



The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

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Duty Roster

Next Meeting Monday 13 August 2012		Following Meeting - 20 August 2012	
Speaker Host	Col Baxter	Speaker Host	Clive Denmark
Night Reporter	Sandy Burrage	Night Reporter	Graham Evans
Front Desk	Michael Moroney	Front Desk	Peter Cleary
Front Desk	Ian Roberts	Front Desk	Michael Moroney
Steward	Brian Furrer	Steward	Tim Bickford
Steward	John Fletcher	Steward	Col Wright
Photographer	Col McGowan	Photographer	David Turnbull

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Upcoming Events

Saturday 25 August Trivia Night @ Cherrybrook Community Centre	Saturday 22 September Garage Sale Starts
Saturday 1 September Guides Hall Clean Up	Monday 24 September Joint Zone Clubs Meeting – 'Tears in the Jungle'

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 accounts@lhogroup.com.au **before 11am** on the day of the meeting.

President's Report



This is Membership Month, and Carol organised for District 9680 Membership Director, Mark Anderson, to present on the subject at Monday's meeting.

It was a well structured presentation with demographic data which says that, since our Club covers two post codes, we have a potential for 173 membership! (how would Springfield cope on a partners night?). I have the presentation materials if anyone is interested in a more detailed look (I was intending to load it to our website, but that has changed, and I can no longer make updates to it... I am investigating...).

Don't forget to keep your eye on the Club Programme to see what is coming up. This week we have the Golf Committee, Trivia Committee and Board meetings.

On Saturday 11th there is an open day at Donations in Kind (DIK) at Minchinbury. Bev and I will be going, and taking Miska to show him how it operates.

We are not needed to do the BBQ (Winston- Hills Club are cooking) so it will be a hands on working bee packing goods going to PNG. If you have never been to DIK then this is a perfect opportunity, and I can provide a lift for 2 more – Saturday 8:30am to about 12:30pm.

On Saturday night a few of us are going to a trivia night at Winston Hills Club (Winston Heights Public School, Buckleys Rd, Winston Hills, 6:30 for 7pm) if you would like to come. While on the subject of trivia nights, we are definitely in training for our own on Sat 25th Aug, with our Club putting a table together for Macquarie Rotaract trivia night on 18th Aug. Rob Hamer is organising this, there are still a few places available if you would like to come.

Our Trivia night is on Saturday 25th and we are taking table bookings now. We are hoping for a full house of 40 tables, about half of this number have booked. If you have a table of family and friends please book now. If there are just a few of you contact Rob, he can help make up tables. It will be a fun night and an important fundraiser.

Early July we had a Club Forum, and I have emailed the outcome of that meeting. The Board have taken "on board" many of the ideas raised – it was a worthwhile exercise. In addition, I have emailed members asking for partner email addresses and whether they are interested in receiving a copy of the Bulletin and an occasional email from Beverley with activities of interest. I appreciate the responses that are coming back.

Our Social Committee have organised a family picnic from 11am on Sunday 19th August at Fagan Park. This is a good opportunity for members and family to come together, something that members have asked for. It is a good location – the gardens are worthwhile seeing.

The Garage Sale planning is proceeding. I have invited members to get involved in the various stalls. We will have an onsite meeting shortly to agree what is going where, and what equipment is needed (I have a rough idea). The banners go up next week and the flyers will be ready shortly for delivery.

Next Monday's speaker has cancelled at short notice, which is a shame as hypnotism is always an interesting topic. Rob has two fallback options and we are sure to have an interesting meeting.

President Bob Davison

Night Report

Sergeant Ros Savio opened the meeting and introduced President Bob Davison and welcomed our guest speaker Mark Anderson

There was a busy agenda to get through so Miska from Finland gave us a summary of his week's activities which included Youth Exchange student training at Thornleigh where he also had the opportunity to catch up with the other Finnish students with whom he travelled to Australia last month Stan delivered the news that Larry is back in hospital but the news is good and he is expected to back home shortly

Clive Denmark provided an update on arrangements for the Golf Day on 30 October which is shaping up to be a big event, particularly compared to last year which was also successful. Col Wright advised us about the Family Social day at Fagan Park on April 19 and encouraged everyone to attend

Our guest speaker was Mark Anderson, District 9680 Membership Director and as described above by Bob highlighted some home truths about membership recruitment and retention. Please contact Bob if you wish to view the presentation which we hope to make available on the web site in the near future.

Ros conducted a very entertaining fines session during which very few members were missed

Keith Ball won the raffle and I don't remember who won heads and tails

Night Reporter Mark Doran

Photos from our last meeting

Sergeant Ros delivering the some bad financial news (fines) to the Members



Stan Baseley talking about Larry Jacka



Carol Russell introducing Mark Anderson



Guest Speaker Mark Anderson, Membership Director - District 9680



Our exchange Student Miska Granlund talking about his week



President Bob spruiking the Trivia Night



Family Social Day

Sunday, 19th August, at 11am

Fagan Park at Galston, Entry via Carrs Road.

Come along with your family and friends and lets enjoy a day in the Park, bring a picnic or a BBQ lunch, sit on a rug on the grass or on your foldup chairs, and soak up some sunshine.

Perhaps someone might throw in a Cricket bat and ball, or soccer ball? Certainly a glass of wine !!!

Get to know your fellow Rotarians and their families in a relaxed social atmosphere.

July Report from Caitlin Gilchrist

Hi everyone. I am on my summer holiday break. I have been on my Rotary safari with all the Rotary students to Southern Spain and Portugal and it was great. I loved it all! Spain is very beautiful.

We went to Granada, Seville, Salamanca, Lisbon, and a few more places in Portugal. The beaches in Portugal were great but cold. Lisbon is pretty and has great food and people. Granada was extremely hot. Salamanca has great stories! I loved the Rotary trip with all my friends, we had a lot of fun and with Georgia and I being the only two Australians, we were famous! They all loved us.

We put our accents back on that we had lost because we are learning Spanish, and taught them songs. I have videos of everyone doing Aussie Aussie Aussie OI OI OI. We taught them *Home among the gumtrees* and more! We were the Aussie girls and it was great fun!!



My next trip was with my brother and our friends. We went to Pamplona for a few days to see San Fermin, then off to San Sebastian and Madrid. It was great to be with them all. I have realised travelling, how much Spanish I can use that I didn't know I knew!

While travelling with my brother and our friends I really got to use my Spanish. One of our friends speaks as much Spanish as me so we got to see who could use it better. I was the person who had to order food and talk to people and ask questions, it was a good exercise.

Normally I am with Spanish friends so they do most of the talking when we are out but it was nice to know I can do it all myself as well. It made me really happy to have the waiter ask where my friends were from as he believed I was Spanish. He told me my Spanish was perfect. I was happy but felt so much pressure after that to not make any mistakes!

As it is holidays now, most Spanish people travel. My school friends have moved to the South of Spain to the beach and some have moved to America for the summer. I haven't seen them in the holidays yet. My two good Rotary friends have just left Spain and gone home to America and Canada so I have been with them as much as possible. We all meet in Madrid and have dinner and do some shopping. I am very sad my friends are leaving but goodbyes are a part of the Exchange year! There are some new students coming in September that I will get to meet.

I also went to the LION KING at a theatre in Madrid. It was amazing and all in Spanish. The jokes were hard to understand but I really enjoyed it. As we left the theatre it was the end of the Euro Cup that Spain won so we were surrounded by celebrations and very happy Spaniards!!



I go on holidays soon to Barcelona with my host family. They are getting very excited as their daughter comes home in August from her Rotary exchange. I am excited to have her home from America. I am very lucky with my host family, they are very kind and I couldn't have asked for more. Lucas my host brother has been away for two weeks but is home again now so almost the whole family is home now.

We are going to the South of Spain to the beach for a week as a present for my host sister when she gets home.

It is EXTREMELY hot here. However, it is a very different heat to Australia. I think the main difference here is there is little air conditioning. Whereas in Australia we sit inside on extremely hot days and put the air conditioning on, here you sit inside and try to sleep until its cool enough to go outside. I find sleeping in the heat very hard but hopefully it gets easier soon.

I hit the 6 month mark the other day so only 6 more months left!

All the best-Caitlín.

Social Activity Dates for the Diary

- Sat. 13th October - Theatre night - to be arranged
- Sunday 4th November - Car Rally / BBQ.
- Saturday 16th February 2013 - Dinner at Lemon Chello, Italian Restaurant at West Pennant Hills
- Sat/Sunday 4th and 5th May, 2013 - Weekend Away.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Anniversaries - *Ian and Jeanette Roberts – 16 August*
Bob and Bev Davison – 15 August

Birthdays - *Catherine Moroney – 14 August*
Stephen Baker – 15 August

Humour



A tourist in Vienna is going through a graveyard and all of a sudden he hears music.

No one is around, so he starts searching for the source. He finally locates the origin and finds it is coming from a grave with a headstone that reads "Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827". Then he realizes that the music is the Ninth Symphony and it is being played backward!

Puzzled, he leaves the graveyard and persuades a friend to return with him. By the time they arrive back at the grave, the music has changed. This time it is the Seventh Symphony, but like the previous piece, it is being played backward.

Curious, the men agree to consult a music scholar. When they return with the expert, the Fifth symphony is playing, again backward.

The expert notices that the symphonies are being played in the reverse order in which they were composed, the 9th, then the 7th, then the 5th.

By the next day the word has spread and a crowd has gathered around the grave. They are all listening to the Second Symphony being played backward. Just then the graveyard's caretaker ambles up to the group.

Someone in the group asks him if he has an explanation for the music.

"I would have thought it was obvious" the caretaker says.

"He's decomposing."

Contributed by Stan Baseley

Food for Thought

"The truth cannot be communicated through words."

Sri Siva



		Club Program 2012-2013	RED YES = PARTNERS on a meeting night.	
		Updated 09/08/12 by RWH	Tentative date hold only	
Aug-12		Membership & Extension Month		
Mon	13	TBA		Rob Hamer
Tue	14	Trivia Night organisers' meeting.		
Sun	19	Family Picnic /Day trip		Social Comm.
Mon	20	Faye Yarroll - Bilateral Cochlear Implant Recipient - "My only regret in life is that I had to wait so long to hear". Conf 28/04/12	Yes	Rob Hamer
Tue	21	Trivia Night organisers' meeting.		
Sat	25	BBQ Bunnings Dural	Yes	Barry Lambert
Sat	25	Trivia Night - Cherrybrook Community Centre	Yes	
Mon	27	Tom Sweeney - The Plot Thickens...Love lives of all sorts of people! Confirmed 01/05/12		Rob Hamer
Sep-12		New Generations Month		
Sat	1	Meet at Guide Hall 8:00am for * Guide Hall grounds clean up.		
Mon	3	Miska's Presentation		
Wed	5	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.		
Mon	10	Looking for speaker		
Mon	17	Jan-Maree - Aussie Hero Quilts - making quilts for our service people. Confirmed 01/05	Yes	Rob Hamer
Sat	22	Garage Sale- at Fire Station. 6am start.	All	
Sat	22	Garage Sale-Dinner 6.30 for 7.00pm	All	
Sun	23	Garage Sale- at Fire Station. 8am start.	All	
Mon	24	Joint Zone Clubs Meeting - "Tears in the Jungle" fundraiser.	Yes	
Oct-12		Vocational Service Month		
Mon	1	Labour Day Public Holiday - No meeting		
Sun	7	BBQ Bunnings Thornleigh.	Yes	Barry Lambert
Mon	8	Dr Nuli Lemoh, a Sydney Paediatrician whose original homeland is Sierra Leone, and PP Laurie Facer of Turramurra Rotary Club on Bo Childrens Hospital.	Yes	
Wed	10	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.		
Sat	13	Theatre night		Social Comm.
Mon	15	Supt. P. Flogel, Commander - Castle Hill LAC NSW Police. Confirmed 08/05/2012		Rob Hamer
Mon	22	Disaster Aid Australia.Confirmed 17/07/2012		Bob Davison
Sat	27	Porsche Car Club Concours Day - Club Catering to event	All	
Mon	29	Norm Spalding - An Ambulance Officer's story. Confirmed 04/05/2012		Rob Hamer

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