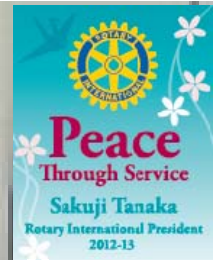




# The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Club Bulletin

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<b>Monday 14 January</b> Murray Stone - Kids Research Institute Westmead Childrens Hospital
<b>Monday 21 January</b> Australia Day Meeting - Barry Freeman on Alzheimers
<b>Monday 28 January</b> No Meeting

## Duty Roster

Next Meeting - Monday Jan 14 2012		Following Meeting – Monday Jan 21	
<b>Speaker Host</b>	Col McGowan	<b>Speaker Host</b>	Barry Freeman
<b>Night Reporter</b>	John Fletcher	<b>Night Reporter</b>	Colin Baxter
<b>Front Desk</b>	Brian Furrer	<b>Front Desk</b>	Larry Jacka
<b>Front Desk</b>	Ian Roberts	<b>Front Desk</b>	Ian Roberts
<b>Steward</b>	Col Wright	<b>Steward</b>	Jim Simpson
<b>Steward</b>	David Turnbull	<b>Steward</b>	Barry Lambert
<b>Photographer</b>	Steve Baker/Ross Ballinger	<b>Photographer</b>	Steve Baker/Ross Ballinger

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## Upcoming Events

<b>Sunday 6 January</b> President's New Year Lunch Celebration @ Geranium Cottage	<b>Saturday 19 January</b> BBQ - Bunnings Thornleigh
<b>Sunday 13 January</b> BBQ Bunnings Dural	<b>Thursday 7 February</b> Ronald MacDonald House Dinner

## 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 notify Jilda.  
 Phone 9439 1422 or email [accounts@lhogroup.com.au](mailto: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

What an excellent meeting to end the year on. We had 62 members, partners and friends on the night, and the room was a buzz! Barry Freeman presented Bethany her blazer and some club banners to take on her year exchange to Denmark. Bethany told us about her preparations – she has contacted her first family and some others she will meet in Denmark. She is learning Danish, now that her exams are over (Beth has just finished year 10). I wish her a most successful year away.

Then we had a visit from Santa and his Elf helper. After some of us declared whether we had been naughty or nice, Santa gave each of us a present. A special thank you to Colin and Dianne Wright for arranging the Xmas decorations, and of course, Santa and his elf for handing out presents, and being so jovial.

Coming up, we have the Presidents New Year Lunch at Geranium Cottage on Sunday 6th January, and I hope to see many of you there. Let Mark Doran know if you are coming, if you haven't yet.

There is no Board meeting on 9th January, and the next meeting is Monday 14th January. We have Murray Stone talking about Kids Research Institute, Westmead Children's Hospital.

*I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and health and prosperity in the New Year.*

*President Bob Davison*

## Night Report

It was indeed a jolly evening with one of the best attendances of the year, which of course was not because of the lure of a special gift from Santa?

Santa himself obviously has had a good year because he has grown somewhat since last Xmas and found a new helper who was very cute indeed

It was a special evening as well because our outgoing Exchange Student Bethany Ferguson was presented with her blazer and spoke excitably about her forthcoming adventures in Denmark

All wish her well in the knowledge that she will proudly represent our Club, Rotary and Australia while overseas

We also celebrated Sharon Bickford's recent Graduation and her first appointment as a Veterinary Surgeon

We hope that everyone is looking forward to an exciting New Year which we will kick off in fine style at the Geranium Cottage on January 6

## Photos from the Last Meeting









## Birthdays and Anniversaries



**January Anniversaries** - *Hany and Jo Gerges - 13th*

**January Birthdays**

- *Cawas Sahukar - 7th*
- *Alison Bowland - 12th*
- *Rosemary Clarke – 16th*
- *Margaret McGowan – 17th*

## Food for Thought



Forever is a long time, but not as long as it was yesterday

## Humour



# BASIC CHRISTMAS FITNESS EXERCISES



*Contributed by Steve Baker and Max Henderson*

### For the Intellectuals

- The Grim Reaper came for me last night, and I beat him off with a vacuum cleaner. Talk about Dyson with death.
- A mate of mine recently admitted to being addicted to brake fluid. When I quizzed him on it he reckoned he could stop any time....
- I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave. As I was standing there I noticed 4 grave diggers walking about with a coffin, 3 hours later and they're still walking about with it. I thought to myself, they've lost the plot!!
- My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were \$70!!! Blow this, I thought, I can get one cheaper off the web.
- I was at an ATM yesterday when a little old lady asked if I could check her balance, so I pushed her over.
- I start a new job in Seoul next week. I thought it was a good Korea move.
- I was driving this morning when I saw a parked RAC van. The driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable. I thought to myself that guy's heading for a breakdown.
- Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarves are not 'Happy'.
- My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30am this morning, can you believe that, 2:30am?! Luckily for him I was still up playing my Bagpipes.
- Paddy says "Mick, I'm thinking of buying a Labrador." "No way" says Mick "have you seen how many of their owners go blind?"
- I saw a poor old lady fall over today on the ice!! At least I presume she was poor - she only had \$1.20 in her purse.
- A wife says to her husband you're always pushing me around and talking behind my back. He says what do you expect? You're in a wheelchair.
- I was explaining to my wife last night that when you die you get reincarnated but must come back as a different creature. She said I would like to come back as a cow. I said you're obviously not listening.
- The wife has been missing a week now. Police said to prepare for the worst. So I have been to the charity shop to get all her clothes back.
- The wife was counting all the 5c's and 10c's out on the kitchen table when she suddenly got very angry and started shouting and crying for no reason. I thought to myself, "She's going through the change."
- Local Police hunting the 'knitting needle nutter', who has stabbed six people in the backside in the last 48 hours, believe the attacker could be following some kind of pattern.
- Bought some 'rocket salad' yesterday but it went off before I could eat it!



- A teddy bear is working on a building site. He goes for a tea break and when he returns he notices his pick has been stolen. The bear is angry and reports the theft to the foreman. The foreman grins at the bear and says "Oh, I forgot to tell you, today's the day the teddy bears have their pick nicked."
- Murphy says to Paddy, "What ya talkin to an envelope for?" "I'm sending a voicemail ya thick sod!"
- Just got back from my mate's funeral. He died after being hit on the head with a tennis ball. It was a lovely service.
- 19 paddies go to the cinema, the ticket lady asks "Why so many of you?" Mick replies, "The film said 18 or over."
- An Asian fellow has moved in next door. He has travelled the world, swum with sharks, wrestled bears and climbed the highest mountain. It came as no surprise to learn his name was Bindair Dundat.

*Contributed by Stan Baseley*

		<b>Club Program 2012-2013</b>	RED YES = PARTNERS on a meeting night.	
		Updated 11/12/12 by RWH		
<b>Jan-13</b>		<b>Rotary Awareness Month</b>		
Sun	6	President's New Year Lunch	<b>Yes</b>	Social Comm.
Mon	7	No Meeting		
Wed	9	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.		Bob Davison
Mon	14	Murray Stone - Kids Research Institute Westmead Children's Hospital		Rob Hamer
Sat	19	BBQ Bunnings Thornleigh.	<b>Yes</b>	Barry Lambert
Mon	21	Australia Day Meeting - Barry Freeman on Alzheimers.	<b>Yes</b>	Rob Hamer
Sat	26	Australia Day Holiday		
Mon	28	Australia Day Public Holiday - no meeting		
<b>Feb-13</b>		<b>World Understanding Month</b>		
Mon	4	Meeting moved to Binet display home Barbeque.		Rob Hamer
Thu	7	Ronald McDonald House Dinner		Douglas Lam
Mon	11	Looking for speaker		Rob Hamer
Wed	13	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.		Bob Davison
Sat	16	Dinner at Lemon Chello, Italian Restaurant, West Pennant Hills.		Social Comm.
Mon	18	Norm Spalding - An Ambulance Officer's story. TBC	<b>Yes</b>	Rob Hamer
Sun	24	Nordby Picnic day at Kokoda Memorial at Rhodes.	<b>Yes</b>	Douglas Lam
Mon	25	Youth Night		Rosemary Clarke
<b>Mar-13</b>		<b>Literacy Month</b>		
Mon	4	Jim Kehoe, author - "From Whites to Muddies" a history of Rugby Union in the Royal Australian Navy. Confirmed 25/10/2012		Rob Hamer
Wed	6	Book Sale Setup		Clive Denmark
Thu	7	Book Sale Setup		Clive Denmark
Fri	8	Book Sale		Clive Denmark
Sat	9	Book Sale		Clive Denmark
Mon	11	Bryan O'Shannassy from Erina club on Ethics.		Peter Cleary
Wed	13	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.		
Fri	15	2013 District Conference Evening - "Soar into History"	<b>Yes</b>	David Turnbull
Sat	16	2013 District Conference Day 1	<b>Yes</b>	David Turnbull
Sun	17	2013 District Conference Day 2	<b>Yes</b>	David Turnbull
Mon	18	Steven Carruthers - Naval Historian - "First Salvo" Japanese Midget sub attack on Sydney 1942.	<b>Yes</b>	Rob Hamer
Mon	25	Anne Harcombe - Dress for Success		

Please don't forget to book an outing, dinner or activity with Miska  
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**Miska's Family of the Week Program**

2012-2013			
Week Ending Friday	Host Family	Planned Activities	Miska with You
9 -23 Jan			Holidays with the Bickfords
Sunday 10 February	Ferguson	Sailing Day - St Ives Club -TBC	
Fri. 22- Sun. 24 February	Ferguson	Umina Beach Weekend for Inbound students – Umina Club	
Fri 15- Sun. 17 March	Ferguson	District Conference - Nowra	
17 March	Davison		
April/May	Davison	Safari briefing – St Albans Anglican Church – Lindfield -TBC	
May/June	Davison	Safari - TBC	
15 June	Davison	Farewell to students - TBC	

**Directors 2012-13**

**Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook**

President	Bob Davison	0413 008 574
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Treasurer	Ian Roberts	0401 898 989
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Youth Services Director	Rosemary Clarke	0439 819 965
Community Services Director	Douglas Lam	0419 421 659
International Director, Foundation and PR	PDG Larry Jacka	0418 690 898
Vocational Director	Peter Cleary	0419 499 827
Fundraiser Director	Clive Denmark	0400 425 210
Club Welfare Officer (non executive)	Stan Basely	9634 1084
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