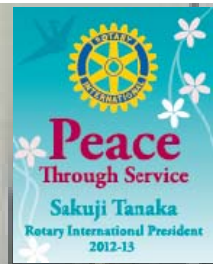




# The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

## Club Bulletin

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**Monday 24 September**  
Joint Meeting – ‘Tears in The Jungle’

**Monday 8 October**  
Dr Nuli Lemoh, Sydney Paediatrician from Sierra Leone

**Monday 15 October**  
Supt. P. Fogel, Commander - Castle Hill LAC NSW Police

### Duty Roster

Next Meeting Monday 24 Sept. 2012		Following Meeting - Monday 8 Oct 2012	
<b>Speaker Host</b>	Rob Hamer	<b>Speaker Host</b>	Barry Freeman
<b>Night Reporter</b>	Gino Savio	<b>Night Reporter</b>	Graham Evans
<b>Front Desk</b>		<b>Front Desk</b>	Keith Ball
<b>Front Desk</b>	Doug Lam	<b>Front Desk</b>	Howard Fleming
<b>Steward</b>	John Fletcher	<b>Steward</b>	Tony Makin
<b>Steward</b>	Clive Denmark	<b>Steward</b>	Brian Furrer
<b>Photographer</b>	Ross Ballinger/Steve Baker	<b>Photographer</b>	Ross Ballinger/Steve Baker

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### Upcoming Events

<b>Sunday 7 October</b> BBQ Bunnings Thornleigh	<b>Saturday 27 October</b> Porsche Car Club Concourse Day
<b>Saturday 13 October</b> Theatre Night	<b>Tuesday 3 October</b> Charity Golf Day @ Oatlands

### Meetings

Monday 6.30pm for 7.00pm – Springfield House – 245 New Line Road, Dural  
<http://www.wphcrotaary.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 [accounts@lhogroup.com.au](mailto:accounts@lhogroup.com.au) **before 11am** on the day of the meeting.

## President's Report



Wow, what a week we have had! I must apologise for my late report holding up the Bulletin publication, but the garage sale has been so full on.

Jan-Maree Ball gave an excellent presentation on Aussie Hero Quilts and Laundry Bags. She showed many photos of service people with their new quilt or laundry bag, and you can see the morale boost this gesture provides. It also gives purpose to the 100 or so quilters who work to achieve that big smile on the service people's faces, so a win-win project – well done Jan-Maree. And what a great idea auctioning off the quilt to raise funds for quilting materials – well done Keith, enjoy your new quilt.

In all honesty, I am writing this report the day after the Giant Garage Sale. Having the President coordinate the Garage Sale has taken its toll – there are a lot of hours and a lot of effort that go in to the garage sale, not just by me, but by the fantastic committee

I had, and by all the members who were involved in the lead-up and especially on the weekend. There are three main components to a successful sale.

We need quality product to sell. Our advertising (“We want your good stuff!!!!”) was out there – papers, banners and the pamphlets (thanks to all members who did a drop or two). The calls came in, especially in the last week. Bev and I manned the phone and took a lot of calls. Many people offered to drop stuff off, and for some it was too big, or they didn't have the means, so thank you to those who did the pick-ups. Eight days before the sale Tom had the temporary storage erected, and it was fantastic. Volume wise it was the size of eight garages, water proof, and secure. Most importantly – it was on site – so no double handling. We were given access to the guide hall at the same time, so in those eight days before we received about 70% of the goods. We took over 160 calls (there were many people dropping off – we didn't record all those... more like 250 calls), and about 110 pick-ups. We were more selective with what we took – nearly all the bigger furniture was worth the effort.

We need customers on the day. The community knew about it, and paper advertising brought in clients from as far as Blacktown. In addition, we had excellent weather on the day so no inclement weather deterrent. People were certainly lined up at 8am Saturday.

Finally, we need you, the members. Everyone rallied, there is a lot of work with the Friday set-up, and the 6am start on Saturday. A BIG thank you to everyone. The visual impact was great, and I had many comments on how professional the garage sale was this year. Did we do a lot differently or was it incremental improvement? I'll save that discussion for my next report.

Monday night we have “Tears in the Jungle” – a multi Club meeting at Springfield House run by Rob. I do hope you have booked in – there are over 110 booked in, including out DG John Dodd. It will be an interesting night.

On Sunday 7th October we have our next Bunnings BBQ (Thornleigh) and I will be asking for volunteers.

Then our next big fundraiser is the Charity Golf Day on Tuesday 30th October. If you know how to swing a club, do try to get a team together. Our meeting has shifted from Mon 29th to Tues 30th at Oatlands Golf Club so we will all be there for the prize giving.

*President Bob Davison*

## Night Report

After welcoming the guests etc. Miska was the first speaker of the evening with his weekly update. He had another uneventful week, however went ice skating and was taken out to dinner to an Italian restaurant and went with his host brother to a baseball game. All is well.

Garage Sale —please check the rosters for pick-ups and set up for the Friday / Saturday / Sunday. We will see everyone there over the weekend.

Slices for the garage sale, on the weekend and food for the hamper raffle is still required.

Thanks to Tom for organizing a great structure which will be used for the Friday pickups and drop off facility. All the bric a brac will go directly into the guide hall. Colin Sharp will be making shelves and some of the good books will also be sold in the guide hall.

Help is still needed re the sorting of the clothes.

Rosemary - Youth - Someone is needed to attend RYLA on the 13 January, 2013, upto 26 years. Also looking for a RYPEN applicant. Need someone to attend the Year 12 graduation at CTHS and present a donation.

Rosemary will be away for the next 5 weeks - on holidays!!

Stan Baseley - Welfare - Margaret Evans is recovering. The tumor was benign, her eyesight is coming back and she will be home soon. We wish all the very best for a speedy recovery.

Peter Cleary - Due to the numbers and preferences, he will probably organize split CPR courses. Watch this space.

Tim Bickford - this will be the Club's 3rd year for the Porsche Club's BBQ to be held on the 28th October, 2012. Help is needed re the food organizing.

Don't forget Monday 24 September, combined Club night for the special speaker – TEARS IN THE JUNGLE. We're expecting around 150 people. Please book ahead – see Ian Roberts.

Jan Maree Ball was our guest speaker to tell us about her programme – AUSSIE HERO QUILTS & LAUNDRY BAGS.

What an inspirational lady. She was in the army for 15years, then left to have twin boys, now 16years old and is a 'stay at home Mum'.

Jan Maree saw the blog responses of the soldiers who received quilts from the American Quilts for Velour group, which they have given out 68,000 since 2003 in the USA and there was nothing like this in Australia so she felt a need to contribute to our Aussie soldiers.

This led to a blog being started and then the LAUNDRY BAG came into being as in the army all the laundry bags are the same and only marked by a marker pen, so many bags were lost and went to the wrong place. So have a very different, stand out type laundry bag, the soldier laundry was very identifiable.

Then came the quilts, as it can get down to -25 degrees in Afghanistan in the winter. They sent 15 laundry bags and 25 quilts and the response was overwhelming, to say the least. It gave great joy and the soldiers took these items with them everywhere. Jan Maree started to receive a lot of support from other quilters and a blog and facebook page was started on the 1st January, 2012.

Singleton Quilters produced 60 quilts and the youngest quilter is 7 years old. A lot of people want to help their Aussie soldiers but didn't know how. This is one way of helping.

The quilts are all over, Dubai, Sinai, Afghanistan. One quilt, laundry bag and some goodies, i.e. Tim Tams can fit into a B2, Australia Post box and it goes free to the forces. Special quilts are made for the people in hospitals. Fallen Warrior Quilts are given to the families for someone else who was close to the family.

Jan Maree's sister is a teacher at Bruce Rock and she had her students write letters and send some quilts and goodies. They received an email back naming all the students. After the passing of 5 soldier friends, the parcel of quilts and goodies gave everyone a boost. These quilts are stunning and a lot of work goes into making them.

The quilts are fully donated and the average material cost would be \$120.00 per quilt, not counting the time and love to make it. The quilts are 42" wide and 75" long.

Carwas won the raffle and Graham Evans won the Heads & Tail.

Jan Maree auctioned the quilt which Keith Ball was the highest bidder at \$200.00.

Sgt. Tim ran a very cheeky fining session (it was check shirts last week!). Not even the five partners were spared.

Another good night had by all.

*Signing off - Roslyn Savio*

## Photos from our Last Meeting

Guest Speaker Jan Maree Ball from Aussie Hero Quilts







## Tree of Joy

At the last meeting I canvassed for members to take part in this year's Tree of Joy project and whilst 5 members offered to help, no one "held up their hand" to share the leadership. In particular I am seeking a person with interest in the project taking over in 2013 and beyond.

The Tree of Joy is one of the "unsung heroes" of our club's contribution to the community, each year some 900 presents, (value \$25K?) go to needy people and little "flag waving" occurs. It is a most worthwhile project and rewarding job, if you would like to be part of the team, leader or worker please let me know.

Thanks Brian

## 'Tears in the Jungle'



Daniel and William Clarke live in Sydney, Australia, and share a passion to save the orangutan in Borneo and Sumatra

Their desire to help the orangutan happened after a series of events that helped shape Daniels decision to take a stand

Daniel has cerebral palsy and is mostly confined to a wheelchair however this doesn't stop him from doing what he believes is right

So far the boys have raised over \$600,000 to save the orangutan and have been actively promoting the orangutan's story throughout the media

Over time, Daniel and William have grown to understand the issues facing the orangutan in regards to the deforestation of their habitat due to illegal logging, establishment of palm oil plantations and the illegal pet trade

In 2008 the Orangutan Project made Daniel their National Youth Ambassador and has been fundamental in the establishment of their education program which was launched in 2010 partly fulfilling Daniel's desire to educate youth around the world

Later that same year Daniel and William travelled with their parents through the jungles of Borneo on an extraordinary adventure to see the orangutans in the wild

The **'Tears In The Jungle'** book has been created as an outcome of that amazing journey

## Rotary Charity Golf Day - 30th October 2012

Jointly hosted by West Pennant Hills/ Cherrybrook and Hunters Hill Clubs, we expect a great turn out for this Spectacular Charity Golf Day Tuesday 30th October 2012

We are looking for participants and sponsors alike so please use the information and booking flyer attached in the email with the Bulletin to send out to your prospective participants

Details are:

Oatlands Golf Club, 94 Bettington Road, Oatlands  
Tuesday 30th October 2012  
Registration Time: from 11:00am  
Shotgun Start: 12:30pm  
32 Trophies to be won  
Mens and Ladies included

Oatlands is a group one Members course and is considered one of the finest inland par 70 golf courses in the country – ALL proceeds go to 'Kids off the Streets' projects and associated Rotary Charities

Players and non players are invited to join us for a Buffet Dinner, Trophy Presentations and Auction Spectacular

Enquiries and bookings to:

Clive Denmark - [hamletc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:hamletc@optusnet.com.au) or 0400 425 210

## Social Activity Dates for the Diary

- Sat. 13th October - Theatre night - to be arranged
- Sunday 4th November - Car Gig/ BBQ.
- Saturday 16th February 2013 - Dinner at Lemon Chello, Italian Restaurant at West Pennant Hills
- Sat/Sunday 4th and 5th May, 2013 - Weekend Away



## Birthdays and Anniversaries



**Anniversaries** - *None this week*

**Birthdays** - *Rob Clarke - 27 September*

## Food for Thought



Some people are like slinkies – not really good for anything but they bring a smile to your face when you push them down the stairs

*Contributed by Jim Simpson*

## Humour



### Letter to a Men's Helpline...

Hi Bob,

I really need your advice on a serious problem:

I have suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me.

The usual signs: if the phone rings and I answer, the caller hangs up; she goes out with the girls a lot.

I try to stay awake to look out for her when she comes home but I usually fall asleep.

Anyway last night about midnight I hid in the shed behind the boat.

When she came home she got out of someone's car buttoning up her blouse, then she took her panties out of her purse and slipped them on.

It was at that moment crouched behind the boat that I noticed a hairline crack in the outboard engine mounting bracket.

Is that something I can weld or do I need to replace the whole bracket?

*Contributed by Jim Simpson*

		<b>Club Program 2012-2013</b>	RED YES = PARTNERS on a meeting night.	
		Updated 05/09/12 by RWH		
<b>Oct-12</b>		<b>Vocational Service Month</b>		
Mon	1	Labour Day Public Holiday - No meeting		
Sun	7	BBQ Bunnings Thornleigh.	Yes	Barry Lambert
Mon	8	Dr Nuli Lemoh, a Sydney Paediatrician whose original homeland is Sierra Leone, and PP Laurie Facer of Turramurra Rotary Club on Bo Childrens Hospital.	Yes	Rob Hamer
Wed	10	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.		Bob Davison
Sat	13	Theatre night		Social Comm.
Mon	15	Supt. P. Fogel, Commander - Castle Hill LAC NSW Police. Confirmed 08/05/2012		Rob Hamer
Mon	22	Disaster Aid Australia.		Bob Davison
Sat	27	Porsche Car Club Concourse Day - Club Catering to event	All	Tim Bickford
Mon	29	No meeting - moved to Tuesday Golf Day.		Rob Hamer
Tues	30	Golf Day - Oatlands Golf Club. Our normal meeting follows in the evening.	Yes	Clive Denmark
<b>Nov-12</b>		<b>Rotary Foundation Month</b>		
Sun	4	Car Rally / BBQ.		Social Comm.
Mon	5	Melbourne Cup meeting	Yes	Social Comm.
Mon	12	RYDA for Girls at St. Ives. 6 helpers required.	Yes	Rosemary Clarke
Mon	12	Shelterbox Australia.		Rob Hamer
Wed	14	RYDA for Boys at St. Ives. 6 helpers required.	Yes	Rosemary Clarke
Wed	14	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.		Bob Davison
Fri	16	Wesley Dalmar Bar-B-Q Volunteers required.	Yes	Graham Cuthbertson
Mon	19	Rotary Foundation - PDG David Rands		Larry Jacka
Sun	25	BBQ Bunnings Dural	Yes	Barry Lambert
Mon	26	Joanne Sharpe - Occupational Therapists in Mental Health.		Colin Sharpe
<b>Dec-12</b>		<b>Family of Rotary Month</b>		
Sun	2	Christmas luncheon - Castle Hill Country Club??	Yes	Social Comm.
Mon	3	Annual General Meeting		Bob Davison
Mon	10	Looking for speaker		Rob Hamer
Wed	12	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.		Bob Davison
Thu	13	Tree of Joy- Santa's Workshop at Brian Furrer's 7.30pm	Yes	Brian Furrer
Mon	17	Christmas Meeting (Kris Kringle-gifts). Exchange student blazer presentation to Bethany.	Yes	Bob Davison
Mon	24	No Meeting		
Mon	31	No Meeting		

Please don't forget to book an outing, dinner or activity with Miska  
[miska-95@hotmail.com](mailto: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
29th August	Gilchrist		
Fri 19-Sun. 21 October	Gilchrist	Youth Exchange Inbound Camping Weekend at Narrabeen	
9-16 November			Trip to NZ with the Davisons
17 November	Ferguson		
Sunday 18 November	Ferguson	Naamaroo Final Outbound Student Briefing	
Friday 14 December	Ferguson	Christmas Party Dinner Dance - Gladesville Club - TBC	
9 -23 Jan			Holidays with the Bickfords
Sunday 10 February	Ferguson	Sailing Day - St Ives Club -TBC	
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	
May/June	Davison	Safari - TBC	
15 June	Davison	Farewell to students - TBC	

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Treasurer	Ian Roberts	0401 898 989
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Youth Services Director	Rosemary Clarke	0439 819 965
Community Services Director	Douglas Lam	0419 421 659
International Director, Foundation and PR	PDG Larry Jacka	0418 690 898
Vocational Director	Peter Cleary	0419 499 827
Fundraiser Director	Clive Denmark	0400 425 210
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