



The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

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Guest Speaker – Keith Rowntree - "Personal Finance"

Monday 22 August 2011

Meeting Guest – DG David Rands

Duty Roster

This week – 15 August 2011		Next meeting – 22 August 2011	
Chairman	Keith Ball	Chairman	Colin McGowan
Night Reporter	Peter Cleary	Night Reporter	Clive Denmark
Front Desk	Graham Evans	Front Desk	Douglas Lamb
Front Desk	Brian Furrer	Front Desk	Michael Moroney
Steward	Barry Freeman	Steward	Tim Bickford
Steward	Cawas Sahukar	Steward	Rob Wansbrough
Photographers	Ross Ballinger/Steve Baker	Photographers	Ross Ballinger/Steve Baker

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Up-coming events

29 August 2011
Guest Speaker Lisa Sthalekar
Australian Women's' Cricket Team
Organiser: Ross Ballinger

24 September 2011
Garage Sale Dinner
Bivianos Restaurant

5 Sept 2011
Guest Speaker- Didgeridoo, history, making and playing
Organiser: Colin McGowan

9 October 2011
Hawkesbury Race Meeting – Food and Wine Festival
Organisers: Col Wright & Carol Russell

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** or email dturnbull@lhogroup.com.au **before 11am** on the day of the meeting.



President's Report



Presidents Report 8th August 2011

Michael Moroney graced us with his presence tonight after an absence of 4 weeks tripping around Canada. Welcome back Michael.

Colin Sharpe gave members a 5 minute summary of the play "The Crucible" that 22 Club members and Partners attended last Saturday night. Colin talked about it being set in the 17th C in Salem Massachusetts during the times of the witch hunts where singing, dancing or playing with dolls was considered witchcraft and punishable by being burnt at the stake or some other similar irritation. Colin reported the first half of the play was a little heavy going as the plot was developing although Rob Hamer and Tom Westcott were on top of it because they went to sleep. David Turnbull's concentration slipped for a while as well but

Jill's right elbow and a loud grunt gave some relief to the patrons who were in rows on either side of him.

Louise gave her run down for the week and as a Club we must all sincerely thank the Bowland's for hosting the Host Parents BBQ at their place last Sunday. What was a really nice thought was the BBQ speciality of the day featuring the native fauna on our Coat of Arms (Kangaroo and Emu). Louise said it was wonderful and I am sure she will be so excited to tell her parents of our local custom.

Associate Professor Brian Boettcher was our guest speaker for the night and gave a very interesting account of the Battle of Milne Bay in New Guinea in 1942 and how the Australians inflicted the first land defeat on the Japanese. It was as a sobering talk and one was reminded that had this battle and Kokoda been lost then the battle lines could easily have progressed to Australia, and the speculated "Brisbane Line" might have become a reality.

Next week our guest speaker is Keith Rowntree, Author of several books on Personal Finance.

Don't forget the Beatnix Show and Dinner on Saturday 27th August close date is Friday 19th, which means next Monday night (15th) is the last Club meeting night for the names and money to be in. We hope everyone will make an effort to see if they can invite some friends and join us on the night. It will be one of our best.

Night Report for 8th August 2011

Sergeant Jim Simpson opened the meeting by introducing Past President Elect Colin McGowan and welcomed Michael Moroney back from his trip from Canada

Mention was made of last week's play 'The Crucible' which was attended by 21 members, some of whom apparently had trouble paying full intention through out the three hour play

President Colin introduced Louise Lastein who gave us a summary of her last week's activities which included:



- Had her first meat pie (we are not sure if she had sauce with that?);
- Watched the final of "Australia's Got Talent";
- Dined with Bob, Bev and our Finnish exchange Student on Thursday;
- Did a big circuit workout at the gym on Friday;
- There was briefing with Exchange students from other Rotary Clubs;
- Colin and Margaret hosted Louise for lunch with Alison, Tim and other host families;
- Louise experienced her first taste of kangaroo and how to cook it on an Aussie BBQ below.



Reports were given by:

Brian Furrer on the 'Tree of Joy' which is to be erected at the Cherrybrook Village in November Brian is asking members to contribute tags for the tree.

Tim Bowland Reminded us of the Golf Day on 18th October and encouraged everyone to distribute as many flyers as possible and to widely promote this important day for our Club day

Tom Westcott Handed out the team leaders' lists for stall holders for the garage sale. The leaders will first meet on 17th August

Rob Hamer gave us an update on the 'Spring Dance' on 27th august. He asked that we confirm numbers as soon as possible – we are looking for up 140 to attend.



Chairman Col Baxter introduced our guest speaker Assoc. Professor Brian Boettcher who has written several books on World War 2 including the subject of the night's talk, 'Eleven Bloody Days – The True Story of The Battle for Milne Bay'

Japanese marines attacked the Australian base at Milne Bay on the eastern tip of New Guinea on 25th August 1942, and fighting continued until the Japanese retreated on 5th September 1942.

The battle was the first in the Pacific campaign in which Allied troops decisively defeated Japanese land forces, forcing them to withdraw and completely abandon their strategic objective.

The Japanese hoped to secure an air and naval base to provide air and naval support to the Japanese Kokoda Track campaign to take Port Moresby, New Guinea by capturing the newly



constructed airfields at Milne Bay. From 4th August 1942, Japanese aircraft began to bomb Milne Bay in preparation for the landing.

This battle was the first time in the War that the Japanese had been defeated on land and the effect on the morale of all Allied servicemen in Asia and the Pacific was profound, but especially for other Australians fighting a rearguard action on the Kokoda Track.

Our Militia faced many challenges including:

- Radar that could not work because of the high humidity;
- Ill trained troops;
- Troops contracting malaria and dengue fever almost from day one;
- Little or no naval support;
- No support whatsoever from the UK.

As the title suggest the fighting was intense throughout the whole campaign. For example, 35,000 rounds of ammunition were used on the first day

During the final assault an advance by 'VC' Winner Corporal John French's Company attacked the Japanese positions but ran into terrific machine-gun and rifle fire. French's own section was held up by three machine-gun posts.

After ordering his section to take cover he advanced and silenced the first post with grenades. He then returned for more grenades, advanced again, and silenced the second post. Armed with a Thompson sub-machine gun, he then attacked the third post, firing from the hip as he went forward. When his section pushed forward, however, they found that all members of the three enemy gun crews had been killed. By the time the Australian attack was over between sixty and seventy enemies had been killed; a few days later all Japanese resistance had collapsed. During the attack French was badly hit and died in front of the gun pit.

Brian wrapped up with:
"No battle that Australia has been involved in before was so closely linked to the survival of the Australian Nation before Milne Bay".



Peter Cleary predicted that he would win the raffle and he did so - for some reason the Sergeant didn't fine him?

Marie Russell had a Birthday and John took her to lunch at Doyle's. Sergeant Simpson rightly assumed he could afford it and fined him accordingly

Michael Moroney was also fined for 'attempting to take over the Sergeant's agenda' 'Heads and Tails' was won by Ros Savio after which President Colin closed the meeting.

Spring Dance – 27th August

This will be huge – we have the Beatnix back in response to popular demand and a new venue – the Epping Club. Members are asked to start arranging guests and tables for what will be a great night.

The marketing girl at The Epping Club is a Rotary Exchange Student from Beecroft Club and we are being given \$750 worth of big screen advertising in the Epping Club during the weeks prior to the Spring Dance for free. More details later from Tony Makin



Birthdays



11th August John Russell
12th August Colin Baxter
14th August Catherine Moroney
15th August Steven Baker

Anniversaries



None this week

Food for Thought



'The trouble with inferiority complexes is that the right people don't get them'

Humour

George, a keen golfer, was going through a bad patch, so he went to a professional teacher for advice.

"Your trouble is all in your mind," said the pro.

"I want you to play 18 holes with only an imaginary ball. Keep a careful score for each hole and bring me your card."

George followed his advice and presented his card to the pro.

"Tomorrow," he said, "I want you to play another 18 holes with an imaginary club. Keep a score and bring me your card."

When he submitted the second card, the pro examined it. "Congratulations, George," "these two cards show that you have had the best two rounds of your life."

"What should I do next?" George asked.

"Give up the game while you are at your peak." he replied





		CLUB PROGRAM 2011-12	
Aug-11		Membership Extension Month	
Mon	15	Keith Rowntree -Author of 4 Books -"Fraud- how to protect yourself", etc	CMcG
Mon	22	District Governor David Rands attending Meeting	CMcG
Sat	27	SPRING DANCE at EPPING CLUB- BEATNIX,	All Tony Makin
Mon	29	Speaker Lisa Sthalekar- Australian Womens Cricket Team. Garage sale brochures handed out	Yes Ross
Sep-11		New Generations Month	
Mon	5	Guest Speaker- Didgeerioo , history, making and playing. Speaker confirmed.	CMcG
Mon	12	Youth Debate	Yes Rosemary
Wed	14	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at CMcG's place	CMcG
Sun	18	8am BBQ Bfast at Guide Hall then grounds clean up before Garage Sale + Sorting books etc	Yes Champions
Mon	19	Membership Night -Ross Pearce District Membership Director	Carol
Fri	23	Garage Sale- Move Items to Fire Stn	All
Sat	24	Garage Sale- at Fire Station	All
Sat	24	Garage Sale-Dinner at Bivianso's Italian Restaurant (New Line Rd Dural)	All G Evans
Sun	25	Garage Sale- at Fire Station	Yes
Mon	26	No Meeting after Garage Sale weekend	
Oct-11		Vocational Service Month	
Mon	3	No Meeting - Labour Day Pub Hol	
Sun	9	Hawkesbury Race Meeting- Food and Wine Festival	Yes CW/CR Rob Hamer
Mon	10	Speaker Andrew Howard, Howard & Sons Pyrotechnics	
Wed	12	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30	
Mon	17	No Meeting- See Tuesday Night	
Tues	18	Dinner at Oatlands Golf Club with guests and Hunters Hill Rty Club following Golf Day	Tim Bland
Sat	22	Chinese Lantern Festival. Date confirmed	
Mon	24	Guest Speaker, Christopher Snelling "Powerhouse Discovery Centre , C Hill.	CMcG
Sun	30	Porsche Car Club at the Amory Homebush. BBQ and Coffee. Date to be confirmed	Tim B'ford
Mon	31	Melbourne Cup Night (Finger Food and Cocktail Party)	Yes Social
Nov-11		Rotary Foundation Month	
Mon	7	Youth Night and Exchange Student Presentation	Yes Rosemary Clarke
Wed	9	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at CMcG's place	CMcG
Sat	12	Warrah Working Bee proposed Sat am (or some other Community Service event)?	Tony Makin
Mon	14	Dominic Perrottet State Member for Castle Hill	Rob Hamer
Sat	19	Dinner Theatre ("Move over Mrs Markham") - Pavilion Theatre C Hill. (tbc)	Carol/Prue
Mon	21	Guest Speaker David Chambers, Regional Controller SES. Confirmed 7/4/11	CMcG
Sat	26	Bunnings BBQ Dural	Barry
Sun	27	Christmas lunch - Castle Hill Country Club (confirmed)	Yes Social
Mon	28	Schools Four Way Speaking Competition (3 speakers /school- 4 Way Speaking Test)	Yes Pete Cleary
Dec-11		Family Month	
Mon	5	AGM	No Barry Lambert
Wed	7	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at CMcG's place (1 week early)	CMcG
Mon	12	Christmas Meeting (Khri's Kringle-gifts). X'change student blazer presentation?	Yes Prue
Wed	14	Tree of Joy- Santa's Workshop at Turnbulls	Yes Brian F
Mon	19	No Meeting	
Mon	26	No Meeting	