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# The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Club Bulletin

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**Merry Christmas to all !!!**

**Tonight - Monday 14 December 2009**

Christmas Meeting – **Partners** (Don't forget your Kris Kringle)

**Saturday 9 January 2010**

Informal dinner at President Graham's (from 5pm) **Partners**  
 (advance booking and payment essential ie don't just roll up on the day !!)

**Next meeting - Monday 18 January 2010**

Club Assembly

## Duty Roster

This week – Monday 14 December 2009		Next meeting – Monday 18 January 2010	
<b>Chairman</b>	Graham Cuthbertson	<b>Chairman</b>	Graham Evans
<b>Night Reporter</b>	Dick Bushell	<b>Night Reporter</b>	Clive Denmark
<b>Front Desk</b>	Michael Moroney	<b>Front Desk</b>	Michael Moroney
<b>Front Desk</b>	Alan Paynter	<b>Front Desk</b>	Jim Simpson
<b>Steward</b>	Larry Jacka	<b>Steward</b>	Douglas Lam
<b>Steward</b>	Channa Jayasuriya	<b>Steward</b>	Barry Lambert

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## IT'S A BOY!!!!



Congratulations to Jo and Hany on the arrival of their first child, Benjamin John Gerges. Born 5/12/09 weighing in at 3.36 Kg. As far as I am aware this is also a first for our Club.



## 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 before 11am** on the day of the meeting.

### Message from our President



Monday night we had a good attendance for our AGM and elections.

Congratulations to the new elected Board for 2010/2011. A very good team that will insure our Club will prosper next year under Graham Cuthbertson. A special congratulations to President Elect for year 2011/12 Colin McGowan, he will do a great job.

I hope we have a good roll up for our last Christmas meeting and partners night for 2009. It should be a great night.

Best Regards  
Graham Evans



### At our last meeting – 7 December 2009 Club AGM & Elections

Sergeant Stan opened the Meeting and introduced President Graham Evans to members.

President Graham welcomed members and also to visitor Max Henderson to our Meeting. He expressed congratulations to Hany and Jo Gerges on the birth of their son on the 5th December.

President Graham then indicated to the Club that Barry Freeman wished to address the Meeting on a personal level.

Barry advised the members of the challenges ahead follow the diagnosis of a family illness. He informed us that following medical advice they would not be going to France with the outgoing GSE but will remain at home. They still plan to visit Barry's brother in the USA next year. President Graham thanked Barry for the update and expressed the Club's best wishes to them.

The following matters were then raised by the President:

- Insurance claim has been sent to Insurance Company;
- Next Monday's Meeting is our final one for this year. It will be our usual Christmas Partners Night with much fun and merriment. Don't forget to bring Kris Kringle gifts;
- 9th January, 2010 is President's Night at the Evans home (2 Ridgemont Close, West Pennant Hills) at 5.00 pm. Cost is \$28 per head (seafood menu) and numbers and money to be paid by next Monday's meeting;
- Board Meeting at the President's home on 20th January, 2010 at 7.00 pm;
- Rotary Weekend Away is planned for 1st/2nd May, 2010 to Orange. Motel already booked with more information available early next year;
- Rotary Calendars are still available to purchase;

Graham Cuthbertson informed members that we have been rostered on for barbeques at Bunnings, Dural on Sunday, 3rd January, 2010 and maybe Saturday, 16th January at Bunnings, Thornleigh, and is calling for volunteers to assist.

Carol Russell then addressed the Meeting with information produced showing Profit and Loss figures for the year ended 30th June, 2009. This is an indicative report from our Auditors.

Following this, Graham Cuthbertson on behalf of the members thanked Colin McGowan, Carol Russell and Keith Ball for their diligent efforts with recent internal matters.

We were then informed by Fabienne of her past week's activities, namely, she has finished her school exams, went shopping with Rosemary and saw Australian tennis star Leyton Hewitt and his family at Regal's Rendezvous last Sunday while having Christmas Lunch with our Club.

(Election of Committee for 2010 - recorded by Bob Davison)

Sergeant Stan extracted a few dollars from members with his humorous fines.

The Heads and Tails resulted in a no win situation.

The Meeting closed at approximately 8.30 pm.

Colin Wright - Night Reporter

#### ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

Bob Davison recorded proceedings.

Pres. Graham commenced the formal part of the meeting, the AGM, at 7:30 by inviting the existing board members to summarise their portfolio achievements to date.

Carol Russell- Treasurer

Carol mentioned that the Treasures role is important to ensure funds from our fundraising achieve the purpose intended and the members funds are managed to ensure harmony within the club. Carol takes this role seriously, and encourages all members to "up em and at em" in reference to maximising the fundraising this year for our chosen charities.

At this point Graham Cuthbertson presented the 2008/2009 P&L saying it was indicative (as accurate as possible in the circumstances) and has been audited without qualification.

Graham Cuthbertson - Club Service.

A very enjoyable year. A special thanks to Colin McGowan, Keith and Carol for their support with the accounts, and to Pru and Toni for their support with social activities.

Colin Wright - Vocational

We organised two significant events - Hawkesbury race day and Ryde School of Food and Hospitality. Both were very successful.

Bob Davison - International

We had a successful working project at the Sola Hospital in Vanuatu in June. From this we were able to establish our sister club relationship with Santo RC in September. We have been active with Donations in Kind (DIK) with two working bees, and significant member donations of

tools and computers. We have taken on the role of preparing computers for shipment with 22 packed into a container just last weekend.

Tom Westcott - Youth

Our youth program would not exist without the efforts of our committee (and we have a very good committee) plus the wonderful young kids in our community. For the next six months we have many programs that will increase the youth involvement over previous years, subject to funding availability.

Tim Bickford - Fundraising

Key fundraising activities, garage sale, trailer raffle and spring dance have generated the funds projected. We have several activities process, eg sausage sizzle and wine sales which need continued member support. The BBQ trailer is now operational, and a great opportunity to raise additional funds. We are looking at new opportunities, eg a dog walk (as done in Canada) to raise even more funds (maybe with less member effort)

Cawas Sahukar - Membership and Larry - Foundation. were both absent

Colin McGowan - Community

Highlights were the day at Warrah with 16 members repairing the driveway. This was a great hands on activity and we have had feedback to do more of these projects. The Nordby picnic was canned, but we had a member champagne breakfast at the Kokoda Track picnic area which was such a great success that we will probably have a similar social event in the next 6 months.

(Note: more detailed reports will be provided in the Minutes of the AGM to be published within 4 weeks).

Pres. Graham concluded by thanking the committee for their ongoing support, and especially to those who have been heavily involved in resolving issues with our financial accounts which is now completed.

Then Keith Ball took over proceedings for the election of the new board. We had the correct number of nominations for the positions to be appointed, so voting was not required.

The new board for 2010-2011 is:  
Officers:

President: Graham Cuthbertson  
Treasurer: Carol Russell  
Secretary: Keith Ball  
Club Services: Colin McGowan  
and President Elect for 2011/2012)  
Directors:  
Community: Dick Bushell  
Membership: Bob Davison  
International: Tim Bowland  
Youth: Tom Westcott  
Vocational: Rosemary Clarke  
Fundraising: Cawas Sahukar  
Sergeant at arms: David Turnbull

There was concern raised that there may be a drop in revenue from fines as David has been a significant contributor. (Fortunately we are given an opportunity to cross fine, so this should not be an issue.)

Pres. Elect. Graham expressed how he was confident this will be an effective board to work with and how much he is looking forward to his year as president.

The AGM was concluded at 8:10, and normal meeting proceedings continued.

AGM reporter:  
Bob Davison.



### Birthdays and Anniversaries



### Anniversaries



Friday 18 December  
Marilyn and Greg Pidgeon

Wednesday 23 December  
Lyn and Bob Myers

Monday 28 December  
Margaret and Graham Evans

Friday 8 January  
Anne and Rob Wansbrough

Wednesday 13 January  
Jo and Hany Gerges



### Birthdays



Monday 21 December – Ross Ballinger

Tuesday 22 December – Rob Hamer

Thursday 24 December – Anne Wansbrough

Monday 28 December – Jo Gerges

Tuesday 29 December – Helen Lambert

Thursday 31 December – Pamela Makin

Thursday 7 January – Cawas Sahukar

Tuesday 12 January – Alison Bowland

Saturday 16 January – Rosemary Clarke

Sunday 17 January – Margaret McGowan

### Christmas function pics

Regal Gardens – Sunday 6 December





Dick and friend



**Members on Leave-of-absen**

Steve Baker will be on leave of absence due to work reasons until 31 December 2009.

**Dinner/ Outing roster for Fabienne**

Month	w/e Fri	Name / Activity
	18	Blocked out
	25	Rosemary Clarke
<b>2010 Jan</b>	1	McGowans - Copacabana
	8	Tennis week with Clarke's
	17-24	South Coast with Rosemary Clarke
	23- 24-25	Kosciusko walk weekend With Cuthbertsons plus
	29	
<b>Feb</b>	5	
	12	
	19	Umina Beach weekend
	26	
<b>March</b>	5	Davisons - Norfolk Island
	12	
	19	District Conference
	26	SAFARI
<b>April</b>		Fabienne away until 17th
	23	
	30	
<b>May</b>	7	
	14	
	21	
	28	
<b>June</b>	4	
	11	
	18	
	25	Club Changeover.



**2010 RI Convention**



2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, 20-23 June

**S**ophisticated yet friendly, Montréal offers an ideal setting for Rotarians to gather at the 2010 RI Convention. More than 80 nationalities and ethnic groups reside in Montréal. In addition, it is also the largest francophone city outside of Paris, making it the most bilingual metropolis in North America. Register early now for "An

International Experience" and to receive the best rates and accommodations. To go to the convention and experience the fellowship and Rotary at an international level Register for the convention and ticketed events Reserve your hotel Purchase host event tickets 2010 registration Registration for one preconvention event is included in the price of your convention registration. Find out about preconvention events. There are several ways to register for the 2010 convention: Online registration Download the registration form E-mail for special tour group forms and other information For questions, e-mail RI. Note: You must be a registered Member Access user to register online for the convention. (Read more about becoming a Member Access user.) User registration for Member Access may take longer than one business day. You will receive e-mails with step-by-step instructions to complete set up of your user account. Then, log in to Member Access, go to the left hand navigation bar and, under services, select "Register for Meetings" and on the next screen, "2010 RI Convention." To complete your convention registration, enter your credit card information to pay your fees. An alternative method is to fax or e-mail your registration form. Register by 15 December to save money! 2010 housing Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis, so book early to secure your preferred hotel. Booking for RI Convention housing begins 20 June 2009. Confirmations will be issued from Tourisme Montréal's Housing Bureau beginning in July. Online reservation through Tourisme Montréal's Housing Bureau Download the housing form. For a block of rooms of 15 or more, download the group housing form. E-mail: reservation@tourisme-montreal.org Phone: +1-514-844-0848 Fax: +1-514-844-6771 Mail: Tourisme Montréal's Housing Bureau 1555 Peel Street Bureau 600 Montréal, Québec H3A 3L8 Canada

## 2010 host event tickets

The host committee has planned events, tours, and a Host Hospitality evening with multiple options to help convention goers experience Montréal's cultural offerings with local Rotarians. Some of these events have limited capacities, so be sure to purchase your tickets early.

## Online ticket purchases

For questions, e-mail the HOC.

## Venues

The venues will be the Bell Centre for plenary sessions and the Palais des congrès de Montréal for breakout sessions, booths, and the House of Friendship. These venues are within a short walk or métro ride of each other and many of the downtown hotels.

For more information about the destination and to download walking and métro maps, go to [www.tourismemontreal.org](http://www.tourismemontreal.org).

For more relevant links go to this webpage

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/ridefault.aspx?housead>

### **Fight against polio takes a step forward**

In a major step forward in the fight to rid the world of polio, the U.S. government and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) announced that they will be strengthening their collaboration toward eradicating the disease.

Panelists speaking at UNICEF headquarters in New York City on 2 December stressed that the battle against polio may be won or lost depending on how well all sectors of society can work together, including governmental and nongovernmental agencies, and religious organizations. In the areas where polio maintains its last strongholds, misinformation and conflict continue to impede workers' ability to vaccinate children.

The panel was organized after U.S. President Barack Obama issued a statement in June announcing "a new global effort" with the OIC to eradicate polio.

Dr. Bruce Aylward, director of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative at the World Health Organization, said eradication is possible through some very simple methods, if the political will is there.

"The OIC is central to the global efforts" of polio eradication, agreed Ann M. Veneman, UNICEF's executive director. Ambassador Abdul Wahab, permanent observer of the OIC to the United Nations, said that vaccinating children against polio is consistent with teachings in the Quran to make every possible effort to take care of children. The OIC has been on the forefront of the fight to eradicate the disease in many Muslim countries.



*Ambassadors Abdul Wahab, permanent observer of the OIC to the United Nations, (left) and Frederick D. Barton, U.S. representative to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, speak during a panel on polio at UNICEF headquarters in New York. Rotary Images/Alyce Henson*

Wahab also reported that the OIC secretary-general has helped secure funding for polio eradication and contacted the presidents of Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan to encourage them to strengthen their efforts in support of eradicating the disease. The International Islamic Fiqh Academy has issued an edict, or fatwa, about the importance of parents getting their children vaccinated against polio.

Though the disease is 99 percent eradicated, reaching children who live in areas torn apart by conflict or political upheaval has been a major hurdle.

"The toughest cases always come at the end," said Ambassador Frederick D. Barton, U.S. representative to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. He said that addressing the challenges of ending the disease requires trust in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners and confidence in the solutions offered.

Barton noted that phenomenal progress has been made in the battle against polio. "[What] Rotary has done with the US\$200 Million Challenge and the leadership it has shown for the past decades is remarkable," he said.

Past RI President James L. Lacy, chair of Rotary International's Polio Eradication

Task Force for the United States, said Rotarians who remember what it was like to fear polio will do whatever it takes to end it. "We have to keep pressing ahead. And it takes every one of us to do what we can."

The panel's moderator, Dr. William Foege, senior fellow of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Global Health Program, said Rotary's work will be remembered in history, but the job needs to be finished. "They won't thank us at all for starting it, but they will thank us for ending it," he said.

"No one should suffer from a disease that's completely preventable for a few pennies of vaccine," said Lacy. Polio eradication will be "our everlasting gift to the world. It's a promise Rotary intends to keep."

### 25 Reasons I owe my mother

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE .

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

2. My mother taught me RELIGION.

"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL .

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

4. My mother taught me LOGIC.

" Because I said so, that's why."

5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC.

"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me.."

6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT.

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

7. My mother taught me IRONY

"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.

"Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

10. My mother taught me about STAMINA..

"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

11. My mother taught me about WEATHER.

"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.

"If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"

13. My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.

"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."

14. My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION.

"Stop acting like your father!"

15. My mother taught me about ENVY.

"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."

16. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.

"Just wait until we get home."

17. My mother taught me about RECEIVING .

"You are going to get it when you get home!"

18. My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE..

"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to freeze that way."

19. My mother taught me ESP.

"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"

20. My mother taught me HUMOR.

"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

21. My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT .



"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

22. My mother taught me GENETICS.  
"You're just like your father."

23. My mother taught me about my ROOTS.  
"Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a shed?"

24. My mother taught me WISDOM.  
"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

25. And my favorite: My mother taught me about JUSTICE  
"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you."

Contributed by Rod Crowweller

<b>Club Program 2009/2010</b>			12-Nov-09	
<b>Dec-09</b>		<b>Activity- Family</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Organiser/Contact</b>
Mon	14	Christmas Meeting	<b>Yes</b>	
Tues	15	Club Board Meeting		Graham Evans
Mon	21	No Meeting		
Mon	28	No Meeting		
<b>Jan-10</b>		<b>Activity- Rotary Awareness</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Organiser/Contact</b>
Sun	3	Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Dural (Confirmed)		Barry Lambert
Sat	9	Informal Dinner at President Graham's (from 5.00pm)	<b>Yes</b>	Graham Evans
Mon	11	No meeting		
Sun	17	Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Thornleigh (Provisional)		Barry Lambert
Mon	18	Club Assembly		Graham Evans
Fri	22 - 24	Kosciuszcko Walk Exchange Student	<b>Yes</b>	G. Cuthbertson
Mon	25	TBA		
Fri - Sun	29 - 31	RYPEN		Clive Denmark
<b>Feb-10</b>		<b>Activity- World Understanding</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Organiser/Contact</b>
Mon	1	Youth Night? + Inbound Student presentation?		Tom Westcott
Mon	8	Meeting		
Tues	9	Club Board Meeting		Graham Evans
Fri	12	Ronald McDonald House BBQ duty a Friday	<b>Yes</b>	Colin McGowan
Mon	15	Meeting		
Mon	22	Meeting		
Sat	27	Bush Dance		G. Cuthbertson
<b>Mar-10</b>		<b>Activity- Literacy</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Organiser/Contact</b>
Mon	1	Meeting		
Tues	2	Oatlands Charity Golf Day		Tim Boland
	6-19	BowelScan at Cherrybrook Village		Barry Lambert
Mon	8	Meeting - Youth Night		Tom Westcott
Tues	9	Club Board Meeting		Graham Evans
Mon	15	Meeting		
District Conference 18-21 March 2010 - Port Macquarie				Graham Cuthbertson
Mon	22	Meeting		
Mon	29	Meeting		
<b>Apr-10</b>		<b>Activity- Magazine</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Organiser/Contact</b>
Sat	3	Social Activity	<b>Yes</b>	Toni Trumm/Pru Daras
Mon	5	No Meeting- Easter Monday		
Sun	11	Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Dural		Barry Lambert
Mon	12	Meeting		

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Tues	13	Club Board Meeting		Graham Evans
Mon	19	Meeting		
Mon	26	No Meeting- Anzac day PH		
<b>May-10</b>		<b>Activity</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Organiser/Contact</b>
Mon	3	Wine and Cheese Night		
Mon	10	Club Aniversary Dinner		Ross Ballinger/G Cuth
Tues	11	Club Board Meeting		Graham Evans
Mon	17	Meeting		
Mon	24	Meeting		
Mon	31	Meeting		
<b>Jun-10</b>		<b>Activity- Rotary Fellowship</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Organiser/Contact</b>
Mon	7	Meeting		
Tues	8	Club Board Meeting		Graham Cuthbertson
Mon	14	Pub Hol - Queens Birthday		
Mon	21	Inbound student- final presentation?		
Fri	25	Club Changeover		Graham Cuthbertson

Details of the full Club program can be found in the Club website  
[www.wphcrotaary.org](http://www.wphcrotaary.org)

Photo of the week



Dairy cow – Wootton NSW – Photo by Dick Bushell

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Name		PARTNER	ADDRESS	HOME	WORK	MOBILE	E-MAIL	Classification
BALL	Keith	Dianne						Plasterboard engineering
BALLINGER	Ross	Helen						Sign Services
BASELEY	Stan	Patricia						Manager – Printing
BAKER	Steve	Jean						Banking
BAXTER	Colin	Gwen						Financial Services
BICKFORD	Tim	Sharon						Commercial Management
BOWLAND	Tim	Alison						Residential Designer
BURRAGE	Sandy	Mike						Diversion Therapy
BUSHELL	Richard	Roslyn						Industrial Marketing
CLARKE	Rosemary	Rob						Education Services
CLEARY	Peter	Julie						Engineer – Management
CROSWELLER	Rod	Robyn						Architecture
CUTHBERTSON	Graham	Judy						Finance Management
DARAS	Prue							Health Services
DAVISON	Bob	Beverley						Information Technology
DENMARK	Clive	Jenny						Waste Management
FLEMING	Howard	Megan						Mining instruments
EVANS	Graham	Margaret						Wool Industry
FREEMAN	Barry	Joan						Corporate training
FURRER	Brian	Barbara						Forestry
GERGES	Hany	Jo						Dentistry
HAMER	Rob	Janet						IT Services
JACKA	Larry	Miriam						Consulting training
JAYASURIYA	Channa	Amala						Banking
LAM	Douglas	Kaija						TV production
LAMBERT	Barry	Helen						Pharmaceutical – Mfg
MAKIN	Tony	Pamela						Quantity surveying
McGOWAN	Colin	Margaret						Funds Management
MORONEY	Michael	Catherine						Phone sales
MEYER	Fabienne							Exchange Student
MYERS	Bob	Lyn						Postal Services
PAYNTER	Alan	Lyn						Bathroom Renovations
PIDGEON	Greg	Marilyn						Baby Wear - Sales
RUSSELL	Carol							Financial Planning
RUSSELL	John	Marie						Business training
SAHUKAR	Cawas	Rashna						Marketer & Trainer
SAVIO	Gino	Roslyn						Plumber
SAVIO	Roslyn	Gino						Travel services
SIMPSON	Jim	Dianne						Financial compliance
TRUMM	Toni	Michael						Retail Fashion
TURNBULL	David	Jill						Consulting plumbing
WANSBROUGH	Robert	Anne						Veterinary Services
WESTCOTT	Tom	Annette						Shade Sales
WRIGHT	Colin	Dianne						Commodity Broker
YEATES	Graeme	Honey						Financial Advisor