's Got Talent. This is for the residents. Unfortunately Flinders Village, where Sandy Works has very little talent due to dementia, but it is important to be part of it all. So... she needs help to sing a parody on "These are a few of my favourite things". This has already been done by the Rotariannes and their help, plus any males available would be gratefully received. WE ARE DESPERATE!! Details as follows:

Meet at Dover Hall, St James Chapel at ARV at 1:30pm on Tuesday 6 September. If you can help, please email Sandy, [sandyburrage@hotmail.com](mailto:sandyburrage@hotmail.com)



### Trivia

On a 30 August, 2008, this song was released. Who wrote and sang this song? What is the song title?

*"I took my baby to the doctor  
With a fever, but nothing he found  
By the time this hit the street  
They said she had a breakdown"*

*Answer on back page of bulletin*



## Some Photos from the Spring Dance



She thinks she is dancing with Andre Rieu

Visiting from the Blue Mountains

Does this look like a retired man to you?

## Family of the Week Program

Louise Lastein - Denmark 2011-2012			
Week Ending Sunday	Host Family	Planned Activities	Louise with You
7th AUGUST	Clarke	Friday night dinner / Sat- Inbounds briefing.	Davison / District
14th	Clarke		
21st	Clarke	Welcome BBQ- Sunday	Glenhaven Club
28th	Clarke	Trip to Geelong- whole weekend	Clarke
4th SEPTEMBER	Clarke		
11th	Clarke		
18th	Clarke		
25th	Clarke		
1-3 OCTOBER	Clarke	With McGowan's at Copa - Copacabana 	McGowans
9th	Clarke		
16th	Clarke	Camping and Surf awareness training.- Fri-Sun	District Committee

23 <sup>rd</sup>	Clarke		
30 <sup>th</sup>	Hamer		
6th NOVEMBER	Hamer		
13 <sup>th</sup>	Hamer		
19 <sup>th</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup>	Hamer Hamer	Janet and Rob taking Louise to the Gold Coast to watch the Rugby World 7's	Hamers
4th DECEMBER	Hamer		
11 <sup>th</sup>	Bickford		
18 <sup>th</sup>	Bickford	16th - Xmas party	Gladesville Club
25 <sup>th</sup>	Bickford		
JANUARY 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bickford		
8 <sup>th</sup>	Bickford		
15 <sup>th</sup>	Bickford		
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bickford		
29 <sup>th</sup>	Bickford		
5 <sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY	Bickford		
12 <sup>th</sup>	Hamer	Welcome Home Dinner - Friday 10th	District Committee
19 <sup>th</sup>	Hamer		
26 <sup>th</sup>	Hamer	Umina Beach weekend (Fri- Sun)	Umina Beach Club
4 <sup>th</sup> MARCH	Hamer		
11 <sup>th</sup>	Hamer		
16 <sup>TH</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup>	Hamer	Conference - Wollongong (Fri- Sun)	Club
25 <sup>th</sup>	Hamer		
1 <sup>st</sup> APRIL	Gilchrist		
8 <sup>th</sup>	Gilchrist		
15 <sup>th</sup>	Gilchrist		
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Gilchrist		
29 <sup>th</sup>	Gilchrist		
6 <sup>th</sup> MAY	Gilchrist		
13 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> JUNE	Gilchrist Gilchrist Gilchrist	SAFARI (13May - 2nd June)	District Committee
3 <sup>rd</sup> JUNE	Gilchrist		
10 <sup>th</sup>	Gilchrist		
17 <sup>th</sup>	Gilchrist		
24 <sup>th</sup>	Gilchrist		
1 <sup>st</sup> JULY	Gilchrist		
8 <sup>th</sup>	Gilchrist		

## Birthdays



Dick Bushell, 02 September  
Miriam Jacka, 05 September  
Sharon Bickford, 10 September

## Anniversaries



Clive and Jenny Denmark 31 August

## Get Well Wishes

Best wishes to Mark Doran for a speedy recovery after his recent



surgery.

		Club Program 2011-2012			
Sep-11		New Generations Month			
Mon	5	Guest Speaker- Didgeridoo, history, making and playing. Speaker confirmed.			CMcG
Mon	12	Youth Debate		<b>Partners</b>	Rosemary Colin McG resid
Wed	14	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30			
Sat	17	8am BBQ Bfast at Guide Hall then grounds clean up before Garage Sale next weekend+ Sorting books etc		<b>Yes</b>	
Mon	19	Membership Night -Ross Pearce District Membership Director			Carol Russell
Fri	23	Garage Sale- Move Items to Fire Stn		<b>All</b>	
Sat	24	Garage Sale- at Fire Station		<b>All</b>	
Sat	25	Garage Sale-Dinner at Biviano's Italian Restaurant (New Line Rd Dural)		<b>All</b>	G Evans
Sun	25	Garage Sale- at Fire Station		<b>Yes</b>	
Mon	26	No Meeting after Garage Sale weekend			
Oct-11		Vocational Service Month			
Mon	3	No Meeting - Labour Day Pub Hol			
Sun	9	Hawkesbury Race Meeting- Food and Wine Festival		<b>Yes</b>	CW/CR
Mon	10	Speaker Andrew Howard, Howard & Sons Pyrotechnics			Rob Hamer



Wed	12	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at CMcG's place		
Sat	15	Wesley Dalmar Centenary BBQ	<b>Yes</b>	Tony Makin
Mon	17	No Meeting- See Tuesday Night		
Tues	18	Dinner at Oatlands Golf Club with guests and Hunters Hill Rty Club following Golf Day		Tim Bowland
Sat	22	Chinese Lantern Festival. Date confirmed		Tom Westcott
Mon	24	Guest Speaker, Christopher Snelling "Powerhouse Discovery Centre , C Hill. Confirmed		CMcG
Sun	30	Porsche Car Club at the Amory Homebush. BBQ and Coffee. Date to be confirmed		Tim Bickford
Mon	31	Melbourne Cup Night (Finger Food and Cocktail Party)	<b>Yes</b>	Social
<b>Nov-11</b>		<b>Rotary Foundation Month</b>		
Mon	7	Youth Night and Exchange Student Presentation	<b>Yes</b>	Rosemary Clarke
Wed	9	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at CMcG's place		CMcG
Sat	12	Warrah Working Bee proposed Sat am (or some other Community Service event)?		Tony Makin
Mon	14	Dominic Perrottet State Member for Castle Hill		Rob Hamer
Sat	19	Dinner Theatre ("Move over Mrs Markham") - Pavilion Theatre C Hill. (tbc)		Carol/Prue
Mon	21	Guest Speaker David Chambers, Regional Controller SES. Confirmed 7/4/11		CMcG
Sat	26	BBQ Bunnings Dural		Barry
Sun	27	Christmas lunch - Castle Hill Country Club (confirmed)	<b>Yes</b>	Social
Mon	28	Schools Four Way Speaking Competition (3 speakers /school- 4 Way Speaking Test)	<b>Yes</b>	Pete Cleary
Sat	26	BBQ Dural		Barry
Sun	27	Christmas lunch - Castle Hill Country Club (confirmed)	<b>Yes</b>	Social
Mon	28	Schools Four Way Speaking Competition (3 speakers /school- 4 Way Speaking Test)	<b>Yes</b>	Pete Cleary
<b>Dec-11</b>		<b>Family Month</b>		
Mon	5	AGM	<b>No</b>	Barry Lambert
Wed	7	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at CMcG's place (1 week early)		CMcG
Mon	12	Christmas Meeting (Kris Kringle-gifts'). X'change student blazer presentation?	<b>Yes</b>	Social
Wed	14	Tree of Joy- Santa's Workshop at Turnbolls	<b>Yes</b>	Brian Furrer
Mon	19	No Meeting		
Mon	26	No Meeting		

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