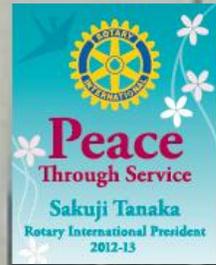




The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook



Club Bulletin

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Monday March 18

Steven Carruthers - Naval Historian - "First Salvo" Japanese Midget sub attack on Sydney 1942.

Monday March 25

Anne Harcombe – Dress for Success

Monday April 1

No Meeting

Duty Roster

Next Meeting - Monday 18 March		Following Meeting – Monday 25 March	
Speaker Host	Grahame Cuthbertson	Speaker Host	Howard Fleming
Night Reporter	Colin Baxter	Night Reporter	Larry Jacka
Front Desk	Brian Furrer	Front Desk	David Turnbull
Front Desk	Tim Bickford	Front Desk	Ian Roberts
Steward	Keith Ball	Steward	Col Wright
Steward	Gino Savio	Steward	Bob Myer
Photographer	Steve Baker/Ross Ballinger	Photographer	Steve Baker/Ross Ballinger

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Monday April 8

Gary Musgrave from Cancer Council NSW

Monday April 15

An expose of the current work of the Royal Flying Doctor Service - Greg Woodward

Saturday April 13

DIK Working Bee - Minchinbury

Monday April 22

Anzac Meeting - our own Larry Jacka on Albert Jacka VC, MC and Bar.

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



Our guest speaker was Bryan O'Shannassy who is the District Chairman for professional ethics. He raised a lot of questions and answered a few. Like Bryan I have certain principals which can be viewed as ethics. I worked 36 years at IBM, and their code of conduct has many similarities to the Rotary Code of Conduct (see my night report).

We had a visitor, Basant Kumar, who was our guest to meet the members and see how our club operates. At the end of the meeting he commented that he will be back.

The Book Fair held last Friday and Saturday was a great success with gross takings of \$9,400. Most of the club volunteered in some way, but I would like to give Clive a special thanks for project managing and looking after the waste disposal and pulling it all together. A big thank you to Tom, for use of his Alfresco Shades facility for sorting and storing books and moving them to the church for the sale and a

thank you to Brian Furrer for coordinating the church and acting as treasurer in Ian's absence. Several members were drop off points, and some managed the calls – thank you. Feeding the workers is very important, and a big thank you to Helen Ballinger, Barbara Furrer and Lyn Paynter for providing eats over the three days. Also to Barry Lambert for running the BBQ. We didn't sell many to the public, but this was a welcome breakfast to the volunteers on the Saturday. Overall, the Book Fair was a resounding success.

A reminder to the Board that there is a Board meeting this Wednesday 13th, 7:30 at my place.

District Conference is next weekend at Nowra. I am looking forward to that – this one is promoted as the last one for D9680. Next year we have an international Conference in Sydney, and we may have a 1 day District (D9685) conference instead of the normal 3 day event.

The Club has received a "Thank You" certificate from Alzheimer's Australia for our donation, which I will pass on to Barry Freeman. We also received an invitation to the Alzheimer's Australia "Memory Walk and Jog" fundraiser being held on Sunday 5th May 2013. If you are interested, details can be found at www.memorywalk.com.au.

ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) is seeking interested Rotarians for the roles of ROMAC Treasurer, ROMAC Secretary, ROMAC Marketing and ROMAC Fund Raising. If interested please contact the Deputy Chairman, Brendan Porter, at Brendan.porter17@gmail.com or call 0488 768 279. (applications close 25th March 2013).

At our next meeting of 18th Mar we have Steven Caruthers, a naval historian, talking on "The First Salvo" when Sydney Harbour was invaded.

President Bob Davison

Night Report

It wasn't until our guest speaker was about to begin speaking that I realised that Larry was absent, and that the night reporter task hadn't been reassigned, hence there was no option but for me to take that role.

We had a visitor, Basant Kumar, who is considering joining Rotary for both the community service aspect, and the socialising. Basant lives in Cherrybrook, and commented at the end of the meeting that he will return, so that is a good sign. I stand by my comment that you would be hard pressed to find a better club!

Miska gave his weekly update. Last week he took Friday off school so he could help at the book fair, moving books around, and whatever was asked of him. On the weekend he went with his host family to a camp at The Entrance.

Clive gave a run down on the Book Fair held last Friday and Saturday. The gross takings were around \$9,400 with expected costs around \$1,800 hence the net raised should be around \$7,600. This is over \$1,000 better than last year, a reflection of our experience, and the good weather on both days. Hopefully Clive will provide a report when the numbers are in. I thanked Clive and many of the volunteers (see the President's report). Overall, the Book Fair was a resounding success.

Pres. Bob asked for a volunteer to attend the guides AGM on Monday 25th and Rosemary accepted the invite, giving an opportunity to arrange to present some Rotary programs to the guides.

Pres. Bob presented to the Club a "Thank You" certificate from Alzheimers Australia for our donation. Recall that this was based on a personal donation from Barry Freeman – I will pass on the certificate.

Ross Ballinger had on display a new pop-up banner that he purchased in time for the book fair. Our previous one had been damaged, so please only use this one indoors. Ross has also organised an update and reprint of our tri-fold flyer. We will use these when appropriate to inform the public, and possibly introduce new members to the club.

Our guest speaker tonight was Bryan O'Shannassy who is the current District Chairman for professional ethics (also a member of Erina Club). He started the session by asking "what are ethics and why"? The answer isn't clear but basically they are guiding principles or a code of conduct to be used in business dealings and our daily life. Before Rotary, Bryan never thought of ethics, but lived with similar principals, especially "do unto others as you would have them do to you". He recalled a Professor of Ethics who visited his club, and when discussing the four way test asked "what is truth"? Ethics is not a simple subject. Consider the following situation: a runaway train running down track A is quickly approaching a set of points. The signal operator realises the train is out of control and has to either switch the train to track B knowing that a passenger train has just pulled out of a station, or to track C where he can see a mother with a baby in a pram about walk onto a crossing on track C. Which track should he switch the train onto? There is no clear answer. Bryan also discussed that what is legal may not be ethical, using the example of lawful slavery – a law that needed change.

There are three things we should do:

1. Apply ethical principles to small things in our everyday life
2. Apply ethical principles to business dealings
3. Apply the Rotary Code of Conduct

The Rotary Code of Conduct is found in our District Directory as follows:

As a Rotarian engaged in a business or profession, I am expected to:

- *Consider my vocation to be another opportunity to serve;*
- *Be faithful to the spirit and the letter of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of my community;*
- *Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation;*
- *Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, the public and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship;*
- *Recognise the honour and respect due to all occupations which are useful to society;*
- *Offer my vocational talent to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community;*
- *Adhere to honesty in my advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business or profession; and*
- *Neither seek nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded to others in a business or professional relationship.*

We also had one of our members give a brief talk, which I guess had some relationship to ethics. John Fletcher spoke briefly of an experience he and 15 other ANZ employees had on the ANZ float at the Mardi Gras. John was provided with head gear, a pair of leather shorts and a totem drum – and for some, little else. Unfortunately the video didn't work, but you can find it at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M04A_d4RxiU. John described it as an experience that challenged his ethics and "gave the bank a lot of exposure". Thanks John, I have yet to get to a Mardi Gras, and your description I found...er... interesting.

Sgt Tim ran a fruitful fine session, and both the raffle and heads and tails were won (I would tell you by whom, if I could remember).

Night Reporter Bob Davison (because I forgot to assign the task ☹)

2013 Inspirational Women's Award

This Award was designed to award the women who give inspiration to others not only in Rotary or their workplace but those who give of themselves outside this circle to others in different capacities.

There were 39 nominations that represented the 9 Districts in this area

In District 9650, which extends from Tuncurry/Forster in the South, to Woolgoolga in the North and as a triangle to Lightening Ridge in the West, there are 54 Rotary clubs. Five nominations were received: Ivana Agapiou – Rotary Club of Port Macquarie Sunrise, Julie Constable – Rotary Club of Port Macquarie West, Pamela Menzies – Rotary Club of Armidale, Megan Robards – Rotary Club of Taree and Suzanne Turner – Rotary Club of Tamworth-on Peel.

Julie Constable was announced Winner of District 9650 and presented with an award plaque and more about her activities and achievements are included the attachment with this Bulletin



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Anniversaries - *None this week*

Birthdays - *Julie Phelan (Doran) - 19 March*

Food for Thought

"America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real but the moon landing was faked"

David Letterman

Contributed by Barry Lambert



Humour



'Dead Again'

A funeral service is held for a woman who just passed away. As the pallbearers carry the casket out, they accidentally bump into a wall.

They hear a faint moan. They open the casket and find that the woman is actually alive.

She lives for 10 more years and then dies. They have another funeral for her. At the end of the service, the pallbearers carry out the casket.

As they are walking, the husband cries out, "Watch out for the wall!"

		Club Program 2012-2014		RED YES = PARTNERS on a meeting night
		Updated 13/03/2013 by BD		Tentative date hold only
Mar-13		Literacy Month		
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
Jun-13		Rotary Fellowship Month		
Mon	3	Youth Debate		Rosemary Clarke
Mon	10	Public Holiday - No meeting		
Mon	10	BBQ Bunnings Thornleigh.		Yes Barry Lambert
Wed	12	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.		
Mon	17	Pride of Workmanship Awards		Yes Peter Cleary
Mon	24	Ian Faulks - Australia's road safety performance: Seat belts, RBT, and speed cameras - so why are people still dying? . Confirmed 10/12/2012		
Fri	28	Changeover Dinner – Epping Club		Bob/Clive
Fri	?	District Changeover at Hornsby RSL		

Please don't forget to book an outing, dinner or activity with Miska
miska-95-@hotmail.com or mobile 0431 166 636

Miska's Family of the Week Program

2012-2013			
Week Ending Friday	Host Family	Planned Activities	Miska with You
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	

Directors 2012-13

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Community Services Director	Douglas Lam	0419 421 659
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