



# The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

## Club Bulletin

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Monday 20 June 2011

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Youth - Art Competition Prize giving

Organiser: Tom Westcott

### Monday 27 June 2011

No meeting – first Monday after change over

### Monday 4 July 2011

Michael Sluis - Black Dog Institute

### Duty Roster

This week – 20 June Monday 2011		Next meeting – 4 July 2011	
<b>Chairman</b>	Rosemary Clarke	<b>Chairman</b>	Bob Davison
<b>Night Reporter</b>	Cawas Sahukar	<b>Night Reporter</b>	Jim Simpson
<b>Front Desk</b>	Michael Moroney	<b>Front Desk</b>	Stan Basely
<b>Front Desk</b>	Rob Wansbrough	<b>Front Desk</b>	Michael Moroney
<b>Steward</b>	Sandy Burrage	<b>Steward</b>	Mark Doran
<b>Steward</b>	Rod Crossweller	<b>Steward</b>	Pru Daras

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### Up-coming events

Friday 24 June 2011  
**Change over Dinner @ Epping Club**  
 Organiser: Col McGowan  
 (see notice)

10 July 2011  
**BBQ @ Bunnings Thornleigh**  
 Organiser- Rob Hamer

Friday 1 July 2011  
**9680 District Change over  
 Dinner @ Hornsby RSL**  
 RSVP to Col McGowan (see notice)

27 August 2011  
**Spring Dance @ Epping Club**  
 Organiser: Tony Maikin

### 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



### Farewell Chiara!

I don't think there is much more to say. Chiara has added her own little bit of magic to the club as other exchange students have in the past.

Her final presentation was as we have come to expect and most enjoyable.

On behalf of us all I wish Chiara well in the future.

The new exchange student, from Denmark, is arriving towards the end of January with Rosemary and Rob looking after first and I am sure we will all make her feel welcome.

Graham

## At our last meeting 6 June 2011

President Graham opened the meeting and welcomed guests and visitors including the extended Bickford family (some former RYLA students) and our outgoing exchange student Caitlin Gilchrist and her parents Mark and Megan.

Chiara providing her usual inspiring weekly update that included dinners; Tuesday (Mahoney's-Victor) & Wednesday (Cuthbertson's) and then various farewells on Friday (school & exchange), Saturday (Bowland's) and Sunday (all exchange students).

David announced a variation on the usual raffle and introduced the utilisation of a deck of cards that could be attributed to either an attempt to reduce overheads or

simply poor management (run out of raffle tickets)?

Tom announced the garage sale will be on the 22, 23 & 24 September (Tom's Italian translation was "the 22a, the 23a & the 24a"). He also requested members to complete various forms indicating their availability and/or preferences for:

Which store to man?

Availability to assist with collections, and  
Take phone calls from members of the public, re collections.

Tom also advised our next meeting on 20 June (13th is a public holiday) will be a RYPEN night at which will be our youth Art Contest winners. Also provides an opportunity to give your partner a rare night out, being a partners night.

Colin (Baxter) advised he had received correspondence from Vision Valley acknowledging our donation and how it had assisted with specific reference to two children.

Tim (Bowland) announced The Golf Day in conjunction with Hunters Hill Club will be the 18 October (or was that the "the 18a") at Oatland's from 12.00am followed by a smorgasbord dinner. There will also be a focus to encourage more ladies to participate. Tim (being better organised than some) provided a flyer providing full details. Please note there are still various opportunities for sponsors as detailed on the flyer.

Tony then announced the Spring Dance will be at The Epping Club on Saturday 27 August 2011. Music by The Beatniks. This is purely a social night, ie. a non fund raiser activity.

Bob (Davison) advised our next and last DIK for the Rotary year is the 18 June. To date it has had a good level interest and should be a fun day with the possibility of loading a container or two.

Caitlin Gilchrist our outgoing exchange student who is currently in Year 12 at Castle Hill High School provided an insight as to how proud and excited she was to have been selected. She is bound for Spain and thanked the club for their sponsorship. Apart from completing the HSC this year Caitlin also undertakes volunteer work at Taronga Zoo in various forms including the odd overnight visit and educational programmes for children.

Alan Paynter then introduced Chiara who provided her final club presentation (before

returning home to Italy) that included an "amazing" fully choreographed video presentation of her year with us (must have taken many hours to prepare) including music, test and happy snaps (amazing photos).

She was extremely appreciative of her four host families (Bowland, McGowan, Savio and Davison) and all club members for their hospitality.

Apart from her many varied activities (including visiting Melbourne, Canberra, NZ, Singapore, Mount Kosciusko, the Great Ocean Road and Ayres Rock, activities included City 2 Surf, Bridge Climb, a helicopter ride, surf lessons, rugby, ballet, Ben Hur spectacular, Big Day Out, camping, The Kenny (conference weekend), and the clubs weekend away, one of the highlights was her 21 day Australian safari trip with other exchange students.

Alan thanked her for her contributions to the club including her amazing weekly updates and for also assisting David lighten our pockets.

President Graham then presented her with two of our club pennants, one of which is for presentation to her sponsor (Italian) club.

Tony Makin won the raffle with a king of hearts and Beverley Davison the "heads & tails.

Max Henderson - Night Reporter

### Changeover Dinner

#### INVITATION TO OUR 2011 Changeover Dinner

The Epping Club  
Friday 24th June 2011  
Cost \$55 per person  
RSVP and Payment by: 6th June 2011  
Time: 6.30pm Complimentary Drinks  
7.00pm Dinner  
Enquiries: Colin McGowan: 0438 810773  
Please advise any special dietary requirements

### Photos from our last meeting

Caitlin Gilchrist – our outgoing exchange student



Chiara wishing everyone a fond farewell



Alan Paynter, Chiara and Pres. Graham



### 9680 District Changeover - 1 July 2011

We are especially invited, particularly if you haven't been to a district change over before or if it's been a while since your last one. Your attendance will show support or outgoing and incoming District Governors George Papallo and David Rands respectively.

**Venue:** Hornsby RSL

**Date:** 1 July 2011

**Cost:** \$50.00 p.p includes dinner and two bottle of wine for each table

**RSVP:** by 23 June to President Grahame only please

### Spring Dance

This will be huge – we have the Beatnix back in response to popular demand and a new venue – the Epping Club. Put the date in your diary to avoid disappointment – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2011. More details later from Tony Makin

### Club Ethics Forum

District Governor George Papaallo has asked that we please don't forget our first ever "Ethics in Business" forum to be held at the SAN Hospital Convention Room on Sunday 19th June. A good roll-up is anticipated on the day where Matthew Campbell, our ethics expert and his well chosen panel will discuss the practical side of the Rotary "Four Way Test". We have extended an invitation to quite a number of business chambers fellows. Who knows, this may be an opportunity for some potential new members?

### Theatre Nights – Expressions of Interest

We have two social events coming up over the next few months, namely Theatre nights at the Pavillion Theatre at Castle Hill.

So that I might make accurate bookings, I am seeking expressions of interest in both of these evenings. It will be first in best dressed!!!

The first is "The Crucible" on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August, and can be a Dinner/Show package at \$55 per person with dinner at Nobles Restaurant at the Hills Lodge Motel on Windsor Road, Castle Hill.

Alternatively you may attend just the Theatre at a group rate of \$20 per person.

The next show is "Move over Mrs. Markham" on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2011. Cost I believe is the same as for The Crucible and the Dinner package is available.

Those of you who have visited The Pavilion will know that both of these shows will be top class enjoyable events. If you wish to seek more information about each/either of the shows before committing please visit [www.thepavillioncastlehill.com.au](http://www.thepavillioncastlehill.com.au)

I will be looking for an indication of your intentions at next Mondays meeting, so please be prepared to tell me what you would like to do, particularly for The Crucible which is on 6<sup>th</sup> August.

Please contact Carol Russell.

### The RI President's Monthly Message

'When the Smoke Settles'

There was a time when gunpowder smoke was so thick on battlefields that it was difficult to determine the victors until the smoke settled. Evaluating the success of this year in Rotary is similar because we won't learn the final figures until the year has ended. However, there are some achievements that can be reviewed – before the smoke settles!

The major accomplishment has been the creation of a new culture of innovation, which has encouraged both Rotarians and RI staff members to review our policies and procedures at all levels and to determine if they are truly best practices or merely traditional practices. Many changes toward more modern business methods have resulted, and I am encouraged by our progress.

The innovative climate has produced a simplified and streamlined RI Strategic Plan that calls for us to support and strengthen our clubs, focus and increase humanitarian service, and enhance public image and awareness. The first two priorities reaffirm our core values, and the third priority

recognizes the need for more public awareness and support in our local communities around the world. The plan has measurable goals, and it provides an excellent road map for Rotary's future growth and development.

Other improvements have included the new regional Rotary coordinators, whose job is to help our district governors to help our clubs to become Bigger, Better, and Bolder. The new Presidential Citation program has provided a score sheet for all of our clubs to test themselves against the other clubs in their districts, and the results will be very helpful to both the current and incoming governors – and to RI as well!

We also have given additional attention to our New Generations programs, particularly Rotaract and Rotary Youth Exchange, and we have focused more emphasis on the Reach Out to Africa initiative. We also have shaped a new approach for the training of incoming district governors and more meaningful assignments for past district governors.

All in all, we have made some significant improvements. But the most important question is whether we have paved the way for an even better year next year. Have we done the right things to ensure that the best days of Rotary are still ahead? And we won't know that – until the smoke settles!

Ray Klingensmith  
President, Rotary International

### Anniversaries and Birthdays



#### **Anniversaries**



Tony and Pamela Makin – 13 June  
Sandy and Mike Burrage – 20 June



#### **Birthdays**



Shobana Fernandez & Ros Savio – 11 June  
Pru Daras – 29 June

### Thanks

This is the last Bulletin issue I will be involved with prior to fully handing over to Mark for the 2011-2012 year. I would like to thank all of you for supporting the Bulletin over the five years (220 issues) I have been the Editor. It has never been a problem to get contributions and you have all made my job easy and enjoyable though your help and support. Please make sure you continue this great support with Mark.

Thanks  
Dick

### Humour

Sister Mary Ann, who worked for a home health agency, was out making her rounds visiting patients when she ran out of petrol. As luck would have it, a BP station was just a block away.

She walked to the station to borrow a container and buy some petrol. The attendant told her that the only container he owned had been loaned out, but she could wait until it was returned. Since Sister Mary Ann was on the way to see a patient, she decided not to wait and walked back to her car.

She looked for something in her car that she could fill with gas and spotted the bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful, Sister Mary Ann carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with petrol and carried the full bedpan back to her car.

As she was pouring the gas into her tank, two Baptists watched from across the street. One of them turned to the other and said,

'If it starts, I'm turning Catholic.'

#### **Notes on Getting Older**

'Cardiologists' diet: if it tastes good spit it out'

'Don't worry about avoiding temptation, it will avoid you'

'By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere'

**Editor's Choice - Five best Photos of the year**

I have gone through my 2010-2011 album and have selected the five best the year and in no particular order, here is 5 of 5 (Some of the Rotary gang having fun at Warrah fencing project)



		<b>Club Programme 2010-2011</b>	All Program Changes thru Colin McGowan 7.6.11	
<b>Jun-11</b>		<b>Rotary Fellowship Month</b>	<b>Partners</b>	
Mon	20	Youth - Art Competition Prize giving	<b>Yes</b>	Tom Westcott
Fri	24	Club Changeover Dinner- Epping Club-6.30pm for Complimentary drinks - attire suit/black tie	<b>Yes</b>	GC/CM
Mon	27	No Meeting (on first meeting Day after Changeover)		
<b>Jul-11</b>		<b>District Projects Month</b>	Partners	Organiser
Mon	4	Michael Sluis. Black Dog Institute		CMcG
Sun	10	BBQ Thornleigh. Rob Hamer organising in Barry's absence.		Rob Hamer
Wed	6	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm - previously scheduled for 13 July		Colin McG resid
Mon	11	Club Forum		CMcG
Sun	17	BBQ Lunch provided to Southern Cross Retirement Village (12-2pm)		Tony Makin
Mon	18	Christmas in July ;	<b>Yes</b>	Social
		Exchange Student arrives in Australia from Denmark		

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Mon	25	Guest Speaker-Hans Rupp- Detective Inspector attached to the Homicide Squad	<b>Yes</b>	CMcG
Tues	26	1st Spring Dance Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm		Colin McG resid
<b>Aug-11</b>		<b>Membership Extension Month</b>		
Mon	1	Talk -Sydney Heritage Fleet - Allan Charlton (Bank Holiday)		CMcG
Tues	2	2nd Spring Dance Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm at CMcG's place		CMcG
Sat	6	Dinner/Theatre ("The Crucible" at The Pavilion Theatre- tbc); Bank Holiday		Social
Mon	8	Talk- 11 bloody days-Battle of Milne Bay. Assoc Prof Brian Boettcher (Medicine) has confirmed.		CMcGowan
Tues	9	3rd Spring Dance Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm		Colin McG resid
Wed	10	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at CMcG's place		CMcG
Mon	15	Keith Rowntree-Author of 4 Books-"Fraud- how to protect yourself", "Smart money tips for retirees" etc		CMcG
Wed	17	4th Spring Dance Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm at CMcG's		CMcG
Mon	22	<b>District Governor David Rands attending Meeting</b>		CMcG
Tues	23	5th Spring Dance Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm		Colin McG resid
Sat	27	<b>SPRING DANCE at EPPING CLUB-BEATNIX</b> , Guide Hall Maintenance for Garage Sale	<b>All</b>	Tony Makin
Mon	29	Speaker Lisa Sthalekar- Australian Womens Cricket Team. Garage sale brochures handed out	<b>Yes</b>	Ross Ballinger