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The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

Club Bulletin

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Next meeting – Monday 15 December 2008

Christmas meeting

Monday 5 January 2009

Informal BBQ meeting at the Evans's BYO 5.30 for 6pm

Next meeting Monday 12 January 2009

TBA

Duty Roster

This week – Monday 15 December 2008		Next meeting – Monday 12 January 2009	
Chairman	Peter Garnett	Chairman	Ross Ballinger
Night Reporter	Barry Lambert	Night Reporter	Steve Baker
Front Desk	Michael Moroney	Front Desk	Rosemary Clarke
Front Desk	Carol Russell	Front Desk	Graham Cuthbertson
Steward	Graham Coles	Steward	Peter Cleary
Steward	Rod Crosweller	Steward	Howard Fleming

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Vale Trevor Turner

The news of Trevor's passing did not come as a shock to us as we all knew he was coming to the end of his long and gutsy fight with cancer. His loss however, will be deeply felt by us all and our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his devoted wife Ann and his family. Trevor was our first President when our Club was chartered in May 1987 setting



our Club on a course of informality and fellowship that it still maintains today. He was made a Paul Harris Fellow the following year. Apart from his follow

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

on role as Immediate Past President, this was the only time Trevor held a formal office in our Club. Trevor was a quiet and hard working man who shunned the limelight and preferred to work from behind the scenes. He was always there when there was work to be done which he invariably undertook in his characteristic quiet and purposeful way. He was truly one of Nature's Gentlemen. It is hard to imagine Trevor exchanging a cross word with anyone as he was never anything but gentle and courteous, regardless of the situation. He was also a man of very few words but when he did speak it was always with common sense, compassion and understanding. To say he will be missed in our Club is an understatement.

Go well Trevor in your new life in that big plumber's home in the sky. You have left your indelible mark on our Club and on each and every one of us.

President's Pen



It was with great sadness that we learnt on Sunday of the passing of Trevor Turner PP, PHF and Charter member. He gave so much to Rotary over a long period. Larry's tribute last night made us all aware of

Trevor's long history with Rotary. He will be sadly missed by Anne, his family and his friends at Rotary.

Our thoughts are also with Michael Moroney and Catherine at this time, Michael's mother passed away on Sunday aged 93, she is survived by her husband aged 95.

Denis Carpenter also informed us that his brother passed away very recently, hence his visit to Australia.

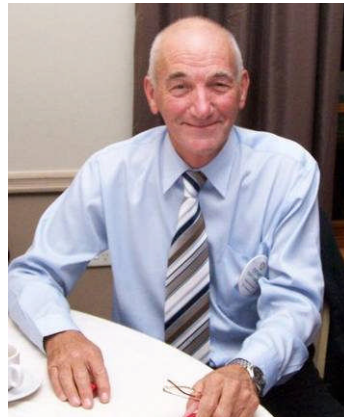
Our thoughts are with you all.

This week's quote.

"Thinking about death...produces love for life. When we are familiar with death, we accept each week, each day, as a gift. Only if we are able thus to accept life---bit by bit---does it become precious."

Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965)

At our last meeting 8 December



President Tim welcomed the guests, which included our Club's Charter member Dennis Carpenter.

Passing of PP Trevor Turner PHF

He then asked PPG Larry Jacka to recognise our Club member, Trevor Turner, the Club's Charter President, who passed away on Sunday.



Trevor Pictured with his wife Ann at one of our meetings several years ago

Larry told the meeting that it was a sad day for Rotary and for our Club. Trevor was a long standing Rotarian dedicated to the organisation, a Charter member of the Rotary Club of Galston and Charter President of our Club. He was the first Paul Harris Fellow recognized by the Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills. The wishing well at the WPH Public School and the time capsule were his initiatives.

The Club stood for a minute silence in respect.

Student exchange: Heloise told us of the her highlights from the past week, a visit to the theatre and decorating the Christmas tree, next week she is going to Queensland with Bev and Bob.

Reports

Board Meeting: the next Board meeting will be on the 20th Feb 2009, urgent matters to Pres. Tim in the meantime.

Stan Baseley attended Lucas Gardens Special School and presented a cheque for \$4000.00 from the Club to the School.



He was shown the new multi sensory room used to stimulate the students. The School sent a card of thanks back with Stan. On a personal note Stan said that his wife Patricia had undergone surgery that day, she was out of the operation but they would need to wait to know how successful it was. Stan, our thoughts are with you both.

Barry Lambert and Keith Ball reported on a meeting at Warrah, a Rudolf Steiner School at Quarry Road Dural. The School was long established and now is in serious need to be maintained and refurbished. To promote this Bunnings organised the meeting of interested organisations with the intention to form a new charitable entity "Friends of Warrah" Inc. The school also manages 5 group homes in the local Hills area.

Much hands on work is there to be done, also other work as there was virtually no capital works since the 60's when the original student's parents did the work. Currently gets income from farming eggs and garlic. The next step is to formally create the new entity .

The meeting on the 5th of January will be a BBQ at Graham and Margaret Evans home, 5.30 for 6pm. Graham asked that members indicated their intended attendance by filling-in the forms that he had placed on the tables.

Barry Lambert told the meeting there would be a BBQ at Bunnings Thornleigh on 18th and sought volunteers to run it.

Peter Garnett reminded members that next week was the Christmas meeting and each person coming was to bring a present to a value of \$10, colour coded by gender , blue for boys!

Graham Cuthbertson reported taking of \$1000 from last Saturday's BBQ , with a profit of \$500, he thanked those who helped.

Brian Furrer showed pictures and told of progress on this year's Tree of Joy.



Virtually all the cards have been taken from the Tree at Cherrybrook Village.

The Centre management and store keepers are strongly in support. Presents are stored at David and Jill Turnbull's house. An evening of fun and work will occur at their home on December 16th when the presents are prepared for distribution. All members who can, please come along, nibbles provide but bring your own drinks.



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

The Clubs nominee to attend this year's RYLA is Kylie Mead, she was asked to introduce herself to the Club.



Kylie works at the National Archives, she is a Scout Leader and Rover, she is looking forward to RYLA after hearing the benefits her colleagues received from the course. She thanked the Club for the

opportunity to attend.

Youth Exchange, The Club's outbound exchange student who is going to Denmark, Caitlin Thrumn, was presented with her blazer by President Tim.



She was also given a scarf decorated with native animals and a bundle of Club banners. She told the Club of her interests and expectations.



Job talk by Gino Savio

Gino has been a plumber for many years. After an apprenticeship in residential and



small commercial work he took on bigger things and now constructs large civil projects. He gave an overview with pictures of a substantial concrete culvert

installation which is part of his present work. The best part about it is that he enjoys his work!

Induction of Two New Members

President Tim invited Hany Gerges and Rosemary Clarke to become members of the Club.

Hany together with his wife, Jo, was introduced by Bob Myers. Hany is a

dental surgeon with his practice located at West Pennant Hills.

Rosemary and her husband, Rod, were introduced by Ross Ballinger.

Rosemary is a teacher, she and Rod have two children and she comes from a Rotary family, her father was a PHF

President Tim formally inducted Rosemary and Hany into Rotary International and the Club, he presented their badges and provided Rotary information. The partners were acknowledged.

The new members were individually introduced to the Club.



Raffle, the raffle was won by the night reporter as payment for his sins.

Heads and tails was won by Jo Gerges, so soon after joining the Club.

In conclusion; thanks to visitors; next meeting is the Christmas meeting, bring a gift; first meeting in the new year, January 5th at Graham Evans home, 5.30 for 6pm; details of Trevor's funeral will be confirmed.

Night reporter Brian

Our Youth Exchange Students From Bob Davison

Héloïse (and Bev and I and Chelsea from Canada) are heading for the Gold Coast on Fri 12 Dec returning Mon 22 Dec. She moves to her next host family, the Trumms, on Sun 4 Jan 09. If you would like to contact Héloïse, her email-id is lolotte006@hotmail.com or phone 0421283983.

I have received an email from Ngaire which I share with you. She sounds to be having a good time in Sweden, and I'm certain she is the ambassador we had hoped for.

Ngaire's email-id is groovychick31189@hotmail.com

Hey!

Thought I would write and give a little update on how things are going. I did my 4th and final presentation today, about my year in Sweden. It went well, i think it was the best out of all of them which was good. I talked a tiny bit about my life in Australia (I've already done a presentation about that), then talked about everything I've done here. I did it in Swedish, so it feels good that I've learnt enough swedish to be able to do a speech in swedish. The people in the Rotary club I was at today thought it was really good, but were really surprised and concerned when i talked about how school was pretty bad for at least the first 6 months. I told them that the school didnt know i existed, they didn't even have a timetable ready for me on my first day even though I had met with them to say i was coming earlier, most of my teachers didnt ever say hi to me and that basically i found school here too relaxed- if i didnt go to school no one cared and i never had a full day of school etc. Some of them came up to me at the end and said thankyou for being honest and they wanted to go in and talk to the school about it, because they thought it wasnt good enough, and this club is getting a new exchange student from Brisbane in January. One of the other rotarians asked me before my presentation how many rotary families had invited me over for dinner or just for coffee or something, and i said only about 4, so she said that she wanted rotary to know that. So when it was question time at the end of my presentation, she asked me the same question but this time in front of everyone, and when i answered they were

all shocked and i think they felt a bit embarassed. But at the end, lots of people did come up to me and say that they needed to hear information like that so thankyou. Phew!! of course i told them that i love it here as well so it wasnt all bad!

Tomorrow I'm flying up to Stockholm just for the day with a man from my Rotary club. Should be great, I havent seen Stockholm yet so it will be nice to see it with all the Christmas lights and everything now.

What else. I'm getting tired of everyone asking how i feel about going home soon,

its the same answer every time- it feels good and terrible at the same time!

I've been and watched some soccer and ice hockey lately- a little while i looked at Göteborg play against Kalmar, and I've also looked at ice hockey a few times. I really want to play, it looks so fun and fast!

I have just come home from a weekend away with all the exchange students in my district and it was so much fun. It was the farewell party for the 2 of us who are going home in January. It was so good, we could do what we wanted basically and we went out bowling and had fun.

I've been out in some other towns the last few weekends meeting up with other exchange students which has been really fun, except that I'm the only one who lives in 'Blekinge', so it takes me 1 hour 15 mins by train to get to the closest exchange student, which means that it costs alot considering train prices here!

I can't remember when the last time i wrote was, but we have had our district conference now, so i did a speech in swedish with another exchange student, which went really well, and all of us exchange students did a play about everything we found strange when we first came to sweden. The audience laughed a lot which was good, it made us feel better! When we did the school scene, they all laughed and at the same time shook their heads because they saw how it was scarily true!!! With the students walking in and out of the classroom when they wanted, and answering mobiles in class, and teachers letting the kids out really early from lessons etc. But it went really well, we got a really really long clap at the end, some of the rotarians came up to me later and said wow, you guys got the longest clap i've ever seen! so it must have gone really well. We all had our blazers on, and i think a rotary district conference is the only place i can wear my blazer without being totally embarassed because of all the wierd stuff on it.

Other than that, things are as normal. I've been to a couple of birthday celebrations, dinner at peoples houses, i went to my first Swedish baptism the other day, and it's been getting colder. We've had a tiny bit of snow which was nice, but I'm hoping for more before i go home. I Also met Erika a few days ago, while i was in Kristianstad for the farwell party, i saw her in town with the Lucia girls- i dont know if you remember how Lucia is the

big thing a bit before Christmas in Sweden, but she was in the Lucia group. So i met her in town there. I'm singing in a choir on Saturday for Lucia up in the church in Ronneby. It will be really early in the morning though.....

Otherwise, things are still pretty normal except that I've got 3 boxes i need to send home this week and soon it's Christmas holidays. Today it's only 1 month until i go home, which is really scary.

Say hi to everyone at the club and have a great Christmas! Ngaire =)

International Project Sola Hospital, Vanuatu

As previously mentioned, our Club will engage in two (or possibly three) sub projects of RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Services) project No 125/2004:

"Construction of a 22 bed hospital consisting of three wards, operating theatre, eye clinic, emergency ward, isolation ward, Administration Office, and associated services, pathology, ante/pre natal, delivery ward and a maintenance building on Sola Vanualava. This project is fully funded by the Vanuatu Government."

Sub-Project description: Sola Hospital Services The hospital wards have been constructed. Our sub projects will be:

1. install plumbing (supply and drainage) in the two ward buildings. Team of 4-5.
2. electrical fit out of the two ward buildings and electrical refit of the established clinic building. Team of 4-5.
3. Pour concrete floors for two accommodation buildings. This sub project is optional, subject to having sufficient volunteers. Team of ?? (many ☺)

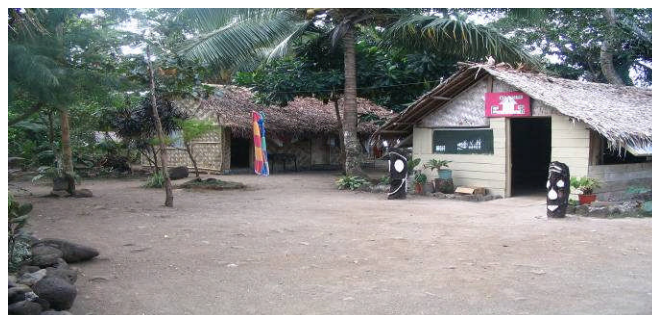
At this stage I am asking for members (and partners and friends of Rotary) to express interest as volunteers. We need someone with plumbing experience, and someone with forming and concreting experience. The majority of the

plumbing and electrical is relatively light work not requiring prior experience – this should suit most members and partners. The concreting project will involve more physical exertion for those interested in a bit of a workout. We hope to have some local resident participation.

The proposed timing is as follows. Teams 1 & 2 will leave Sydney on 20th May 2009. On route we will have a night in Port Villa, and one in Luganville to visit our Sister Club of Santo (assuming this relationship is formed... a separate project I am working on.... More on that later). Seven nights in Sola will provide six days working on the projects. More time in Sola if required. Returning to Sydney will be at your own pace. There are several resorts in Port Villa for those interested in a holiday. Team 3 will be a week later. (Note, on the map, Sola is on VanuaLava).



Each volunteer will need to make a \$1,780 donation (tax deductible) to RAWCS who meet the costs of travel, accommodation, meals and a badged shirt. The photo is of the guest house where we stay in Sola.



Do you want to experience Vanuatu, have fun with a great group of people, and do something worthwhile for VanuaLava? If you

are (slightly) interested contact Bob Davison (bobd@au1.ibm.com) and be on the team.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Anniversaries



Thur 18 Dec - Marilyn & Greg Pidgeon
Tue 22 Dec - Lyn & Bob Myers
Sun 28 Dec - Margaret & Graham Evans



Birthdays



Sunday 21 Dec – Ross Ballinger
Monday 22 Dec – Rob Hamer
Tuesday 23 Dec – Julie Constable
Wednesday 24 Dec – Anne Wansbrough
Mon 29 Dec – Helen Lambert
Wed 31 Dec – Pamela Makin

Rotary Information

RI World Centennial Convention

With the RI Convention 2008 looming up, here is some history of past Conventions:

1910-Chicago, first Convention; 1921-Edinburgh Scotland, First Convention outside USA it attracts 2500 Rotarians, 1922-Los Angeles, Rotary International name adopted, 1923-St Louis, US President is the first President to address a Convention, 1943-St Louis, Rotary adopts the Four way Test, 1945-Chicago, Wartime restrictions limit attendance to 141, 1948- Rio de Janeiro, First Convention in the southern hemisphere, 1950-Detroit, Rotary adopts the motto "Service Above Self", 1959-New York, A cavalcade of stars celebrates the 50th Convention, 1961-Tokyo, The First Convention in Asia attracts 23366, 1987-Munich, Esther Johnson of Santa Monica is the first female Rotarian to register, 1988-Philadelphia, Polio Plus fund raising goal is shattered, 2002-Barcelona, Former USSR President Mikhail Gorbachev delivers keynote address and receives

Rotary's Humanitarian Service Award, 2004-Osaka, Japan's third convention attracts a record 45381, 2005-Chicago, Rotary celebrates its Centennial.

Rotary at A Glance (As at 31 May)

Members: 1,231,483
Clubs: 33,270
Rotaract Members: 170,108
Clubs: 7,396

Past Governor Larry Jacka Rotary Information Officer

Foundation Facts

During the holiday season and Family Month on the Rotary calendar, our thoughts and wishes often turn to peace on earth – a state that sometimes seems impossible to achieve. As individuals, we may feel helpless. How can one person influence the brutal course of events, some of which are taking place thousands of miles away? As Rotarians, we have the opportunity – and the power – to work for peace through our Rotary Foundation. Our humanitarian programs are helping to overcome the greatest obstacles to peace: poverty, disease, hunger, and illiteracy. By providing access to clean water, health care, and education, Foundation-supported projects are bringing hope to people in need, and hope is a powerful deterrent to war. Our educational programs are also promoting peace by bringing together people from different countries and cultures in an environment of goodwill and international understanding.



Centurion Corner

The Club total of Centurions now stands at 21. Lets make sure the momentum does not slacken; becoming a Centurion remains the easiest and the most affordable way to ensure that the Foundation survives. It will also give you great satisfaction in knowing that your \$100 will do fantastic things. I repeat that Current members will be receiving reminder notices from District. Don't panic, there is no emergency, see me with your renewal. Please assist in maintaining the good work of

the Foundation. A donation of AUD\$100, which is fully tax deductible is all that is required. Your recently issued Foundation Money Boxes can be used for this. Fill your boxes and give to the Treasurer. He will lodge it with the Club until you reach the full figure.

Winston Churchill once said "We make a living by what we GET. We make a life by what we GIVE".



Permanent Ponderings

I remain confident. I will, however, continue my push because it is important to the Foundation. The Permanent Fund is to Secure Tomorrow. It is Rotary's endowment. The principal is never spent, and a proportion of the earnings are directed toward Foundation programs. Donations can be outright gifts, securities, bequests, or life-income agreements. All I seek is the Bequests, where you can make a contribution to the Foundation. Come and see me.

PDG Larry Jacka
Foundation Chairman

Grandma and Grandpa

Grandma and Grandpa were visiting their kids overnight. When Grandpa found a bottle of Viagra in his son's medicine cabinet, he asked about using one of the pills.

The son said, "I don't think you should take one Dad; they're very strong and very expensive."

"How much?" asked Grandpa. "\$10.00 a pill," Answered the son.

"I don't care," said Grandpa, "I'd still like to try one, and before we leave in the morning, I'll put the money under the pillow."

Later the next morning, the son found \$110.00 under the pillow. He called Grandpa and said, "I told you each pill was \$10.00, not \$110.00."

"I know," said Grandpa. "The hundred is from Grandma!"

Contributed by Stan Baseley

Club Programme 2008/2009				3.12.08
Dec-08	December Activity- Family			Partners
Mon	15	Christmas Meeting + bring present(s)	YES	Peter Garnett
Tue	16	Club Board Meeting + Tree of Joy wrapping/sorting 7.30pm Turnbolls		Tim Bowland / Brian F
Mon	22	No Meeting		
Mon	29	No Meeting		
Jan-09	January Activity- Rotary Awareness			Partners
Mon	5	No meeting- Australia Day- Informal BBQ at Graham Evans BYO 5.30 for 6pm	Yes	Graham Evans
Mon	12	Meeting		
Sun	18	Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Thornleigh		Barry Lambert
Mon	19	Club Assembly		Tim Bowland
Tue	20	Club Board Meeting		Tim Bowland
Mon	26	No Meeting -Australia Day		
Feb-09	February Activity- World Understanding			Partners
Mon	2	Roz Baker- "Believe in Miracles"- Contemporary Author and Bush Poet (from Forster) (www.rozbaker.bigpondhosting.com)+ 3 clubs joining us	Yes	TBA
Fri-Sun	6th-8th	Heloise's Kosciusko Walk (u r invited)		Graham Cuthbertson

Details of the Club program for the remainder of the 2008-2009 year can be found in the Club website
www.wphcrotrary.org Club Directory