



# The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Club Bulletin

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## Monday 26th March – PARTNERS INVITED

Tony and Pamela Makin Holiday Travelogue  
Northern Lights in Norway and Dog Sledding in Sweden

## Monday 2nd April

Rosie O'Halloran of Uganda Orphanage

## Monday 16th April

Professor Nigel Hope, Orthapod at SAH

## Duty Roster

Next Meeting Monday 26 March 2012		Following Meeting - 2 April 2012	
<b>Speaker Host</b>	Sandy Burrage	<b>Speaker Host</b>	Max Henderson
<b>Night Reporter</b>	Col Baxter	<b>Night Reporter</b>	Clive Denmark
<b>Front Desk</b>	Michael Moroney	<b>Front Desk</b>	Keith Ball
<b>Front Desk</b>	Rob Wansbrough	<b>Front Desk</b>	Michael Moroney
<b>Steward</b>	Brian Furrer	<b>Steward</b>	Col Wright
<b>Steward</b>	John Russell	<b>Steward</b>	John Roberts
<b>Photographer</b>	Rob Hamer	<b>Photographer</b>	Mark Doran

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## Upcoming Events

**Sat. 24th and Sunday 25th March**  
Hills Home Show BBQ Fund Raiser

**Monday April 9**  
Easter Monday – no meeting

**Sunday 15th April**  
BBQ - Bunnings Dural

**Monday April 23**  
Anzac meeting - Lt Col John Pritchard -  
Armoured Corp and Engineers in Vietnam.

## 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.  
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## President's Report



What a fantastic District Conference we had last weekend in Wollongong.

You would be less than human if you didn't walk away inspired after hearing the fantastic stories of young and older men and women who, because of the catalyst of Rotary, have gone on to do great things.

My only regret is that there were not more from our Club attending to get this shot in the arm.

And yes we did win the prize for the best Club dressup AGAIN.

This Saturday and Sunday we are doing a BBQ at the Hills Home Show. The address is Bernie Mullane Sports Complex, Marella Ave (off Green Rd), Kellyville. Last year when we did the Show there were 7,000 visitors even though it was rain affected.

This year they are expecting more so hopefully we will have a very successful event.

This is the last of the major fund raising events for my Presidential year. Nothing much like that happens now until September.

Thank you to everyone who have offered to come and assist over the weekend. Tony, Barry, Pru and Tom have done a terrific job in pulling it altogether. In the Roster that was circulated late last week we are down a couple of bodies as Tim Bickford is now a cancellation and Larry Jacka is still in hospital. So if we had a couple more volunteers to help cover those shifts it would be helpful- especially Sunday 12-4pm when we are a bit thin on the ground.

Pru has been designated as the on-site Catering Manager for the weekend so if anything goes belly up - we know where she lives.

Latest news on Larry (as of Tuesday when this report was written) is he was still in Westmead Hospital and likely to be there for a few more days at least. It would seem the decision now is whether to do stents or by-pass surgery. Good luck Larry.

Next Monday our Guest Speakers, Tony and Pamela Makin, will give a presentation on their recent mid winter holiday to Norway and Finland (Lapland). Tony said *"we knew it was going to be cold and dark but we wanted to see the Northern Lights and to go dog sledding. In one of these we were disappointed, in the other we discovered an amazing experience. And it wasn't dark, the lighting effects provided some memorable photographic experiences..."*

Several partners have expressed interest in hearing about their trip so I would like to extend an invitation to all Partners for next Monday night.

## Night Report

The meeting was opened with Grace by Howard Fleming and the Loyal Toast by Rod Crosweller. President Colin McGowan introduced our guest speaker and visiting Rotarian Mark Rosenberg from Gladesville Club.

President Colin advised members that PDG Larry Jacka was in Westmead Hospital undergoing continuing tests for heart related issues. We will advise when anything further is known. We wish him well.

David Turnbull then gave a detailed report of the Conference activities over the preceding weekend. Ten members and partners attended with Louise and her friend from Chile.

A good weekend was had by all with plenty of fun and many good and interesting speakers. The Saturday night social event was enjoyed by all and we were the talk of the night in our pink wigs and Lucille Ball masks. Winning the Club prize was a bonus.

Louise gave her report, unfortunately she had been sick the week before and this had curtailed her social activities. She enjoyed Conference and the many associated activities. I think she is still shocked and amazed at what Rotarians can get up to when let loose.

Howard spoke of his latest trip and of yabby fishing in western NSW rivers.

Tony advised of arrangements for the upcoming Hills Home Show and encouraged all members to participate. BBQ all weekend, let's hope the weather is better than last year.

President Colin raised the issue of member participation, not only in Club meetings but in outside activities. The way to get the most out of Rotary is to put time and effort into it.

Rob Hamer advised that he had been given a donation of various catering supplies from a firm that no longer had use for them, plates, napkins, etc. Some of these could be used by the club and some may be given to DIK for distribution.

Rob Wansbrough spoke of his friend who is very ill and in need of some help around the home, members were asked to liaise with Rob if they could help.

Guest speaker Mark then gave a most interesting and thought provoking talk on 'Conflict Resolution'.

Mark trained as a lawyer, among other things and his background in presenting a good argument was obvious.

Mark's basic message is that conflict is inevitable and necessary in everyday life at home and at work. Conflict is good as it develops people's thoughts, ideas and creates the thinking process.

How we deal with conflict is the critical issue. Your perception of a situation can be totally different from that of someone else. Try to look at it from their point of view.

Engage constructively, positive outcomes will lead to better performance. Talk, listen, question and respond. It is critical to respond rather than react.

Some extracts from Mark's talk are attached on later pages.

Colin Sharp thanked the guest speaker, after questions from the floor.

President Colin won the raffle and presented his prize to the guest speaker.  
Heads and tails was won by Peter Cleary, who was also fined for wearing red socks, but at least he was wearing socks tonight.

Members were advised that next week is a talk by Tony and Pamela Makin on their recent trip to the north of the world. (Oh good, oh joy, a slide night.) Partners are most welcome.

Night Reporter David Turnbull

### Photos from our last meeting

Guest Speaker Mark Rosenberg on the  
Topic of 'Managing Conflict'



Howard Fleming talking about a surprise  
catch in his prawn net



## **HUNTER VALLEY “HORSE and COAL” TOUR**

As most of you know by now we will be visiting the Upper Hunter Valley this year and it is shaping up to be a most interesting trip.

Firstly, we hear so much of the coal mining industry and the positive and negative aspects of it on the environment and our economy that it will be interesting to hear it from industry insiders.

On Saturday morning we are meeting in Singleton at 9am (it's a 3 hour drive) for a presentation “An Introduction to the Hunter Valley Coal mining industry, then an “Infrastructure Tour of local coal industry related facilities viewing mines, power stations, transport network, suppliers and Service providers”.

We will not be allowed into a mine however will be take on a tour with commentary in the surrounding mines in and around Singleton.

Well done Michael Moroney for organising this part of the trip.

Then in the afternoon, and after lunch, a bit of light relief with a visit to a Chocolate shop with a talk by the owner of the business. After that to a local Winery “Cruickshanks” for those of you who like a bit of a tippie and to wash down all that coal dust!

From there, after a pretty full day, we will retire to the Airlie Motel in Scone for dinner and the evenings accommodation.

On Sunday after breakfast we will leave about 9am to the Vinery Horse Stud on Sedgenhoe Road at Scone where we will see .....what else but horses/horses/ and more horses and what they get up to at a stud breeding property!!!

We will also hear all about their success stories and much more. This should be very interesting to anyone who follows horses/has ridden a horse/has had a bet on Melbourne Cup day, or even just loves horses – they are such beautiful creatures - think about those big brown eyes!!!! Col Wright has organised this and again Well Done Col.

After our visit to The Vinery, we are then off to Belltrees Historical Homestead. There we will be taken on a tour of the beautiful old homestead/retail outlets after which lunch is on for us. A nice relaxing way to end the day and from here we board our Coach for the trip home, via Glenbawn Dam if time allows. We expect to arrive home in Cherrybrook around 6pm.

Some practical aspects of the trip, as soon as we have an indication of numbers who will be travelling we will be able to give you a cost for the trip. The more who travel the cheaper it will be. As an indication though, if the Coach is full i.e. 48 people, the indicative cost per head will be around \$240 ph.

Since there was very keen interest when numbers were called for last Monday night, it looks like the coach will fill very quickly, in fact if everyone who indicated they would go, the Coach will already be full.

Therefore **FIRST IN BEST DRESSED**. Be quick to get you names in. Of course, all monies must be paid prior to the trip as we need to be paying progressively as we travel over the weekend.

There will be a list at the front desk on Monday nights from now on so your indication to attend, as soon as possible will ensure a seat on the Coach.





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## Rotary March Report from Caitlin Gilchrist

Hola from Spain

This month I've been into Madrid to the main library and shopping at night.

Madrid is beautiful at night but extremely busy -it is always a sea of people. I went to the Madrid Zoo which was amazing! I was fascinated with the pandas, racoons, flamingos and squirrels. My host family are organising for me to do a studying class at the Zoo for my birthday. I am very excited!

I also watched my host brother play soccer in the mountains so I got to enjoy the view. I go to Lucas' soccer games most weekends as my host parents go every week and I enjoy watching. I go to the gym most week nights with my Aunty and her friend.



At the gym all the teachers know me as the girl who speaks English so they are very nice to me. I'm enjoying it as it is good bonding for my Aunt and me.

It has been a few friends' birthdays so we have little celebrations at school and such. We are in the middle of end of year exams so everyone is busy studying. There is a soccer competition at school for the boys. Most breaks we sit and support them.



They are all very good players and soccer is a huge thing in Spain. We watch it on television quite a lot. The girls from school have shown me the lolly shop which was nice of them- Spain has great sweets.

I went shopping in Madrid with the exchange students and it was fantastic. We went to a famous bakery in SOL and got chocolate croissants which were the nicest thing you could eat! After spending hours in one shop we went and got tapas!

Due to the school girls having exams and my exchange student friends (from America and Canada) travelling, I've been able to spend good time with my host family.

I am understanding a lot more Spanish and I can also manage a conversation. Some things are still very difficult but I'm improving. More people talk to me as I speak more Spanish and I'm sure this will continue to happen as I learn more.

I am reading Harry Potter in Spanish which is hard but it helps that I know the story so well and I'm still studying off my "Learn Spanish in 3 Months" book.



I have been to a few Rotary events so I am getting to know my president well. She is a vet so we get along well. She is fantastic and so funny. The first event was a big dinner for all Rotary members of Madrid.

It was BEAUTIFUL-a Flamenco dinner hosted in a house in the park in Madrid. Most of my club members were there and I sat with my President and my host dad. The dinner was a 3 course Spanish meal with flamenco dancing and a tutorial on how to clap and sing to the music! I had a great night. ALSO I happened to be the only -Exchange student- teenager in the room. Just me and the Rotarians but it was a great night and I loved being about to get dressed up for a formal event.

The second Rotary event was a concert which was opera! There were five singers and they were from different back grounds. They sang a few songs each in Spanish, French, German, Korean and English. I got introduced to another exchange student from America. He and I were the only exchange students who attended but we had fun.

WELL..... I am very happy to say it is holidays next week!!

First we have two public holidays only in Tres Cantos. So if you work in the City you still have to go. Then when Easter holidays start my family and I are going to Northern Spain!!- with my host parents, brother, aunty and grandma. I will see their home town Burgos and go to the top left corner of Spain and then across east to another zoo!! In total it will take around a week and then back to school until summer holidays.

My birthday is in a month!!! So I am very excited to finally be 18.

Take care. Caitlin

### **West Pennant hills and Cherrybrook Rotary Club 25th Anniversary Meeting**

To all our previous members and or their spouses.

As this is a milestone event in our club history we would like invite you to join us on the night. We are going to use the evening to reflect on some of the earlier activities of our club. These will be ones that influenced the culture of the club. As a side benefit some of the newer members will be able to understand some of our earlier achievements why we are so proud of our club.

This will be a chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones which we don't do enough of in today's busy world.

Hopefully you will be able to join us on the evening. (naturally this is a partners night).

Date 7th May at Springfield 245 New Line Rd Dural

Time 6.30 for 7.00pm

Cost \$30pp

Can you please reply to this email with your response (either acceptance or apology)

If you got this invitation by letter can you please ring Allan Paynter 9871 7715 with your answer.

Hoping to see you there on the night

Regards

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## Photos from The District Conference





Louise Lastein (Denmark ) with fellow student Sofia Maturana (Chile)- Northbridge Club



Oh no, what was he thinking?



### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Anniversaries**     *None this week*

**Birthdays**     *None this week*

### **Humour**

A truck driver looked anxiously at the soup he had just been served at a cafe. It contained dark flecks of seasoning, but two of the spots looked suspicious.

“Hey,” he called out to the waitress, “these particles in my soup – aren’t they foreign objects?”

She scrutinised his bowl. “No, sir!” she assured him. “Those things live around here.”

## Food for Thought

“Rare is the person who can weigh the faults of others without putting his thumb on the scales”



## Family of the Week Program

Louise Lastein - Denmark 2011-2012			
Week Ending Sunday	Host Family	Planned Activities	Louise with You
12th	Hamer	Welcome Home Dinner - Friday 10th	District
17th - 19th	Hamer		
26th	Hamer	Umina Beach weekend (Fri- Sun)	Umina
4th MARCH	Hamer		
11th	Hamer		
16TH - 18th	Hamer	Conference - Wollongong (Fri- Sun)	Club
25th	Hamer		
1st APRIL	Gilchrist		
8th	Gilchrist	<b>Louise on School holidays for a couple of weeks commencing 6<sup>th</sup> April. Would appreciate any invitations.</b>	
15th	Gilchrist		
22nd	Gilchrist		
29th	Gilchrist		
6th MAY	Gilchrist		
13th May – 2nd JUNE	Gilchrist	SAFARI (13May - 2nd June)	District
	Gilchrist		
	Gilchrist		
3rd JUNE	Gilchrist		
10th	Gilchrist		
17th	Gilchrist		
24th	Gilchrist		
27th		Depart Sydney for Denmark	



		<b>Club Program 2011-2012</b>	RED YES = PARTNERS on a meeting night.	
<b>Mar-12</b>		<b>Literacy Month</b>		
Sat	24	Hills Home Show BBQ Fund Raiser		Tony Makin
Sun	25	Hills Home Show BBQ Fund Raiser. Louise moves to the Gilchrists'.		Tony Makin Alison Bowland
Mon	26	Travelogue - The Makin's visit to Santa Claus		CMcG
<b>Apr-12</b>		<b>Magazine Month</b>		
Mon	2	Meeting - Rosie O'Halloran of Uganda Orphanage	Yes	Graham Cuth.
Mon	9	Pub Hol- Easter Mon		
Wed	11	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at CMcG's place		
Sun	15	BBQ Bunnings Dural		Barry Lambert
Mon	16	Professor Nigel Hope, Orthapod at SAH		Rob Hamer
Mon	23	Anzac meeting - Lt Col John Pritchard - Armoured Corp and Engineers in Vietnam.	Yes	Rob Hamer
Mon	30	Robin Baird - CEO, Sydney Hills Business Chamber		Rob Hamer
<b>May-12</b>		<b>Community Month</b>		
Wed	2	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at CMcG's place		
Mon	7	Silver Anniversary meeting. Past Members Night	Yes	Ross Ballinger Alan Paynter
Wed	9	Combined Club Board Meeting at 7.30		
Mon	14	International Night - Miriam Jacka - Vanuatu	Yes	
Sun	20	Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal		Tony Makin
Mon	21	Philip Smith - ROMAD presentation		
Sat	26	Weekend away- Scone area	Yes	Prue/Colin/ Michael/Carol
Sun	27	Weekend away- Scone area	Yes	Prue/Colin/ Michael/Carol
Mon	28	Craig Tobler - Shelterbox Australia		Rob Hamer
<b>Jun-12</b>		<b>Rotary Fellowship Month</b>		
Mon	4	Vocational Awards -Pride of Workmanship	Yes	Pete Cleary
Mon	11	Pub Hol- Queens Birthday		
Wed	13	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at CMcG's place		CMcG residence
Mon	18	Speaker Nigel McDonald, Forensic engineer, motor vehicle crash investigations		
Mon	25	Youth - Art Competition Prizegiving includes final presentation by Louise	Yes	Rosemary Clarke
Fri	29	Club Changeover Dinner- Epping Club- all members - suit/black tie	Yes	CM/BD



Jul-12		District Projects Month	Partners	Organiser
Mon	2	No Meeting (on first meeting day after Changeover)		
Mon	9			
Sat	14	BBQ Bunnings Thornleigh.		Barry Lambert
Mon	16			
Mon	23			
Mon	30			

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