

# The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

## Club Bulletin

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### Tuesday 18 October

Golf Day Meeting and Dinner at Oatlands House

### Monday 24 October

Guest Speaker, Christopher Snelling from the "Powerhouse Discovery Centre"

### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Melbourne Cup Night (Finger Food and Cocktail Party) – Partners Night

### Duty Roster

Next Meeting Tuesday 18 October 2011		Following Meeting – Monday 24 October 2011	
<b>Chairman</b>	Rob Hamer	<b>Chairman</b>	Stan Baseley
<b>Night Reporter</b>	NA	<b>Night Reporter</b>	Brian Furrer
<b>Front Desk</b>	NA	<b>Front Desk</b>	Graham Cuthbertson
<b>Front Desk</b>	NA	<b>Front Desk</b>	Michael Moroney
<b>Steward</b>	NA	<b>Steward</b>	Colin Wright
<b>Steward</b>	NA	<b>Steward</b>	Victor Mahoney
<b>Photographers</b>	NA	<b>Photographers</b>	Ross Ballinger and Steve Baker

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### Upcoming Events

<p><b>Saturday 22 October</b> Chinese Lantern Festival Organizer: Douglas Lam</p>	<p><b>Sunday October 30</b> Porsche Car Club BBQ at Amory Organizer: Tim Bickford</p>
<p><b>Saturday 12 November</b> Warrah Working Bee Organizer: Tony Makin</p>	<p><b>Saturday 12 November</b> Theatre in the Park - Berowra Organizers: Carol and Rob</p>

### 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 book them in.

Phone **9439 1422** or email [dturnbull@lhogroup.com.au](mailto:dturnbull@lhogroup.com.au) **before 11am** on the day of the meeting.

## President's Report – 10 October 2011



We had a excellent roll up on Monday night after having 2 weeks off with Louise telling us all the exciting things she did over her school holidays (she must be exhausted) and two prospective members in attendance, Rhonda Donnelly and John Fletcher.

Our guest speaker, Andrew Howard from Howard and Sons Pyrotechnics gave a very entertaining talk on the growth of the family fireworks business since it commenced 1922, including the blowing up of their factory in 2007 and the 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games missing payment debacle. More on that from our Night Reporter.

Rob Hamer advised he has decided to take the advice of his doctor and family to take things a little more conservatively in future. Consequently has stood down from his position as President Elect but will continue to be an active member of the Club. He will have more than his families eyes watching him now.

A reminder that next Monday's meeting has been cancelled and transferred to Tuesday at Oatlands Golf Club as it is our joint Golf day with the Rotary Club of Hunters Hill.

All members and their Partners are invited to attend the dinner afterwards. Please confirm with Carol Russell if you haven't done so all ready.

We have two fun BBQ's coming up this month (Chinese Lantern Festival on Sat afternoon the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Porsche Car Club on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>). We then go into a slow down mode for a few months. Phew! Let's finish strongly so please don't disembark yet.

Finally, a big thank you to all members, partners and friends of Rotary who were involved in the Garage Sale, especially in the lead up and the clean up and of course on the day.

Even though we got washed out on the Sunday our gross take was the second best we have ever done. Well done to everybody.

As a footnote I note that whilst we did manage to have more of a team approach to its planning and execution than previous, I believe we still need to make further substantial changes to the event. That however will be the subject of a separate discussion with members and the 2012-13 Board.

## Night Report – 10 October 2011

President Colin opened the meeting and introduced our guest speaker Andrew Howard from Howard Pyrotechnics and two visitors Ronda Donnelly and John Fletcher.

Our exchange student Louise then gave us an update on her activities over the past three weeks (as no meetings with the garage sale followed by the long weekend) which included:

- Time with fellow exchange student Katelyn.
- Representing NSW in the national handball competition (held in Canberra) with the team coming in second by only one point to Queensland. A fantastic result.
- Help celebrate Rob Clarke's 60<sup>th</sup>.
- Picnic with school friends.
- Five days with Rosemary in Griffith (Rosemary's hometown) that encompassed the long weekend.
- Attended an 18<sup>th</sup> birthday party (no details disclosed).
- Back at school today after the holidays.

Rob Hamer then brought us up to speed following his single handed misadventure with a box trailer on the Sunday morning of the garage sale.

Tim Bowland provided us with an update of our annual golf day (with Hunters Hill club) with 70 registrations to date in a Stapleford event. Tee off is between 11.30 and 1.00 with players due back in the clubhouse from 4.30.

Volunteers are still required to assist both during the day (A couple of holes will prizes for hole in one and nearest the pin) and afterwards (trophy presentations etc). Please contact Tim if you can assist.

This will be followed by our usual weekly meeting in lieu of Monday night.

With David away (whilst messages will be passed on) it is preferable to contact Jim Simpson with apologies.

Clive Denmark informed us three young ladies with a local church group were happy to take various surplus items after the garage sale to put towards a "Garden Party for Couples".

The upside of all this is:

- They discovered Margaret's missing handbag inclusive of contents,
- They provided two complimentary tickets to the Garden Party, and
- Additional Tickets are available for \$25 per couple.

All enquiries to Clive (only please).

Impressed with the quality and considered there were a number of potential RYPEN candidates Rosemary Clarke informed us she visited the Cherrybrook Technical College graduation and provided five prizes.

President Colin reminded us:

- A Board meeting at his place this Wednesday 7.30
- Next Monday's meeting postponed to Tuesday (following the golf day)
- Chinese Lantern Festival Saturday 22 October, contact Tom Westcott.

Tony Makin advised

- A BBQ this Saturday with the Burnside folk is organised and he has sufficient member involvement.
- A quick catch-up required for the Tree of Joy following tonight's meeting.

Rob Hamer then introduced our guest speaker Andrew Howard of Howard Pyrotechnics, who provided an informed insight into both pyrotechnics and the family business, including:

- Gunpowder invented by the Chinese in the seventh century and was used to scare off evil spirits,
- Andrew with his brother are fourth generation with the business starting in 1922 at Newcastle, relocated to the outskirts of Sydney at Epping and latter Box Hill.
- In 200/01 they moved to Wallerang into purpose built improvements (65 separate buildings for safety) that were 10 years in the planning.
- Secret formula regarding the many varied colours with a star providing one colour and 100s of stars in any one firework (shell).
- A shell can vary from 2" to 12" in diameter requiring a lifting charge.
- Can take 6 seconds to lift a shell 1,000 ft into the sky which is detonated by a bursting charge.
- Safety is paramount and with new technology is now a combination of old (copper wires to the bursting charge) and new techniques (UHF radios and IT utilised) to control the displays.
- On the 8/12/07 there was a major explosion in a secured area that destroyed 39 of the buildings and damaged the other 26. They were no injuries, no known reason for the explosion and no authorised personnel on site at the time.
- Total damage estimated at \$1.2m and the insurance process took about 15 months.
- Despite the damage their data remained intact and they managed to fulfill all their contracts. An amazing achievement given the explosion was so close to the festive period.

Rob Hamer thanked our guest speaker and shared with us a joke that was very loosely related to the topic that will not be repeated here.

Sergeant Jim extracted a tidy sum from various members with many thanks to The Doc our major contributor.

Carol won the raffle and Col Sharpe the heads and tails.

Night Reporter Max Henderson

## Chinese Lantern Festival

We are still looking for BBQ helpers and/or attendants for the upcoming Chinese Lantern Festival at the Cherrybrook Oval on Saturday 22nd October.

Workers to start around 16.30. From past experience, we sell very little in the first hour or so until the other stalls run out of food.

Then there will be an onslaught until we sell out and it could get very busy.

Douglas Lam, who the organizer will be overseas for a week from 9th to 17th October, so please contact Tom Westcott regarding your availability

There has always been a good turn out for this event in the past years.

Let's keep it up and showcase Rotary to the community at large.

## R.Y.D.A.

Our local school, Cherrybrook Technology High is booked to attend the RYDA Program on THURSDAY 1st and FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2011, at HART (Honda Australia Roadcraft Training) Centre, 451 Mona Vale Road St. Ives, from approximately 9.15 am to 2.30 pm.

The RYDA Program is a road safety education course aimed at equipping young people aged 16 to 17 years old (generally Year 11 students) with the knowledge to stay safe on Australian roads. RYDA focuses on attitude and awareness of young people as drivers and passengers, with the theme My Life – My Choices. RYDA is now conducted in seventeen Rotary Districts across Australia and is established as one of the most successful and strongly supported Rotary youth programs in Australia.

RYDA is a one day program held at an out of school venue and includes six sessions that are designed to be interactive and cover a broad range of topics including hazard perception, stopping distances, alcohol, drugs, fatigue and driving, plus buying and maintaining a safe vehicle - all aimed at influencing the attitude of young people before they get behind the wheel of a car. Presenters are all experts in their field including Driving Instructors, Crash Survivors and Police Officers.

Students are divided into groups and are assigned a Rotary volunteer to guide them through the RYDA sessions. Morning tea and lunch will be provided – there is a section on the form to also advise of any special food requirements to assist us in our catering arrangements.

As per Rotary protocol, volunteers are required to sign a Child Protection Form on the day.

Our club requires a minimum of 3 volunteers for each day.

If you are able to assist or require additional information please contact Max Henderson 9237 9339 (Wk) or 9871 3462 (Hm) or [max.henderson@nab.com.au](mailto:max.henderson@nab.com.au)

## Theatre in The Park

Carol and Rob are organizing a group from our Club to go to the 'Theatre in The Park' event on Saturday 12th November in Berowra

As we are planning to travel as a group by coach which seats a max. of 24, there are limited numbers  
Please bring chairs, picnic style food and drinks, or buy food there (sausage sizzle s=type catering by local RFS)

The website for reference is [www.theatreinthepark.com.au](http://www.theatreinthepark.com.au)

They don't announce the name of the play until quite close to the date, part of the fun

Rob and Janet enjoyed last year's production 'Rumours' very much and had a great night.

It will be fun event and we look forward to your participation

Cost will be approximately \$40.00 per head including the bus

Some Photos from the Garage Sale





### Birthdays and Anniversaries

*Anniversaries* - Stan and Pat Baseley – 19 October

*Birthdays* - none this week

### Humour

A man went to the cinema and was surprised to find a woman with a collie sitting in front of him. Even more amazing was the fact the dog laughed in the right places throughout the comedy "Excuse me." The man said to the woman, "but I think it astounding that your dog enjoys the film so much."

"I'm surprised myself," the woman replied. "He hated the book."

Contributed by your Editor


### Food for Thought

"There is no distance on this earth as far away as yesterday

### Sergeant Jim Simpson's 'Paraprosdokian'

"I always take life with a grain of salt. Plus a slice of lemon and a shot of tequila."

## Family of the Week Program

Louise Lastein - Denmark 2011-2012			
			current to 13.10.11
Week Ending Sunday	Host Family	Planned Activities	Louise with You
18th	Clarke		
25th	Clarke		
1-3 OCTOBER	Clarke	With McGowan's at Copa - Copacabana 	McGowans
9th	Clarke		
16th	Clarke	Camping and Surf awareness training.- Fri 14-Sun 16	District Committee
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Clarke		
30 <sup>th</sup>	Hamer		
6th NOVEMBER	Hamer		
13 <sup>th</sup>	Hamer	Hamer Family function Sat 12th	Hamers
19 <sup>th</sup>	Hamer	Outbounds briefing	
20 <sup>th</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup>	Hamer	Janet and Rob taking Louise to the Gold Coast to watch the Rugby World 7's	Hamers
4th DECEMBER	Hamer		
11 <sup>th</sup>	Bickford		
18 <sup>th</sup>	Bickford	16th - Xmas party	Gladesville Club
25 <sup>th</sup>	Bickford		
JANUARY 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bickford		
8 <sup>th</sup>	Bickford		
15 <sup>th</sup>	Bickford		
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bickford		
29 <sup>th</sup>	Bickford		
5 <sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY	Bickford		
12 <sup>th</sup>	Hamer	Welcome Home Dinner - Friday 10th	District Committee
19 <sup>th</sup>	Hamer		
26 <sup>th</sup>	Hamer	Umina Beach weekend (Fri- Sun)	Umina Beach Club
4 <sup>th</sup> MARCH	Hamer		
11 <sup>th</sup>	Hamer		
16 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup>	Hamer	Conference - Wollongong (Fri- Sun)	Club
25 <sup>th</sup>	Hamer		
1 <sup>st</sup> APRIL	Gilchrist		
8 <sup>th</sup>	Gilchrist		
15 <sup>th</sup>	Gilchrist		
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Gilchrist		
29 <sup>th</sup>	Gilchrist		
6 <sup>th</sup> MAY	Gilchrist		
13 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> JUNE	Gilchrist	SAFARI (13May - 2nd June)	District Committee
3 <sup>rd</sup> JUNE	Gilchrist		
10 <sup>th</sup>	Gilchrist		
17 <sup>th</sup>	Gilchrist		
24 <sup>th</sup>	Gilchrist		
1 <sup>st</sup> JULY	Gilchrist		
8 <sup>th</sup>	Gilchrist		



		<b>Club Program 2011-2012</b>		
<b>Oct-11</b>		<b>Vocational Service Month</b>		
Mon	10	Speaker Andrew Howard, Howard & Sons Pyrotechnics		Rob Hamer
Wed	12	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at CMcG's place		
Sat	15	Wesley Dalmar Centenary BBQ	<b>Yes</b>	Tony Makin
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 Bowland
Sat	22	Chinese Lantern Festival. Date confirmed		Tom Westcott
Mon	24	Guest Speaker, Christopher Snelling "Powerhouse Discovery Centre , C Hill. Confirmed		CMcG
Sun	30	Porsche Car Club at the Amory Homebush. BBQ and Coffee. Date to be confirmed		Tim Bickford
Mon	31	Melbourne Cup Night (Finger Food and Cocktail Party)	<b>Yes</b>	Social
<b>Nov-11</b>		<b>Rotary Foundation Month</b>		
Mon	7	Youth Night and Exchange Student Presentation	<b>Yes</b>	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	12	Theatre In The Park - Berowra		Carol/Rob
Mon	21	Guest Speaker David Chambers, Regional Controller SES. Confirmed 7/4/11		CMcG
Sat	26	BBQ Bunnings Dural		Barry
Sun	27	Christmas lunch - Castle Hill Country Club (confirmed)	<b>Yes</b>	Social
Mon	28	Schools Four Way Speaking Competition (3 speakers /school- 4 Way Speaking Test)	<b>Yes</b>	Pete Cleary
Sat	26	BBQ Dural		Barry
Sun	27	Christmas lunch - Castle Hill Country Club (confirmed)	<b>Yes</b>	Social
Mon	28	Schools Four Way Speaking Competition (3 speakers /school- 4 Way Speaking Test)	<b>Yes</b>	Pete Cleary
<b>Dec-11</b>		<b>Family Month</b>		
Mon	5	AGM	<b>No</b>	Barry Lambert
Wed	7	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at CMcG's place (1 week early)		CMcG
Mon	12	Christmas Meeting (Kris Kringle-gifts). X'change student blazer presentation?	<b>Yes</b>	Social
Wed	14	Tree of Joy- Santa's Workshop at Turnbolls	<b>Yes</b>	Brian Furrer
Mon	19	No Meeting		
Mon	26	No Meeting		

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