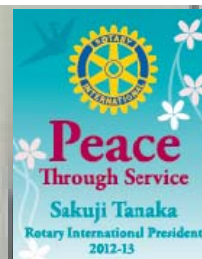


The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

Club Bulletin

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Monday 18 February - Partners Night

Meeting at Binet Display Home - 9 Kingscott Place, Castle Hill

Monday 25 February - Partners Night

Youth Night

Monday 4 March

Jim Kehoe, author - "From Whites to Muddies" Rugby Union in the R.A.N.

Duty Roster

Next Meeting - Monday 18 February		Following Meeting – Monday 25 February	
Speaker Host	Tim Bowland	Speaker Host	Rosemary Clarke
Night Reporter	Alan Paynter	Night Reporter	Stan Baseley
Front Desk	Graham Cuthbertson	Front Desk	Barry Lambert
Front Desk	Brian Furrer	Front Desk	Jim Simpson
Steward	Peter Cleary	Steward	Tim Bowland
Steward	Colin Baxter	Steward	John Fletcher
Photographer	Steve Baker/Ross Ballinger	Photographer	Steve Baker/Ross Ballinger

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Upcoming Events

Sunday 24 February

Norby Picnic Day Kokoda Memorial Rhodes

Monday March 4

Jim Kehoe, Author - "From Whites to Muddies"

Wednesday/Thursday March 6/7

Book Sale set Up 2013 District

March 15-17

Conference Evening - "Soar into History"

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



The speaker at the 4th Feb meeting was Farzaneh Kay talking about her book "One Day at a Time". Farzaneh was a bit hesitant in talking about her book, but then there were many questions from the floor and she was able to talk about the issues of those in Iran, her plight immigrating to Australia and what it is like to have MS. I note that the front of the book says "a life story of struggle, hope and blind adventure." I am looking forward to an interesting read.

Last Thursday night we provided a meal to those at Ronald McDonalds. Ross and Helen did a magnificent job organising the cook under new OH&S guidelines, and we had the needed six volunteers during the afternoon. More volunteers arrived at 5pm to help with serving and to spend some time with the guests. I was chatting with a family from New Caledonia which was in a mix of English and school boy French (their English was slightly better than my French). I found this interesting learning about the medical

limitations in New Caledonia, and the arrangement to transport the more complex cases to Australia. This family certainly enjoyed the meal, as did we all. A job well done – my thank you to all those who volunteered.

Clive organised a book sort last Saturday which sorted all the books in the container and books brought along by the collectors into the new categories. We had a good turn up and the job got done as Clive had hoped. The member support is what makes our Club function well – thank you to all the members and partners who were there.

The next two meetings are partner meetings. On 18th Feb we have a special meeting at a Binet display home, 9 Kingscott Place, Castle Hill. This is a social meeting, hence a perfect opportunity to invite some friends or prospective members. It is BYO (drink, though club wines will be on sale) and chair. If you haven't advised Rob Hamer that you are coming, give him a call now on 0400 335091 to book in.

On 25th Feb we have a youth night. Caitlin Gilchrist will present on her 12 months in Spain, which was a life changing experience for her. In addition Rosemary has five other young presenters talking about their recent experiences on Rotary youth programs. Youth is our strength, so I am looking forward to a good turn up for that meeting.

On Sun 24th Feb we have the Nordby Picnic at Kokoda Memorial, Rhodes. Douglas has been speaking to Nordby retirement village, and they are very interested, their residents and a bus are being organised. Douglas has some volunteers from our last meeting. We need more volunteers to provide deserts, I will be asking at the Binet meeting.

President Bob Davison

Night Report

Following Tim Bickford's Toast (Rosemary beamed triumphant) Miska gave his weekly report. At School there appeared to be detailed planning of the Semester's activity. "Little homework" but the weekend was better. Miska appeared to sail everywhere. He seemed pleased that his boat came fourth in a regatta.

Douglas Lam reported on the Ronald McDonald House event held last Thursday. Ross, Helen and others arrived early to cook a roast for the house guests. Douglas also reminded us that a Nordby Picnic will be held on Sunday 24th February.

President Bob informed the Board that the next meeting will be Wednesday 20th February.

Next week's meeting is at a Binet House, it sounds like the place we all deserve but cannot afford. Rob Hamer is looking for a volunteer to move some tables next Sunday in support of this event. If you plan attending, bring your own chair.

Clive informed us of "the big sort" at Tom's on Saturday 23rd February. He has organized a morning and an afternoon shift. Clive then sought help with tables. So, if you, or your community group, has tables that could be used at the Book Fair, please contact Clive.

Clive then segwayed into Wine Sales. Apparently we still have circa 50% of stocks bought for Christmas. We gained the impression that Clive is partial to the Semillon, but will be available next week to supply a bottle of either color at the Binet Homes night.

Rosemary reminded us the 25th February is a Youth Night. She has plans for six speakers, with five already confirmed. These are fun nights, so book your partner for the next two weeks.

Our guest speaker was Farzaneh Kay. She arrived 29 years ago from Iran and was diagnose with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) 23 years ago. Some 15 year ago she entered the wheelchair. Eventually, to stay sane, Farrah decided to write a book, involving MS and Iran. There followed a general discussion of Iran and the changes that country has undergone.

Sergeant Rosslyn with her usual efficient ways fined all those rabble rousers on the other side of the room. She then fined Graham and Tom for errant behavior. Peter Cleary was again the model used to fine checked shirts.

So remember Partner Nights the next two meetings.

Night Reporter Keith Ball

Photos from the Last Meeting

Guest Speaker Farzaneh Kay



Ronald McDonald House Update

A HUGE thanks to all concerned

This is a big thanks to all who helped last Thursday at Ronald McDonald House.

Those who helped with the preparation and the cooking, those who provided the sweets, those who helped with the serving and those who helped with the clean up.

This year we learnt to work within the new Government regulations (All hot food has to be cooked on site) and the switch to Thursday evenings. We learnt a few lessons in that the numbers we were given were on the high side, though several occupants of the house came in later and had a meal with what we had left in the fridge. We had the right number of helpers at the house.

We owe a big thank you to Martelli's who provided all the veggie's at no cost and Wayne from Georges Meats who gave us a good discount on the meat.

The gratefulness of one of the mothers sums it up. **In thanking us most profusely and complementing us she said that she had not had a roast for over 5 months.**

It's nice to know our efforts are appreciated.

Ross and Helen Ballinger







News from Chiara

Hi everybody!

I'm sorry if I didn't write you for such a long time. How is everything going over there? How are you all?

Hope everything is all right and you are enjoying your time with the new exchange student. Sometimes I find myself looking at the photos on facebook from my host families and I feel like catching a plane and come back to Australia!!

My life is getting so busy with school right now, I am attending the last year of high school and I'm getting close to the exams period. For us the last year is really stressful, mainly for two reasons: the first one is obviously exams, they're really hard! The second one is what to do soon after I will be finished with school, which way to choose for my life. I'm still not sure of what to do but I know I have to go to university because here in Italy is almost impossible to find a job for a 18 years old person. Uni is such a difficult choice, because it will lead my future, so I have to make the best choice. I was thinking about: social studies, international relationship and human rights. But if I choose this one I have to move out because this Uni is a bit far away from where I live (compared to your ideas of distances is not as far as you may think)!

Anyway, apart from school my life is ok, I am always the same busy girl, and whenever I have some free time I don't waste it and I hang out with my friends! I've already planned my after school trip with my best friends, we're going to Mykonos (an island in Greece), I'm so looking forward to it!!!!

As you know how much I love travelling, I've been to Oman during the past Christmas holiday, I loved it. It was such an amazing experience, I was so astonished by all the sublime landscapes and I felt in love with the desert.

Here it's snowing right now (you have no idea how cold it is, I will pay to be in Australia with 40 degrees!!) and today I am going to Venice with my friends for the Carnival :) (I'm dressing up as a dragon!) I hope that everyone in the club is fine, I wish I could be back soon!! I miss you all so much,

Love Chiara

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Anniversaries - *None this week*

Birthdays - *Tim Bickford - 17 February*
- *Barry Freeman - 19 February*
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Food for Thought



"When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife."

Prince Phillip

Contributed by Barry Lambert

Humour



A man was driving down the road and ran out of fuel. Just at that moment, a bee flew in his window.

The bee said, 'What seems to be the problem?' 'I'm out of fuel,' the man replied.

The bee told the man to wait right there and flew away. Minutes later, the man watched as an entire swarm of bees flew to his car and into his fuel tank. After a few minutes, the bees flew out.

'Try it now,' said one bee. The man turned the ignition key and the car started right up. 'Wow!' the man exclaimed, 'what did you put in my gas tank'?



The bee answered,



Wait for it.wait for it..

You're just going to love this..





		Club Program 2012-2014	RED YES = PARTNERS on a meeting night.	
		Updated 05/02/2013 by RWH	Tentative date hold only	
Feb-13		World Understanding Month		
Mon	18	Meeting moved to Binet display home Barbeque.	Yes	Rob Hamer
Wed	20	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.		Bob Davison
Sat	23	Book Sale Sortng at Tom Westcott's Factory.	Yes	Clive Denmark
Sun	24	Nordby Picnic day at Kokoda Memorial at Rhodes.	Yes	Douglas Lam
Mon	25	Youth Night	Yes	Rosemary Clarke
Mar-13		Literacy Month		
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"	Yes	David Turnbull
Sat	16	2013 District Conference Day 1	Yes	David Turnbull
Sun	17	2013 District Conference Day 2	Yes	David Turnbull
Mon	18	Steven Carruthers - Naval Historian - "First Salvo" Japanese Midget sub attack on Sydney 1942.		Rob Hamer
Mon	25	Anne Harcombe - Dress for Success	Yes	Rob Hamer
Apr-13		Magazine Month		
Mon	1	Easter Monday - No meeting		
Mon	8	Gary Musgrave - Cancer Council NSW		Rob Hamer
Wed	10	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.		
Sat	13	DIK Working Bee. Minchinbury	Yes	Bob Davison
Mon	15	An expose of the current work of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Greg Woodward. Confirmed 01/12/2012		Rob Hamer
Mon	22	Anzac Meeting - our own Larry Jacka on Albert Jacka VC, MC and Bar.	Yes	Rob Hamer
Thu	25	ANZAC DAY		
Mon	29	The Kimberley at the Crossroads - Lynn McColl - The Wilderness Society Sydney. confirmed 06/12/2012		Rob Hamer
May-13		Community Service Month		
Sat	4	Weekend away		Social Comm.
Sun	5	Weekend away		Social Comm.
Mon	6	Youth Night - Reporting on their MUNA experience.		Rosemary Clarke
Wed	8	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.		
Mon	13	Club's (26th) Anniversary meeting (Past Members night).	Yes	Ross Ballinger
Mon	20	Philip Smith - ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) presentation		Rob Hamer
Mon	27	David Rosenberg - Inside Pine Gap: The Spy Who Came In From The Desert - confirmed 06/12/2012		Rob Hamer

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
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	
Sun 5 May – Sat 25 May	Davison	Safari - Confirmed	
15 June	Davison	Farewell to students - TBC	

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