



The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Club Bulletin

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Monday 13 February- Partners Night

Guest Speaker - David Cook, Freelance Journalist. 4 wheel driving/caravanning in the Oz outback
Induction of Ian Roberts to the Club

Monday 20 February

Guest Speaker - Nigel McDonald - Cherrybrook RFS

Thursday 8 March

Bowel Scan Kit Sales commence at Cherrybrook Shopping Centre (through to Friday 16)

Duty Roster

Next Meeting Monday 13 February 2012		Following Meeting - 20 February	
Chairman	Rob Hamer	Chairman	Douglas Lam
Night Reporter	Barry Freeman	Night Reporter	Pru Daras
Front Desk	Alan Paynter	Front Desk	Graham Evans
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Steward	John Russell	Steward	Peter Cleary
Steward	Brian Furrer	Steward	Gino Savio
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Upcoming Events

10th February Ronald McDonald House Dinner	23rd February Movie Night in Support of ' End Polio Now'
18th and 19th February Preliminary Book sorting at Tom's Factory	26th February NORDBY Retirement folks 10-5,Kokoda Memorial Walkway BBQ area (adjoining Cafe end Killoola St Concord)

Meetings

Monday 6.30pm for 7.00pm – Springfield House – 245 New Line Road, Dural
<http://www.wphcrotary.org>

Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Inc. PO Box 103 West Pennant Hills 2125 Australia
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 – 6 February



Our Club Forum was well attended on Monday night.

The Forum topic was encouraged by RI and District so that Clubs have the opportunity to refresh themselves with their practices and protocols and to ensure they're not a barrier to entry for new members.

The meeting conduct was a credit to the members insofar as unlike some other Clubs, the discussion on our protocols and traditions was objective and reasoned.

Thank you to those members who expressed a view on the night.

Members confidential responses to the Club Questionnaire will be reviewed by a subcommittee that will report to the Board, hopefully before the March 14 Board Meeting. The subcommittee comprises Jim Simpson, Mark Doran, Bob

Davison and Brian Furrer.

The Questionnaire that members filled in on the night had some additional items that were added to late on the day.

If you were unable to attend the Forum but would like to respond to it, please do so and give to any subcommittee member. (The Questionnaire is attached to this week's Bulletin.)

Next Monday night is a PARTNERS NIGHT. Don't forget to phone them in. It will be a great night as we will be inducting Ian Roberts and our guest speaker is David Cook, a freelance journalist speaking on 4 Wheel Driving and Caravanning in the Oz outback.

Night Report

President Colin welcomed guests Philip Ballinger (better looking brother of Ross), Ian Roberts and John Fletcher.

The main event of the evening was club assembly – to discuss suggested changes in the format of the club meetings.

First some business:

Art Competition

- Rosemary has information packs to distribution to schools – she listed the schools and requested volunteers to deliver the packs.

Conference

- Rob needs final names.
- Planning meeting to be held Tuesday 14Feb at Turnbull's.

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Theatre

- Prue advertised a theatre night on 23Feb12. Even Scrooge could afford this at \$20/head.
Bowelscan
- Barry Lambert advertised the need for patient stall-watchers starting 8Mar12 (Wednesday) to 16Mar12. Sign-up sheet to be sent out by email soon.

Book Sale

- Clive (and later Tom Bowland) requested the distribution of some of the 5,000 book marks and posters to advertise the book sale.
- Meeting at Tony's on 7Feb12. Anyone arriving earlier than 8.00pm will be shot.

Indians

- Larry is looking for billets for 3 'indians' for May.

Other Attractions

- Tony reminded the club that Ronald Macdonald is on this Friday.
- The Hills Home Show is coming up on 24th and 25th March 2012. This is a major commitment and we have to service both days.
- The Nordby Picnic is on 26Feb12 – a fun day with the oldies – we urgently need volunteers and salads/deserts for this annual event.

Finally

- Rob was on his feet again with a request for more hospitality for Louise (exchange student).

Club assembly followed with President Colin and PE Bob leading a discussion on the following topics. Members were then asked to fill in a questionnaire (interesting how many completed the questionnaire before the discussion started – perhaps we could save a lot of admin costs if parliamentarians voted before wasting time on the debate).

The following salient points were made:

Rotary Grace

- First noted by several that there is no driver in this club requiring a change in the meeting format.
- 'GenY' are likely to moderate their views before they are old enough to join Rots so we don't necessary need to change for them.
- This and other standard practices could be reviewed in order to save time with the aim of meeting the 8.30pm finish deadline.
- Wording seems to be up for grabs.

The Loyal Toast

- Noted that schools no longer display photographs of the Queen (I trust this does not mean that they display photos of Julia, Paul Keating or other less gracious persons).
- Noted that the individual toaster can use its own words under the current rules.
- The current practice of toasting 4 entities together has lost its impact.

Chairing meetings

- Noted that the current chairman is a misnomer since it does not chair the meeting.
- Important to entertain the guest speaker which is an essential part of the role.
- On the other hand, guests like to meet the boss.
- Being chairman assists in public speaker training.
- Alternative exists for chairman to run the meeting with the President providing a report only.
- Part of the chairman's role is to check if the speaker needs anything prior to the meeting date – this is not usually done.

Birthday Announcements, Raffle, Fine Session and Heads and Tails

- All considered to be part of the Highjinks of our club and should be retained.
- Jim's alternatives to heads and tails seem to meet with approval.
- Noted that members should formally waive the Privacy Act if we are to publish birthdays.
- Latest list of members' details seems to reside with Mark Doran. 'Clubrunner' list should be up-to-date and can be updated by members.
- Some female members not keen on significant birthdays being made public (I wonder how old a woman has to be to change this position - you often hear things like "*I shall be 92 next birthday*" in retirement villages so there must be a watershed age there somewhere).

Dinner meeting

- Cost always an issue but was fully explored in a questionnaire not long ago.
- We are dinner meeting club.
- 50% rule allows members to save dinner costs by not attending.
- Changing would require us to change venue – Springfield need minimum 25 dinners.
- Splitting the dinner and meeting with dinner at 7.00pm for those who want it and a meeting later for all – has the same effect as previous item.
- Occasional meetings in other venues break up the monotony.
- Dinner time is chat time and part of the fun of being a member.

National Anthem

- Everyone wanted this to continue.

- Some wanted the second verse (doesn't this include something about having boundless plains to share – tell that to the boat people).

Board minutes

- Good idea to issue as an email.
- Also an idea to send a copy of the bulletin to partners – members are asked to notify Mark who will action.

The questionnaires were collected for review by a sub-committee (names not published) and then by the Board.

The smartass comments are those of the night report (you have to get some fun out of this thankless task) and do not necessarily represent the views of the club or any other member of the human race.

Rob Hamer won the raffle.

Jim Simpson (ie the House) won the sports version of Heads and Tails.

Night reporter – Tony Makin

Photos from the Last Meeting





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2012 District 9680 Conference

Our 2012 District 9680 Conference is now only six weeks away. From 16 to 18 March, we will be gathering in Wollongong to "Go for Gold at the Gong".

We are looking to have as many of you as possible with us at that time, to share in an exhilarating mix of fellowship and inspiration, to listen to top-flight speakers, to be informed and enthused about the great range of projects in which we are involved as Rotarians, and to participate in memorable social events, such as our Saturday night Masked Ball with a great swing band for dancing.

While many of our Conference activities will be familiar to regular attendees, we have some exciting initiatives: the Club Showcase which will give every Club the chance to shine as they promote their projects and skills, and Speak Your Mind, an opportunity over Sunday lunch for Rotarians and partners to express their own thoughts about Rotary and where we should be going.

Space at our Conference is filling up rapidly, so you should move quickly to register, if you have not already done so. Registration is available by going to our Conference website at conference.rotarydistrict9680.org. There you will see the wide range of registration options available, which will cater for all needs

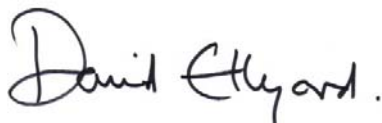
You can also book your accommodation at the Conference website, read about our guest speakers, view our program and learn about other activities in which you may wish to participate in before the Conference.

May I urge you to come along? Nothing brings you "up to speed" as a Rotarian more quickly and thoroughly than being at a Conference,

Wollongong is less than two hours away by car or train. This once grimy industrial city has reinvented itself and can now boast quality museums and art galleries, cafes and restaurants, and a host of tourist attractions in the city and the hinterland. You will be able to secure accommodation within walking distance of our venue at the WIN Entertainment Centre, or you can use the shuttle bus provided.

So there are many reasons why this weekend in Wollongong in March will be well spent by all who come. Please get online and make your booking today.

Yours in Rotary



PP David Ellyard
Conference Chairman 2012
ConferenceChair@rotarydistrict9680.org

Indian Rotary Friendship Exchange Team

This team will be travelling to the Hills area 20 - 22nd May. They will be coming from Central Coast area on 20th. One of our lady members is hosting the single lady the team is still looking for three other hosts.

The plan is to take them to the Blue Mountains on one of days weather permitting and possibly Olympic park or ferry ride from Parramatta.

The general info is:
Rotary Friendship Exchange with District 3040

Dates: 13th May 2012 till 23rd May 2012

- Sydney area: 13th - 17th May
- Central Coast: 17th - 20th May
- Hills area: 20th - 22nd May
- Depart: 23rd May

The team consists of three couples and a single lady. The team leader is Dhiran Datta who is travelling with his wife Ann Sunita Datta. They are strict vegetarians and do not eat eggs. They have a son living in Melbourne and another son living in London.

Other members of the team are Harpreet Singh Saluja and his wife Preeti Saluja, that are not vegetarians. Satpal Singh Chawla (JOHNY) and his wife Parmeet Kaur Chawla (MINI) who are only vegetarian on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Alpana Mishra is coming on her own she is not a vegetarian. I believe all are non smokers.

The team will be flying here via the Bangkok convention. The plan is they will arrive sometime on 13th May.

It would be good if they could be hosted in City North, North Shore or beaches zones from 13th - 17th. They would then be able to visit downtown Sydney, Sydney and Darling harbours perhaps Olympic park.

On the morning of 17th May they would travel to central coast for two full days there and then travel to the Hills area in the morning of 20th May. While in the Hills they would visit Blue Mountains and other country areas finishing with a farewell at Glenhaven Rotary club on 22nd May.

It is planned to have an area leader to coordinate activities in the three regions. The times and place for the handovers will be organised between the respective area leaders.

More detailed CVs are available on each participant from Barry Philps (bphilps@bigpond.net.au)

He plans to meet them in Bangkok but due to other travel plans will only be back in Australia in time for the farewell at Glenhaven Rotary club on 22nd May.

Foundation and PR Director, PDG Larry Jacka

Book Fair 2012- Update

Key actions

1. Sort books in shipping containers, boxed ready for Sale	Completed – Committee
2. Date & phone stickers on banners	Completed – Ross B, CD

To Do

3. Erect banners	Thurs 26th- Tim Bowland, CD
4. Distribute dodgers & Posters	Mon 23rd & Mon 30th Jan, All Club
5. Mock up of bookmark, seek quotes	w/c 23rd Jan - Tim Bowland
6. Receipt of Calls ,notify drop off pts	wk Fri 27th to Mon 6th Feb- CD Wk Tues 7th to Mon 13th- volunteer
7. Drop off / Collect/ Cull / consolidate	Friday 27th Jan to Fri 17th Feb
8. Preliminary Sort at Toms factory up to 20 members x 4 hour shifts	Wkend of 18th /19th Feb-
9. Continue drop off/cull/consolidate	Mon 20th Feb to Thurs 1st March
10. Set up/final sort at Church Hall – committee members and volunteers	Tues 28th Feb to Thurs 1st Feb
11. Sale – members and partners	Friday 2nd & Sat 3rd March –

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Anniversaries

None this week

Birthdays

None this week

Humour

Why we drink:

As explained by Cliff Clavin, of 'Cheers' . One afternoon at Cheers, Cliff Clavin was explaining the Buffalo Theory to his buddy Norm

Here's how it went:

"Well ya see, Norm, it's like this. A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members. In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol, as we know, kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. That's why you always feel smarter after a few beers."

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may make you think you are whispering when you are not

Contributed by Rob Hamer

Food for Thought

'Sometimes you can earn more by doing the jobs that pay nothing'



Sergeant Jim Simpson's 'Paraprosdokian'

Behind every successful man there is a woman, and behind every man who fails there is usually another woman

Family of the Week Program

Louise Lastein - Denmark 2011-2012			
Week Ending Sunday	Host Family	Planned Activities	Louise with You
29th	Bickford		
5th FEBRUARY	Bickford		
12th	Hamer	Welcome Home Dinner - Friday 10th	District
17th - 19th	Hamer		
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		
27th		Depart Sydney for Denmark	

		Club Programme 2011-2012	Last update by RWH 29.1.12	
Feb-12		World Understanding Month		
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. Induction of Ian Roberts.	Yes	Rob Hamer
Fri	17	Loiuse's Kosciusko Walk - Cancelled due to renovations at the Lodge.	Yes	Graham Cuth
Sat	18	Loiuse's Kosciusko Walk - Cancelled due to renovations at the Lodge.	Yes	Graham Cuth
Sun	19	Loiuse's Kosciusko Walk - Cancelled due to renovations at the Lodge.	Yes	Graham Cuth
Mon	20	Nigel McDonald Cherrybrook RFS (Confirmed 24/08/11)		Rob Hamer
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
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) + Partners social evening at Margaret McGowan's.		
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. Louise move to the Gilchrists'.		Tony Makin Alison Bowland
Mon	26	Miriam Jacka - Vanuatu (confirmed 18/08/2011)		CMcG

Apr-12		Magazine Month	Partners	
Mon	2	Meeting - Rosie O'Halloran of Uganda Orphanage	Yes	Graham Cuth.
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
Sun	15	BBQ Bunnings Dural		Barry Lambert
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 to joint meeting with Lions Club of WPH and CB)		
Mon	30	Robin Baird - CEO, Sydney Hills Business Chamber (confirmed 14/11/11)	YES	Rob Hamer
May-1		Community Month		
Wed	2	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at CMcG's place		
Mon	7	Speaker required		Ross Ballinger
Wed	9	Combined Club Board Meeting at 7.30		
Mon	14	Ladies run meeting tonight + Past Members Night- Speaker required	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	Meeting- looking for speaker		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		
Mon	25	Youth - Art Competition Prizegiving ; RYPEN; Final Presentation by Louise	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)		
Jul-12		District Projects Month		Organiser
Sat	14	BBQ Bunnings Thornleigh.		Barry Lambert
Aug-12		Membership Extension Month		
Sat	25	BBQ Bunnings Dural		Barry Lambert

Sep-12		New Generations Month	Partners	
Oct-12		Vocational Service Month		
Sun	7	BBQ Bunnings Thornleigh.		Barry Lambert
Nov-12		Rotary Foundation Month		
Sun	25	BBQ Bunnings Dural		Barry Lambert
Dec-12		Family Month		
Jan-13		Rotary Awareness Month		
Feb-13		World Understanding Month		
Mon	4	Meeting moved to Binet display home Barbeque.		
Mon	11			
Mon	18			
Mon	25			

Directors 2011-12

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International Director	Clive Denmark	0400 425 210
Vocational Director	Peter Cleary	0419 499 827
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