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The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Club Bulletin

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What's on tonight Monday 13 October 2008

Meeting at Ronald McDonald House (BBQ and wine tasting)

(Partners)

Next meeting – Monday 20 October 2008

DG Tony Castley visiting Club and Induction

Job talk – Tony Makin

Duty Roster

| This week – Monday 13 October 2008 | | Next meeting – Monday 20 October 2008 | |
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| Chairman | Tom Westcott | Chairman | Tim Bowland |
| Night Reporter | Dick Bushell | Night Reporter | Graham Evans |
| Front Desk | Carol Russell | Front Desk | Howard Fleming |
| Front Desk | | Front Desk | Barry Freeman |
| Early Helpers | Volunteers | Steward | Peter Garnett |
| Early Helpers | Volunteers | Steward | Larry Jacka |

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From the President's Pen



Well what success we are having with our fund raising activities!!! We are well on the way to meeting our targeted budget. Thanks to all the members and partners who are putting in such a great effort. The Spring Dance and the Garage

sale have raised record earnings outstripping our planned income. The Trailer Raffle is going well thanks to Bob who is managing it very well. The activities are also creating a lot of camaraderie amongst us all.

We have had a club assembly where Tim Bickford did a debrief session that collected lots of good feedback that can be used to refine our approach for next time. This year we attempted to make the garage sale more of a community event by adding a bouncing castle, although not well utilized I did notice a couple of Dad's turning up on Sunday with their kids and were

Meetings

Monday 6.30pm for 7.00pm – Springfield House – 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 before 11am** on the day of the meeting.

disappointed that it was not there, so I think there is a huge scope to change the nature of the event to have a broader appeal to the community.

Congratulations again to everyone involved. The planning that I have seen going into what we are doing is reaping results and will put us in a stronger position for next years repeat.

We now have to focus on the activities we have planned prior to Xmas and get prepared for those activities we are planning for the new year.

Our next meeting is at Ronald McDonald House, Westmead and the week after DG Tony Casterley will be visiting us.

This weeks thought.

"Lazy men are soon poor" Proverb.

At our last meeting - Monday 30 September

Pres. Tim opened the meeting by welcoming Rob Hamer (potential member) as well as Barry and Douglas, who have both been away. He then exclaimed what a big weekend we have had with the garage sale being a huge success, topping \$17,000 gross. A warm thank you to Clive for getting rid of the afters (and there were lots!), Ros for providing credit card facilities, and especially to David and Jill for a huge effort, not just over the weekend, but in the months leading up to the sale. A thank you to the garage sale committee and all the members who were involved to make the weekend a huge success.

Two items in the club mail that members may be interested in (refer to Tim for more details):

- Forsight Foundation invitation to a 30th birthday celebration on 24th October
- 50th anniversary of Inala School on 2nd November

Tim Bickford then requested club feedback on the garage sale weekend, inviting members to fill in their thoughts on post-it-notes in the following categories: What worked / What didn't work / What still puzzles me. By the end of the meeting there were about 40-50 post-its, so we can expect some feedback at the next meeting. Recall that Tim is documenting the garage sale process, and this will be incorporated.

Then David read out the apologies. But "some are here!" (ed: they are the ones who really should apologise ☺).

Then David started "I'm stuffed! What a big weekend – everyone got involved. It was a great social activity and a good interaction with the public" (ed: how come Ross didn't ask "how many potential members", like he does of me?). There were some 200 requests for collections rung in, and each requires several phone calls to coordinate and organise pickups.... A lot of work behind the scenes. The containers worked well, thanks to Binet Homes and Abergeldie. We had more gear this year and it was set out better. The toy stall worked well and meant the hall was less cluttered. We were lucky with the weather. It was a lot of work "and I enjoyed it"... the results were great... we could clear \$15k. Sunday (although quiet) is worthwhile – every item sold is more \$\$s, and less to scrap.

Tim Bickford gave an update on fundraising: YTD we have collected \$25,128 against a target of \$33,900 (i.e. we are 74% of target just 3 months into the year).

The garage sale is well ahead of target, as was the Spring Dance. BBQs is about 75% of target and trailer raffle about on track. Tim acknowledged that at the garage sale the BBQ fed the troops and still made a profit – well done!

Bob Davison gave his trailer raffle update, and stated that it was important that the sales went ahead in parallel with the garage sale. We sold \$881 of tickets, and there was general agreement.

Cawas suggested that we need to be on the lookout for prospective members of the following vocations: Real Estate Agents and Pharmacist. – because they are generally community oriented. He also has several prospective new members (which will help to bring our average age down)

Clive gave a brief Youth update. We are looking for Ryla candidates – Tim has a candidate (from Woolworths)

Tom gave a rundown of our 13th October meeting at Ronald McDonald House. He will email out to get accurate attendance numbers, and provide more details. He needs a few volunteers to get there about 4pm to help set-up. It is a "normal" club night – 6:30 for 7pm. \$28 per member/partner (yes – it is a partners night). There will be wine tasting... it will be a fun night.

Barry Freeman gave an update job talk. He started off by saying he will give a perspective of lessons learnt / being learnt. Barry has started a company (with 2 partners) called Training IT Professionals. Its all about what comprises the internet: wires, switches, lots of little boxes... WAN, accelerators and stuff. The training is aimed at engineers (he called them a pack of WAN-kers, I assume that's the term for internet engineers), to train them how to make the stuff work.... really well. Barry prepared a business plan based on 700 students pa, ave 16 per course. Based on these conservative numbers, the financials were a goer... and Barry and his partners have sunk... er... invested significantly in the business start-up. One of his partners recently attended a course in Phuket where he learned to expect an average of 6.4 students per course.... Now the business plan looks like crap! But he has already built a computer lab (with servers, switches, a "Billion" - now that sounds expensive - etc etc).. Barry has committed to Joanie that if this venture fails he'll sell the Cobra. Oops.. need a fold away screen and keyboard.. another grand gone. Got to rejig the business plan, got to get the student numbers up. "Do I really need this at this time of life?... absolutely ..its the challenge ...we'll make it work."

Moral: don't trust just anyone - do your own homework.

Tom then discussed the BBQ trailer Kenthurst. It's a 7x5 with fully extending drawer and wired with many GPOs. They want \$500, and we need to spend about \$1,000 adding fridges, redoing the BBQ setup, coffee machine, adding shade. He doesn't think it will meet health regulations, which soon become more stringent. We need a BBQ trailer committee to manage it, and somewhere to house it (can store it at Tom's factory, if no other option). Then discussion about where we could use it: garage sale, Castle Hill produce market etc. A decision was made to purchase the trailer before it is sold from under us. It then needs to be registered. If BBQs isn't a goer, the worst case is we use it for next years trailer raffle - with some modifications to make it suit (Tom said he could do this).

Peter Garnett said that he has sufficient numbers for Goulburn trip in November: 39 have paid, and a total of 44 have said they will go (the bus takes max 48).

He also advised that the Xmas lunch is on Sun 30th Nov, about 15 mins drive away. Looking for numbers, about 10% indicated they will be away, so he expects the majority (up to 90%) will be able to attend, and will proceed with organising the lunch.

Barry Lambert advised that Bowel Scan will be in March09. We need to roster over 15 day period - it will be added to the program.

Graham Cuthbertson has reserved accommodation for the 12-15th March09 district conference in Newcastle - expect \$120 per night per room.

Barry Freeman will produce letters of thanks to contributors to the Spring Dance
Pater Garnett will produce thank you letters for the garage sale. Please email them with details of who needs to be thanked that you are aware of.

Colin McGowan will produce a list of financial donors that we can mail out to next year.

The lucky door prize was won by Rob Hamer... unfortunately there was no wine.

Then the fines session recognised a lot of events at the garage sale, such as Cawas forcibly ejecting a dealer (he should have called on Prue for assistance...why? Cawas did a great job), and Carol disappearing on Sunday... sometime after she had collected all the takings....

Heads and Tails was won by Peter Cleary.... But still no wine.

Don't forget: no meeting next Mon 6th Oct (public holiday), and the next one on Mon 13th Oct is at Ronald McDonald House.

Night reporter - Bob Davison

Garage Sale Wrap-up

Have you ever seen a Garage Sale of such Gigantic Proportions!!! This being my first time, I must say I was a little daunted on Saturday morning at 6am when confronted with that huge pile of "stuff" which needed to be moved - by us!!!! Don't you have staff, or husbands/sons to do those things???

Anyway early in the day it became obvious that people wanted to know just how well their Store had performed over the two days so here are the figures from each department as best I could determine.

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|------------------------------------|---------|
| Kitchen Ware/ Home appliances | \$2,720 |
| Clothing | \$732 |
| Toys/Games/Soft toys | \$807 |
| Books | \$2,845 |
| Haberdashery/Softfurnishings | \$624 |
| Cakes | \$502 |
| Furniture/sporting goods/gardening | |
| Baby Goods/Electrical | \$6,580 |
| The BBQ | \$535 |

Donations
(\$500 + Coin from Kitchenware) \$581

Olive Turnbull's Raffle \$60

The Piano \$1,000

There was a small amount of additional money which came in late (something do do with "conscious" they said, so that will be added to the final score, and there will be a few expenses to be accounted for.

Well done everyone, a great team effort, and a wonderful time to get to know our fellow Rotarians a little better. Now let me sit down at my desk and rest these weary bones and muscles!!!

Carol Russell.
30.9.08



Birthdays, Anniversaries and Births



Anniversaries

17 October – Ros & Dick Bushell



Birthdays

14 October - Brian Furrer
15 October – Colin McGowen



Births

Congratulations to Diane and Colin Wright on the arrival of their first grandchild.



Up-coming job talks

Tony Makin This is new in My Business Rescheduled to 20 October

Pru Daras This is Me and My Business Oct 27

Gino Savio This is Me and My Business Nov 10 up

Trailer Raffle Roster

Trailer Raffle

Sales for the Garage Sale weekend were \$881.45 at Cherrybrook Shops.

This is an excellent figure, and thanks to Stan, Carol, Tom, Pierre, Jim, Bev and myself. Tom especially for organising "free" coffee vouchers for \$10 sales....which will cost us about \$40. Total sales to date are \$7,278 which is about 84% of progressive target. We now need members to start returning the books they took to sell, hopefully sold.

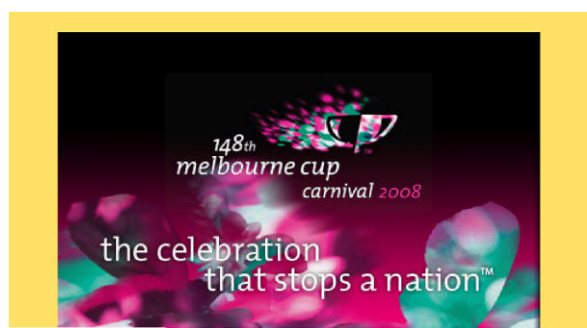
As at 1 October 2008

| DATE | Venue | Session 1 | Session 2 |
|---------------|---------------------------|---|--|
| 4-Oct | Pennant Hills Marketplace | Colin Baxter, Peter Cleary | David Turnbull, Cawas Sahukar (from 12:30) |
| 5-Oct | Flowerpower Glenhaven | Tim Bickford, Rob Hamer | |
| 11-Oct | Parklea Markets | Prue Daras, Alan Paynter | Carol Russell, Barry Lambert |
| 12-Oct | Carlingford Court | Carol Russell, Prue Daras | |
| 18-Oct | Castle Mall | Steve Baker, Tom Westcott | Clive Denmark |
| 19-Oct | Dural Mall Roundcorner | Graham Evans, Colin Wright, Larry Jacka | |
| SESSION TIMES | | | |
| SATURDAYS | | 8.30am to 11.30 am | 11.30 am to 3.00 pm |
| SUNDAYS | | 9.00am to 1.00pm | none |

Tree of Joy update

Charitable organisations are currently being approached to enlist their participation.

Melbourne Cup Meeting



Melbourne
Cup Night
3rd November

The theme for this
year is: Ladies
'Vinnies' glamour.
Men—Aussie
yobbo, bloke.



So Ladies & Gents—get along to your favourite 'Vinnies' store ; purchase an outfit & come along for some fun.

Club Officers and Club Honour Roll

This information is now located n the Club Website
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Club Bulletin

| Club Programme 2008/2009 | | | | |
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| | | | | 24.09.08 |
| Oct-08 | | October Activity- Vocational Service | Partners | Organiser/ Contact |
| Mon | 6 | Labour Day long weekend – No meeting | | |
| Sun | 12 | Sausage Sizzle- Bunnings Dural | | Graham Cuthbertson |
| Mon | 13 | Meeting at Ronald McDonald House (BBQ and wine tasting) | Yes | Tom Westcott/Clive Denmark |
| Mon | 20 | DG Tony Castley visiting Club and Investiture | | Tim Bowland |
| Tue | 21 | Club Board Meeting | | Tim Bowland |
| Mon | 27 | Martin Porteous- Inala School | | Larry Jacka |
| Nov-08 | | November Activity- Rotary Foundation Month | Partners | Organiser/ Contact |
| Sun | 2 | Trailer Raffle- last day | | Bob Davison |
| Mon | 3 | Melbourne Cup Night + Trailer Raffle Draw | YES | |
| Sat | 8 | Weekend away- Goulburn district, Irish Music/Dancing Festival, Waterworks Museum, Berrima historic homestead tour | | Peter Garnett |
| Sun | 9 | Weekend away- Trappers Motel accom- voted best 4.5 star motel in Australia | | Peter Garnett |
| Mon | 10 | Pride of Workmanship Awards Night | YES | Steve Baker |
| Mon | 17 | Youth Night -TBA + Heloise Hansen presentation on Belgium | YES | Clive Denmark |
| Tue | 18 | Club Board Meeting | | Tim Bowland |
| Mon | 24 | Rotary Foundation Guest Speaker (tba) | | Larry Jacka |
| Sun | 30 | Christmas Lunch | Yes | Peter Garnett |
| Dec-08 | | December Activity- Family | Partners | Organiser/ Contact |
| Mon | 1 | AGM – Election of 2009/10 Board TBA | | Tim Bowland |
| Sat | 6 | Sausage Sizzle- Bunnings Dural | | Graham Cuthbertson |
| Mon | 8 | Great Aussie Joke Night + Caitlin Trumm blazer presentation | Yes | Jim Simpson |
| Mon | 15 | Rotary Foundation- Internal discussion and / or Christmas Meeting | | Larry Jacka/Tim bowland |
| Tue | 16 | Club Board Meeting | | Tim Bowland |
| Mon | 22 | No Meeting | | |
| Mon | 29 | No Meeting | | |
| Jan-09 | | January Activity- Rotary Awareness | Partners | Organiser/ Contact |
| Mon | 5 | No meeting- Australia Day - Informal Lunch at Presid Tim's TBA | Yes | Tim Bowland |
| Mon | 12 | Informal meeting | | |
| Mon | 19 | Club Assembly | | Tim Bowland |
| Tue | 20 | Club Board Meeting | | Tim Bowland |
| Mon | 26 | No Meeting -Australia Day | | |

Details of the Club program for the remainder of the 2008-2009 year can be found in the Club website
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