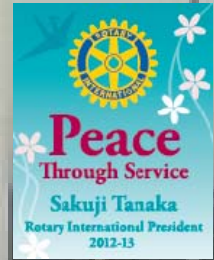




The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

Club Bulletin

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Monday May 13

Tony Makin - "Bhutan - The Kingdom of Gross National Happiness"

Monday May 20

Philip Smith - ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) Presentation

Monday May 27

David Rosenberg - Inside Pine Gap: The Spy Who Came In From The Desert

Duty Roster

Next Meeting – Monday 13 May		Following Meeting – Monday 20 May	
Speaker Host	Rob Hamer	Speaker Host	Tim Bowland
Night Reporter	Alan Paynter	Night Reporter	Sandy Burrage
Front Desk	Larry Jacka	Front Desk	Ian Roberts
Front Desk	Ian Roberts	Front Desk	Graham Evans
Steward	Max Henderson	Steward	Grahame Cuthbertson
Steward	Keith Ball	Steward	Tony Makin
Photographer	TBA	Photographer	TBA

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Upcoming Events

Sunday May 26 Red Shield Door Appeal Knock	Monday June 3 Public Holiday – No meeting
Monday June 3 Youth Debate	Monday June 17 Pride of Workmanship Awards

Meetings

Monday 6.30pm for 7.00pm – Springfield House – 245 New Line Road, Dural. <http://www.rotarydistrict9680.org.au>
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 notify Jilda.
Phone 9439 1422 or email accounts@lhogroup.com.au before 11am on the day of the meeting.

****If you are expected and do not show you may be required to pay for the meal****

Presidents Report



Another terrific youth night organised by Rosemary. Brendan Ma is a James Ruse student and contacted me some time ago for financial support to attend several activities associated with his “election” at Treasurer and Member for Castle Hill, YMCA NSW Youth Parliament. He gave a detailed description of his role and his Transport portfolio. As a junior member his committee makes recommendation to the State Premier, and it may end up as policy. A very well spoken young man and the members were surprised that he is just year 10 – he gets my vote.

Next up were Thomas Morgan and Suyiya Shanmuga who were sponsored by our Club to attend the Autumn School of Engineering. I counted ten universities, organisations and businesses that they visited. They were most impressed by what they saw and did and were most appreciative of Club providing this opportunity.

Cherrybrook Technology High organised two teams to go to MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) thanks to the support of teacher Gerry Brennan. Representing one team were Ibrar Ahmed and Yousef Hakimi who debated a resolution to the Israel /Palestine conflict, something the experts haven’t been able to do. They won

best dressed and were runners up – well done! Vis Vythilingam represented the second team which represented New Zealand on six resolutions. These students are very well spoken and were very appreciative of our Clubs sponsorship to attend MUNA.

Youth is an important avenue of service and Rosemary has done an excellent job this year. The “quality” of the students on Monday night was outstanding – and they certainly rewarded our efforts and costs with the programs we run.

A reminder that we have the combined Board meeting this Wednesday night, 7:30pm at my place.

Bowel Scan kits are available from pharmacies this month. We have a table in Cherrybrook shops this Friday only and Barry has the volunteers for that – thank you to those who volunteered. For those who took pamphlets, they should be delivered by now.

I mentioned that RC of Beecroft are holding a trivia night, 7:30 pm this Saturday 11th May, at the Scout Hall, 1 The Crescent, Beecroft. Just \$15 per person. We have a table booked, so if you have nothing planned on Saturday night, why not come along.

Red Shield Appeal is on Sunday 26th May. We need at least 16 volunteers to be drivers to take students to their designated collection areas and supervise them. We meet at about 8:30am and should return shortly after noon, where we are welcomed with a sausage sandwich for all volunteers. Theo Glockeman (RC Pennant Hills) is coordinating for Barry Smith Holden, and he assures me that the students will be better organised than last time so that volunteer drivers aren’t waiting unnecessarily. Please email me if you and/or partner are able to help. I will be asking for volunteers at the next meeting(s).

Next week is special – Tony Makin is presenting a travelogue called “Bhutan – The Kingdom of Gross National Happiness”, and if you have seen his previous presentation you know this is not to be missed. It is a partners night and I would like to see many partners. (PS: Bev landed safely 5am Tues, minus luggage ☺, & she will be there!).

Another reminder that we need a Bulletin Editor. If I offer to do it, can I have someone to stand in when I am away (mid July to mid September) please.

President Bob Davison

Night Report

The Meeting opened sharply at 7.00pm by President Bob who welcomed guests including three Rotarians from Dural - Dudley Mercer, Marilyn Mercer, and Bob Close as well as partner Jill Turnbull. Guest speakers for the night were Brendan Ma from James Ruse High School and 5 students from CTHS who spoke on their MUNA and Autumn School of Engineering (ASE) experience.

Our first speaker was Brendan Ma, a Y10 student from James Ruse High spoke about the YMCA NSW Youth Parliament of which he is one of 160 members. The program aims to promote youth-led advocacy, active community leadership and legal and parliamentary education. Brendan obviously thrives in that environment. As well as being a YMCA youth MP he is also the Parliamentary Treasurer who has to cost the Bills that go before the Youth Parliament.

Brendan said when he finishes school he would like to do law first then perhaps think about getting into the political arena. I think it is fair to say everyone in the room was blown away by his articulation (no notes) and his highly developed social conscience. If I were a punter I'd put my money on him.

The 2nd Speakers were Thomas Morgan and Suriya Shanmuga, both Y11 students at CTHS. They spoke about their attendance at the recent week long Autumn School of Engineering (ASE).

They firstly thanked the Club for sponsoring them. The ASE program is an initiative supported by NSW 'Engineering' Universities and participating Rotary Districts.

Its aim is to give high school students a better understanding of what engineering is and how it works in everyday life, as well as the ability to visit engineering universities so to assist in their selection and to get some exposure to the different engineering degrees. The university faculty tours were augmented with site tours to the Lucas Heights Reactor, BlueScope Steel Facility, Garden Island and one other whose name I have forgotten!

The 3rd Speaker was Vis Vythilingham and Yousef Hakimi. Both are Y10 students from CTHS and were representatives from the two MUNA teams sponsored by the Club. They also expressed their thanks. They said they learnt a lot from it including working as a team, lateral thinking and improvisational skills. They spoke of listening to great speakers which they found very humbling.

One of the two CTHS teams were runners up (much to their surprise) and also won the best dressed and so off to Old Parliament House in Canberra for the finals soon.

The 4th Speaker was Ibrar Ahmed Y12 CTHS. Ibrar had been to the club a couple of years ago when he was in the CTHS team for the 4 Way Speaking Competition. As a senior student at CTHS Ibrar attended the Meeting to thank the Club for all the activities they support the school in. A very nice gesture.

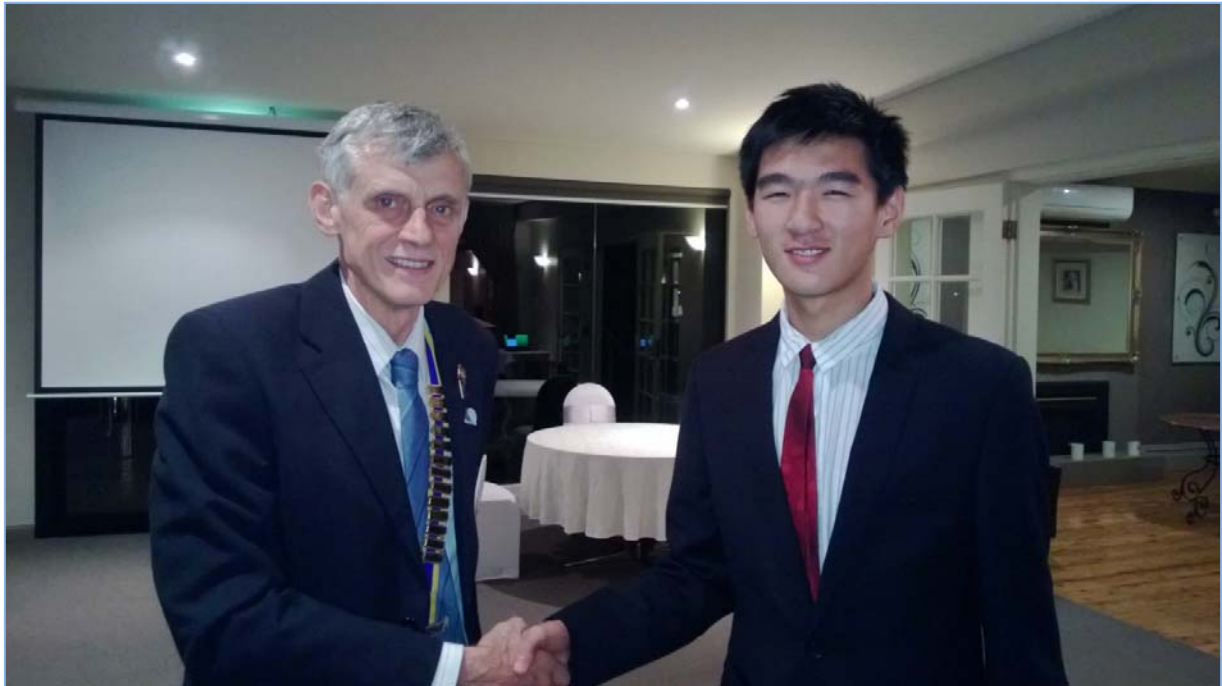
The Wine Raffle was won by Gerry Brennan, the English Master who accompanied the CTHS students on the night and who has been their MUNA Mentor for the last 7 + years. A well deserved win. Graham Cuthbertson's skill won the heads and tails.

Larry Jacka reminded the Club that the 8th May is the Club's 26th birthday and fined Alan Paynter for not mentioning it notwithstanding that Alan is the only Charter Member who has remained true blue.

Night Reporter Colin McGowan

Photos from the Last Meeting

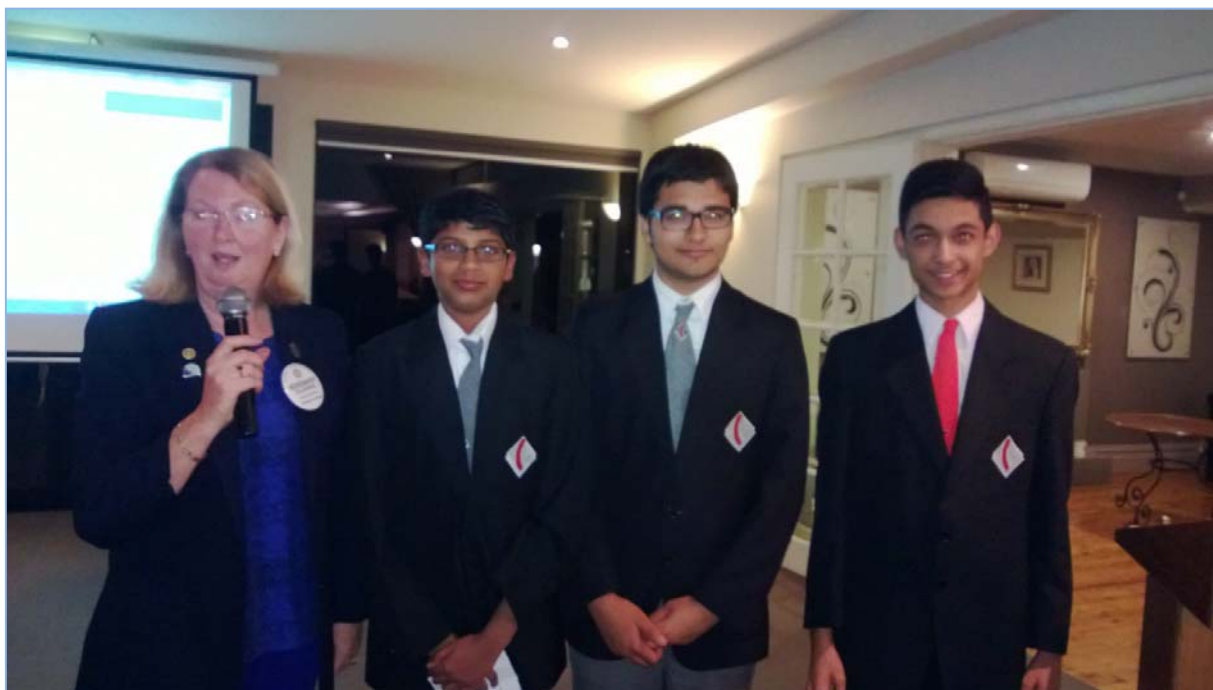
Pres. Bob Davison with Brendan Ma from James Ruse High School



Science Forum Candidates Suyiya Shanmuga and Thomas Morgan



Rosemary Clarke with Muna Candidates



Pres. Bob, Suyiya Shanmuga, Thomas Morgan and Rosemary Clarke



Ross and Helen Ballinger 's Travels

Dubai great place to visit. It wasn't too hot at this time of the year only in the mid 30 but the humidity was not too high

Did a day in the country in a 4wd into their mountains, not very high. Similar to the Blue Mountains.

We had lunch in a resort that is owned by the Boss Shiek (he also owns Emirates airlines). The resort is only accessible by 4wd, boat, or parachute. It was difficult to get any one of them

Today we spent in a couple of islands off Venice, one island that makes very fancy glass and the other that specialises in lace. This was a Helen shopping day.

Back at the motel to meet the rest of the group. I am writing this in the bar and we can see the canal immediately outside the window which is about 6 m wide tried to email.



Rotary Bowel Scan

Making healthy choices in our lives is becoming second nature to most, and with medical technology developing so rapidly and made available to us, people are living for longer and have a better quality of life. Unfortunately, bowel cancer is still responsible for thousands of deaths per year.

The facts:

- Bowel cancer is the 2nd most common internal cancer in Australia for both sexes combined and affects 14,000 Australians annually
- It claims the lives of around 4,700 Australians per year
- The good news is that if detected at an early, bowel cancer is the most curable cancer and 90% of these cases have a good outcome
- It is recommended that those over 40 are screened annually to detect any signs of invisible blood in the stool.
- More than 75% of people who develop bowel cancer do not have a family history of the disease.

BowelCare is a bowel cancer awareness program, providing an easy and cheap way to test for blood in the stool. Rotary Australia manages distribution of the BowelCare kits to pharmacies and the community. BowelCare is a not-for-profit service. During a month-long campaign in May, the kits are sold at participating pharmacies in the following areas: Sydney, Hawkesbury, Blue Mountains, Southern Highlands, Goulburn, ACT and the NSW South Coast.

How BowelCare works

BowelCare Kits can be purchased at participating pharmacies (please visit <http://www.bowelcare.org.au/> for a list of locations). Follow the instructions and simply return the sealed kit to the pharmacy during the allocated time period. The kits are then picked up and delivered to an accredited pathology service for testing. You will be notified of results by your nominated General Practitioner, and confidentiality is maintained at all times. If a test returns a "positive" result, both the patient and their nominated GP are advised to ensure follow up investigation.

Cost: \$10 per kit

Pharmacy Sales: Saturday 4th May 2013 to Saturday 1st June 2013

Last day for returning kits for pathology testing: Saturday 15th June 2013

For additional Media details contact: getfresh@freshideasgroup.com.au

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Anniversaries - *Tim and Sharon Bickford – 14 May*

Birthdays - *Jenny Denmark - 14 May*
- *Col Wright and Bob Myer - 17 May*

Food for Thought



“The young man knows the rules, but the old man knows the exceptions”

Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Humour



RETIRED HUSBAND

After I retired, my wife insisted that I accompany her on her trips to Target. Unfortunately, like most men, I found shopping boring and preferred to get in and get out. . Equally unfortunate, my wife is like most women – she loves to browse.

Yesterday my dear wife received the following letter from the local Target:

Dear Mrs. Turnbull

Over the past six months, your husband has caused quite a commotion in our store. We cannot tolerate this behaviour and have been forced to ban both of you from the store. Our complaints against your husband, Mr. Turnbull are listed below and are documented by our video surveillance cameras:

June 15: He took 24 boxes of condoms and randomly put them in other people's carts when they weren't looking

July 2: Set all the alarm clocks in Housewares to go off at 5-minute intervals.

July 7: He made a trail of tomato juice on the floor leading to the women's restroom.

July 19: Walked up to an employee and told her in an official voice, 'Code 3 in Housewares. Get on it right away'. This caused the employee to leave her assigned station and receive a reprimand from her Supervisor that in turn resulted with a union grievance, causing management to lose time and costing the company money.

August 4: Went to the Service Desk and tried to put a bag of M&Ms on lay-by.

August 14: Moved a 'CAUTION - WET FLOOR' sign to a carpeted area.

August 15: Set up a tent in the camping department and told the children shoppers they could come in if they would bring pillows and blankets from the bedding department to which twenty children obliged.

August 23: When a clerk asked if they could help him he began crying and screamed, 'Why can't you people just leave me alone?' EMTs were called.

September 4: Looked right into the security camera and used it as a mirror while he picked his nose.

September 10: While handling guns in the hunting department, he asked the clerk where the antidepressants were...

October 3: Darted around the Store suspiciously while loudly humming the 'Mission Impossible' theme.

October 6: In the auto department, he practiced his 'Madonna look' by using different sizes of funnels.

October 18: Hid in a clothing rack and when people browsed through, yelled 'PICK ME! PICK ME!'

October 22: When an announcement came over the loud speaker, he assumed the fetal position and screamed 'OH NO! IT'S THOSE VOICES AGAIN!'

Took a box of condoms to the checkout clerk and asked where the fitting room is?

And last, but not least:

October 23: Went into a fitting room, shut the door, waited awhile, and then yelled very loudly, 'Hey!

There's no toilet paper in here.'

One of the clerks passed out.

Contributed by David

		Club Program 2012-2014	RED YES = PARTNERS on a meeting night.	
		Updated 07/05/2013 by RWH	Tentative date hold only	
May-13		Community Service Month		
Mon	6	Youth Night - Reporting on their MUNA experience.		Rosemary Clarke
Wed	8	Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home. Combined current and incoming Boards		Bob/Clive
Mon	13	Tony Makin "Bhutan - The Kingdom of Gross National Happiness"	Yes	Rob Hamer
Mon	20	Philip Smith - ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) presentation		Rob Hamer
Sun	26	Red Shield Appeal doorknock	Yes	Bob Davison
Mon	27	David Rosenberg - Inside Pine Gap: The Spy Who Came In From The Desert - confirmed 06/12/2012		Rob Hamer
Jun-13		Rotary Fellowship Month		
Mon	3	Miska's presentation "The Year That Was"		Rosemary Clarke
Mon	10	Public Holiday - No meeting		
Mon	10	BBQ Bunnings Thornleigh.	Yes	Barry Lambert
Wed	12	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.		
Mon	17	Pride of Workmanship Awards	Yes	Peter Cleary
Mon	24	Ian Faulks - Australia's road safety performance: Seat belts, RBT, and speed cameras - so why are people still dying? . Confirmed 10/12/2012		Rob Hamer
Fri	28	Changeover Dinner The Epping Club		Bob/Clive
Jul-13		Rotary Fellowship Month		
Mon	1	No meeting following Changeover.		
Tues	2	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm		Clive Denmark
Fri	5	District Changeover at Hornsby RSL		Clive Denmark
Mon	8	Tony Gatt, Business Development Manager, Foodbank NSW Limited. Confirmed 23/01/2013 by Barry Lambert.	Yes	Barry Lambert
Sat	13	BBQ Bunnings Thornleigh.	Yes	Barry Lambert
Mon	15	Geoff Otypka Confirmed 04/03/2013		Rob Hamer
Mon	22	Looking for speaker		
Tues	23	1st Trivia Night Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm		Rob Hamer
Mon	29	Membership Night - Special Guest Speaker - Dominic Perrottet MLA		Rob Hamer
Aug-13		Membership Extension Month		
Mon	5	Alan MacLean - The Lights of Cobb & Co. Confirmed 05/05/2013		Rob Hamer
Tues	6	2nd Trivia Night Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm		
Sat	10	SOCIAL	Yes	Social
Mon	12	Landscape Photography Rob Clarke. Confirmed 11/03/2013		Rob Hamer
Tues	13	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30		Clive Denmark
Tues	16	Final Trivia Night Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm		Rob Hamer
Sat	24	Trivia Night - Cherrybrook Community Centre	Yes	Rob Hamer
Mon	26	Club Assembly		Rob Hamer

Sep-13		New Generations Month		
Mon	2	Councillor Dr. Michelle Byrne, Mayor, The Hills Shire Council	Yes	Rob Hamer
Mon	9	Looking for speaker + G/Sale Pickups handed out if any left over from previous week.		
Tues	10	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30		Clive Denmark
Sun	15	Meet at Fire Stn 9.30am for * Guide Hall grounds clean up and * Pickups.		
Mon	16	Membership Night -		Ross Ballinger
Tue	17	Garage Sale - Meet at Fire Stn at 7pm for pickups.	Yes	
Wed	18	Garage Sale - Meet at Fire Stn at 7pm for pickups.	Yes	
Thur	19	Garage Sale - Meet at Fire Stn at 7pm for pickups.	Yes	
Fri	20	Garage Sale- Move Items to Fire Stn	Yes	
Sat	21	Garage Sale- at Fire Station. 6am start.	Yes	
Sat	21	Garage Sale-Dinner at Bivianso's Italian Restaurant (New Line Rd Dural) 6.30 for 7.00pm VENUE TBC	Yes	
Sun	22	Garage Sale- 8am at Fire Station for 9 am opening. Finish and clean up at 1.00pm	Yes	
Mon	23	No Meeting post Garage Sale - Rest night!		
Wed	25	DG Visit, Joint meeting Zone Clubs		Clive Denmark, Rob Hamer

Miska's Family Program			
2012-2013			
Week Ending Friday	Host Family	Planned Activities	Miska with You
Sun 5 May – Sat 25 May	Davison	Safari	
June - 20	Davison	Miska Flies Home	
15 June	Davison	Farewell to students - TBC	

Directors 2012-13		
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