



The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

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Membership Night - Ross Pearce District Membership Director

Monday 26 September & Monday 03 October 2011

No Meeting after Garage Sale weekend & No Meeting - Labour Day Pub Holiday

Monday 10 October 2011

Speaker Andrew Howard, Howard & Sons Pyrotechnics

Duty Roster

This Week 19 September 2011		Next Meeting – 10 October 2011	
Chairman	Alan Paynter	Chairman	Colin Baxter
Night Reporter	Kumar Fernando	Night Reporter	Rod Crossweller
Front Desk	Michael Moroney	Front Desk	Howard Fleming
Front Desk	Keith Ball	Front Desk	Michael Moroney
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Steward	Tim Bickford	Steward	David Turnbull
Photographers	Ross Ballinger	Photographers	Ross Ballinger/Steve Baker

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Upcoming Events

THURSDAY 15 September **Members and Partners**

7:00pm Fire Station and Guide Hall
Trailers and Cars for pickups

.SATURDAY 17 September **Members and Partners**

9.30am Fire Station and Guide Hall
Trailers and Cars for pickups.

SUNDAY 18 September **Members and Partners**

9.30am Fire Station and Guide Hall
Trailers and Cars for pickups.

TUESDAY 20 – Thurs 22 September

7pm Fire Station and Guide Hall every night
Trailers and Cars for pickups

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 – 12 September 2011



It was good to see Jill Turnbull back on deck at our Partners Night Meeting on Monday night. David grumbled that she was yet to get back to feeding him in the manner to which he had become accustomed before she went into hospital. That line might have seemed a good idea at the time but biting the hand that feeds you can have repercussions.

We were looking forward to seeing Barry Lambert back after his and Helen's 6 weeks abroad. We were shocked to hear he had been urgently admitted to the San Hospital with blood clots to the lungs. Apparently he hadn't been 100% for some time and it was only after a battery of tests they identified what they believed to be the problem. Helen advises the blood clots were thought to be a result of either the air or bus travel. Barry has always been a very fit man and it demonstrates how indiscriminate blood clots can be. He is hoping to be out of hospital late this week after some intensive intervention. Notwithstanding this scare Helen advises their holiday was a wonderful one.

We don't have too much more news on Greg Pidgeon except we understand there has been a very slight improvement, but things are still far from being OK. We understand the diagnosis is Meningitis.

The night's guest speaker program was replaced with a School debate between Mount St Benedict and CTHS. The topic was "That Reality Television is dumbing us down". Rosemary did an excellent job as the chief organiser of the event and it was an entertaining and closely fought contest. The Night Reporter will speak more about it in his report.



Thanks very much to those who have given their support for the Garage Sale over the past week. It is very much appreciated.

This week we have 3 dates we need your assistance with, and your Partners if they can.

- Thursday Evening (15th) 7.30pm at the Cherrybrook Fire Station for pickups and drop offs.
- Saturday and Sunday (17th and 18th) 9.30am at the Cherrybrook Fire Station. This is the last weekend before the Garage Sale. A 4-ton Van has been hired so we need to crew that as well as the trailers that will be there. We also have jobs for people on light duties - staying at the Fire Station and directing people dropping off their goods. If all goes well, we will see if we can transfer the White Elephant merchandise from one of the containers to the Guide Hall. (We have possession of the Hall this Friday- which is a week ahead of when we had it previously, so that is fantastic).

NIGHT REPORT – 12 September 2011

President Colin welcomed the students, teachers and parents of Mount St Benedict College and Cherrybrook Technology High School. He also welcomed partners who were present at the meeting.

President Colin emphasised that there are only 2 weeks left to organise the Garage Sale and all relevant details are provided in his President's report.

Louise's Report

Tuesday - Rosemary Clarke house - Spring cleaning

Wednesday - City - Aquarium

Saturday - Attended family wedding

Sunday - Home coming reception

Sunday night - Handball

President Colin informed that Louise's ability in Handball was rewarded as she has been selected for NSW handball team.

We then enjoyed The School Debate. Rosemary Clarke - Youth Committee Director, introduced the two teams to the members.

From Mount St Benedict College, Teacher -Ms Wendy Gracie, and Students from Year 9: Natalie Bell, Taylah Hurst and Olivia Newsome.



Rosemary informed the members that Mount St Benedict College could not bring the year 10 debating team due to a prior engagement.

From Cherrybrook Technology High School, Teachers Ms Jenny Weal and

Ms Alicia Sommerlad and Students from Year 10: Michelle Young, Shakti Srikanth, Ibra Ahmed along with Emma Timbrell, Team Advisor.



The adjudicator was our own PDG Larry Jacka.

Each member was given 5 minutes to present the arguments for or against

Topic - That Reality Television is Dumbing us Down.

Mount St Benedict College - affirmative
Cherrybrook Tech High - Negative



Mount St Benedict College debating argued well for the fact that Reality Television is Dumbing us Down. Their approach was that Reality TV is making us dumb, "Hardening the Heart and softening the Brain". They also emphasised that reality TV series like Master Chef, Better Homes and Gardens, Farmer wants a Wife, fashion reality show etc. are providing negative messages for the young ones, no intellectual skills are displayed, inappropriate gestures, disturbing the home work, mostly unscripted and the ulterior motive is to make money.

Cherrybrook Tech High School debating team argued well that Reality Television is Not Dumbing us Down.

They argued that by watching Reality Television "you are learning even when you don't know it". They explained that reality TV shows like Renovators, Master Chef, Better Homes & Gardens are unscripted and feature real people instead of actors. Further they argue that it stimulates the brain, and is more practical to day to day life for a multi cultural society like ours.

Further they pointed out that movies involving crimes, murders , drugs are giving wrong signals to the society. Rise in popularity in Reality Television shows that it provides education, improves the personal IQ and is entertainment.

Adjudicator Larry Jacka informed that both teams scored 69% each but due to professionalism and presentation he adjudged Cherrybrook Technical High School as Winners.

In giving the vote of thanks, Rosemary sincerely appreciated students and teachers of both schools for participating in the debate.

Rosemary also informed that youth meeting will be held at her residence on 14/09/2011.

President Colin distributed awards.

In conclusion, President Colin thanked the students, teachers and parents of both schools for coming here for the debate and partners for their presence.



In the Sergeant's session, David Turnbull was acting sergeant due to the absence of Jim Simpson and we had a very interesting session. Jill Turnbull won the raffle and Alison Bowland won the heads and tails.

Garage Sale 24th-25th Sept

The Garage Sale Schedule is outlined below.

Mon 12-Sun 18 Sept - Members and Partners

- Thursday 15 Sept-Meet at Fire Stn at 7:00pm for pickups.
- Saturday 17 Sept - Meet at Fire Stn at 9.30am for pickups.
- Sunday 18 Sept-Meet at Fire Stn at 9.30am for pickups.

Mon 19 Sept- Sun 24 Sept - Members and Partners

- Tuesday 20 and **every night** through to Thurs 22. Meet at Fire Station at 7:00pm for pickups.
- Friday 23 - Meet at Fire Station at 8.30am. Thank you to those volunteers who have taken the day off to help out.
- Sat 24- 6:00am at Fire Station.
- Dinner at Biviano's 6.30pm for 7:00pm. 34 registered so far.
- Sun 25 -8:00am at Fire Station for 9:00am opening. Finish and clean up at 1.00pm



Garage Sale Items - What we want and what we don't want

Charities we are Supporting include: Black Dog Institute *Operation Hope * Lifeline

Pickup Guide

When you pick goods up we rely on your judgement whether we are likely to sell it or not and therefore to accept it or not. The Salvo's at Pennant Hills are now very discerning because it is costing them in excess of \$5,000 a month to dispose of unsalable items.

We also have a "cap" on our waste this year and will have to pay if it is exceeded.

Pickups that in the past have caused us most issues include:

Clothes - Must be clean and in good condition
 Toys – Toys must be in good condition
 Electrical – Small appliances in good condition
 Sports and Gym equipment – Must be in good condition

Things we can't take, include

No Large Wall Units or Entertainment Units or Wardrobes
 No Lounges or Furniture that are in poor condition
 No TV's except for Flat Screens

Books - Novels only

Therefore:

No Encyclopaedias
 No "How To" books
 No Textbooks
 No Readers Digest Books
 No Magazines

No old Clothes or Shoes of any description
 No Suitcases or Sports Bags
 No Beds
 No Mattresses
 No White Goods, Washing machines, Dryers, Refrigerators
 No old Toys and Puzzles and Games (pieces missing)
 No exercise equipment that is not in very good condition (especially running machines and golf gear).

Whoever is manning our phone (0468 330 667) at the time of getting the pick up call, (Rob H, Colin M, Alison, Doug, Pete, Prue and Jill,) will advise the donor of what we take and don't take - but sometimes this goes unheeded so you are the last "line of defence".

If you find something that is LARGE and GOOD we will photograph and advertise on eBay. Rob Hamer is the contact for this.

If goods have been left outside someone's home and you decide it is not suitable, please leave a note saying thank you but unacceptable.



*******The Garage Sale Items that we DEFINITELY WANT– 24/25 September*****
Cake and Plant Stalls**

Please, please, please - This is our major fund raising activity for the year. There will be a cake stall and a plant stall at the Garage Sale. Can you please assist by bringing along some of your amazing baking - cakes, slices, biscuits, etc. If you don't have time to bake, you may donate purchased items. And for all you propagators out there please bring along plants in pots to sell. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Message

There was a young woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her things 'in order,' she contacted her Pastor and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in. Everything was in order and the Pastor was preparing to leave when the young woman suddenly remembered something very important to her. 'There's one more thing,' she said excitedly. 'What's that?' came the Pastor's reply. 'This is very important,' the young woman continued. 'I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand.' The Pastor stood looking at the young woman, not knowing quite what to say. That surprises you, doesn't it?' the young woman asked. 'Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request,' said the Pastor. The young woman explained. 'My grandmother once told me this story, and from that time on I have always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement. In all my years of attending socials and dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork.' It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming...like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance!' So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder 'What's with the fork?' Then I want you to tell them: 'Keep your fork ..the best is yet to come.' The Pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young woman good-bye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the young woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than many people twice her age, with twice as much experience and knowledge.. She KNEW that something better was coming. At the funeral people were walking by the young woman's casket and they saw the cloak she was wearing and the fork placed in her right hand. Over and over, the Pastor heard the question, 'What's with the fork?' And over and over he smiled. During his message, the Pastor told the people of the conversation he had with the young woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to her. He told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either. He was right. So the next time you reach down for your fork let it remind you, ever so gently, that the best is yet to come. Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed Cherish the time you have , and the memories you share being friends with someone is not an opportunity, but a sweet responsibility.

Family of the Week Program

Louise Lastein - Denmark 2011-2012			
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 rd	Clarke		
30 th	Hamer		
6th NOVEMBER	Hamer		
13 th	Hamer	Hamer Family function Sat 12th	Hamers
19 th	Hamer	Outbounds briefing	
20 th - 27 th	Hamer	Janet and Rob taking Louise to the Gold Coast to watch the Rugby World 7's	Hamers
4th DECEMBER	Hamer		
11 th	Bickford		
18 th	Bickford	16th - Xmas party	Gladesville Club
25 th	Bickford		
JANUARY 2 nd	Bickford		
8 th	Bickford		
15 th	Bickford		
22 nd	Bickford		
29 th	Bickford		
5 th FEBRUARY	Bickford		
12 th	Hamer	Welcome Home Dinner - Friday 10th	District Committee
19 th	Hamer		
26 th	Hamer	Umina Beach weekend (Fri- Sun)	Umina Beach Club
4 th MARCH	Hamer		
11 th	Hamer		
16 th - 18 th	Hamer	Conference - Wollongong (Fri- Sun)	Club
25 th	Hamer		
1 st APRIL	Gilchrist		
8 th	Gilchrist		
15 th	Gilchrist		
22 nd	Gilchrist		
29 th	Gilchrist		
6 th MAY	Gilchrist		
13 th May – 2 nd JUNE	Gilchrist	SAFARI (13May - 2nd June)	District Committee
	Gilchrist		
	Gilchrist		
3 rd JUNE	Gilchrist		
10 th	Gilchrist		
17 th	Gilchrist		
24 th	Gilchrist		
1 st JULY	Gilchrist		
8 th	Gilchrist		

		Club Program 2011-2012		
Sep-11		New Generations Month		
Wed	14	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30		Colin McG resid
Mon	19	Membership Night -Ross Pearce District Membership Director		Carol Russell
Fri	23	Garage Sale- Move Items to Fire Stn	All	
Sat	24	Garage Sale- at Fire Station	All	
Sat	25	Garage Sale-Dinner at Biviano'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
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	Yes	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)	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	BBQ Bunnings 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
Sat	26	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 (Kris Kringle-gifts). X'change student blazer presentation?	Yes	Social
Wed	14	Tree of Joy- Santa's Workshop at Turnbolls	Yes	Brian Furrer
Mon	19	No Meeting		
Mon	26	No Meeting		

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