



The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

Club Bulletin

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Monday 12 December – last for the year
Xmas Meeting with 'Kris Kringle' Gifts

Monday 16 January
1st Meeting of 2012

Monday 23 January
Guest Speaker Ken Peterson - Sydney Norwest Astronomy Group
Organizer: Colin McGowan

Duty Roster

Next Meeting Monday 5 December 2011		Following Meeting – 16 January	
Chairman	Santa Claus	Chairman	Larry Jacka
Night Reporter	Sandy Burrage	Night Reporter	Douglas Lam
Front Desk	Carol Russell	Front Desk	Howard Fleming
Front Desk	Michael Moroney	Front Desk	Michael Moroney
Steward	Barry Freeman	Steward	Rob Wansbrough
Steward	David Turnbull	Steward	Stan Baseley
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
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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 **before 11am** on the day of the meeting.

President's Report – 5 December 2011



Last Monday's AGM was our second last Meeting of the year and was one of our better turnouts, even slightly more than last year's AGM.

Congratulations to the Officers and Directors Elect who were successful in the 2012-13 Board elections namely, Bob Davison (President Elect position confirmed), Barry Lambert -Secretary, Rob Hamer -Treasurer and Directors, Rosemary Clarke, Peter Cleary, Carol Russell, Larry Jacka and Doug Lam. A Director and a President Elect position is still vacant.

Thank you also to Prue Daras for accepting the position of Social Committee chairperson for the remainder of my Presidency. Previously this role was being shared amongst a few people and this appointment provides better focus to it.

I understand there have been a number of members who have also stepped up and offered to assist Prue. That's fantastic. Thank you. The more the merrier.

I have asked our Club Services Director Rob Hamer to investigate the rescheduling of the Club Assembly on 16th January to a time outside the school holidays as suggested last Monday night.

There are some pretty important Club protocol/practice matters that we need to address and change if Club members wish to. I refer to the inclusion/exclusion of saying Rotary Grace, Loyal Toast and the National Anthem. Some Clubs have decided to replace them with something else and some others have decided not to change anything. I will get something more specific to members prior to the Assembly meeting. If members have any other matters they wish discussed please let me know.

Next Monday night is our 'Kris Kringle' night. I have it on good authority that Santa will call in some time during the night. Santa and his elf have a lot of toys to carry and he asks if you and your partner could help by bringing two wrapped gifts (around \$10 each) to put in the boys and girls sack please.

PS Don't forget to advise if your partner is attending.

Night Report

President Colin opened the meeting and commented that we had a good role up for the AGM.

Tim Boland noted that present were needed for the Santa Sack and the Rotary Club of Carlingford were holding the annual dinner for returning exchange students on 10th February 2012.

Volunteers are needed to ring around for sponsors to support our Art Show, Barry Lambert has scored \$100 from the local butcher and the Doc has organised great publicity from the Hills Shire Times – well done.

Clive Denmark put in his plug for the wine sales and is promoting next year's book fair. It is now our second biggest fund raiser following last year's success which was due largely to the efforts of the Bolands and Lamberts.

This year's committee is made up of Clive, Tony Makin and Jim Simpson, they are looking for volunteers and places for book drop off points and intend to plagiarise the Garage Sale phone idea. The Book Fair is scheduled for 2nd & 3rd March.

President Colin then handed over the meeting to Keith Ball for the Annual General Meeting.

The Club ratified the selection of Bob Davison as President Elect. The position of President Elect for next year is vacant and Barry Lambert is continuing as Club Secretary and Rob Hamer is taking on the Treasurers role with Carol Russell continuing until the end of the current year.

There is one Directors position vacant, the other positions being automatically elected. The Accounts for last year had been circulated with the bulletin, while we had a good year with our fund raising a loss was incurred because of the timing of the payments made from the insurance monies received. The accounts were accepted.

The AGM was closed and President Colin noted that the Club Assembly was scheduled for 16th January. Past President Brian Furrer asked if we would be discussing the issue of the Grace, Loyal Toast and National Anthem, as mentioned above in President Colin's report. As a lot of members would still be away on leave it was suggested that the meeting be delayed and President Colin will see if that is possible.

Past President Brian noted that the tree of Joy was not going as well as he had hoped and asked people to take some tickets – don't forget the parcel wrapping at David and Jill's house.

Sergeant Jim finished the meeting with his parapsydokian and fine session. PP Ross won the raffle and PP Brian H&T – and the meeting was closed with the national anthem.

Night Reporter Graham Cuthbertson

RYDA

Stopping Distance Demonstrations at RYDA



Some of the Practical Part of the Course



Book Fair – March 2012

This year's Book Sale is to be held on Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd March 2012

- This event is critical for the club's fundraising in the second half of the year
- Last year's Book sale was our first. It was well planned, it involved a lot of hard work and it was financially successful, raising some \$8000+ net, thus making it the clubs second largest fundraiser after the Garage sale.
- The Lamberts & the Bowlands who were the driving force behind the sale last year have indicated they'd like other members to run it this year. Other members made valuable contributions and we'd like to encourage them to get involved again.
- Tony Makin & myself have agreed to organise it but we need lots of help & support.

Our Basic Strategy

- We have met with the Bowlands & the Lamberts & agreed broadly on what needs to be done & by when. We agreed on areas which can be improved & will be working to try to come up with ways to achieve those improvements. We will be looking for ways of adding value to try to increase the funds raised.
- Our club programme already has an indicative time table that notes a meeting in mid January & weekly meetings in February – this have been accepted as the basic structure, although individual dates may be altered closer to the time.
- We agreed that signage (9 banners) needs to be put up in mid January & that we will man the club's "garage sale phone" from then till the week of the sale.
- It was agreed that the setting up of drop off points across the likely areas of calls worked reasonably well last year & should be expanded if possible

- e.g. my house in Castle Hill was a nominated drop off house. Callers from the Castle Hill area were asked first if they could drop off books at my house. If they were unable to do so their address was taken & given to me & I picked them up. I did a first cull of books, discarding those in categories or condition that were not acceptable & put them straight in my recycling bin. I put reasonable books in fruit boxes and delivered them to a main sorting point when asked.
- We also need to identify members or places where we can do large scale sorting into categories & pull out near new books for special sorting/ pricing
- We have booked the Church garage that we used last year for the sale and have extended the period of access from Monday 27th February to Saturday March 3rd
- We propose to have a preliminary meeting after Mondays meeting (5th December) to elicit offers to get involved & will follow up with e-mails to all members , including those not present at Mondays meeting

We are especially keen to identify members (& especially newer members) who are keen to participate in the planning or who are willing to commit to being drop offs point (both in our heartland of Cherrybrook / West Pennant Hills and in more outlying areas) or willing to volunteer as sorters (this will involve a fair amount of time and commitment, some interest in & knowledge about at least some types of books would be a definite plus)

From Clive Denmark

Humour

Hellooooooooooooo

Disneyland:

Two blondes were going to Disneyland. They were driving on the Interstate when they saw the sign that said Disneyland LEFT.

They started crying and turned around and went home.

Florida or the Moon:

Two blondes living in Oklahoma were sitting on a bench talking, and one blonde says to the other, 'Which do you think is farther away... Florida or the Moon?' The other blonde turns and says 'Hellooooooooooooo, can you see Florida????'

In a Vacuum:

A blonde was playing Trivial Pursuit one night... It was her turn.

She rolled the dice and she landed on Science & Nature. Her question was, 'If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?'

She thought for a time and then asked, 'Is it on or off?'

And, arguably the joke of all blonde jokes:

Food for Thought

Slovenian proverb - 'Speak the truth but leave immediately after'

Sergeant Jim Simpson's 'Paraprosdokian'

'Trains stop at train stations, buses stop at bus stations. On my desk I have a work station'

Family of the Week Program

Louise Lastein - Denmark 2011-2012			
Week Ending Sunday	Host Family	Planned Activities	Louise with You
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 Programe 2011-2012			
Dec-11		Family Month			
Mon	12	Christmas Meeting (Khris Kringle-gifts). X'change student blazer presentation		Yes	Social
Thurs	15	Tree of Joy- Santa's Workshop at David Turnbolls place 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	Meeting. Club (Assembly being rescheduled to a later date)			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- Wollongong- Go for Gold at the Gong		Yes	Rob Hamer
Sat	17	District Conference- Wollongong- Go for Gold at the Gong		Yes	
Sun	18	District Conference- Wollongong- 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)		

Directors 2011-12**Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook**

President	Colin McGowan	0438 810 773
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Membership and President Elect	Bob Davison	0413 008 574
Club Services Director	Rob Hamer	0400 335 091
Youth Services Director	Rosemary Clarke	0439 819 965
Community Services Director	Tony Makin	0411 248 865
International Director	Clive Denmark	0400 425 210
Vocational Director	Peter Cleary	0419 499 827
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