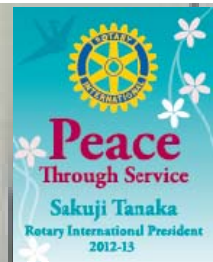




# The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

## Club Bulletin

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<p><b>Monday 26 November</b> Joanne Sharpe - Occupational Therapist in Mental Health</p>
<p><b>Monday 3 December</b> Annual General Meeting</p>
<p><b>Monday 10 December</b> The 4 Way Test - Speaking Competition</p>

### Duty Roster

Next Meeting - Monday 26 Nov 2012		Following Meeting – Monday 3 Dec 2012	
<b>Speaker Host</b>	Graham Cuthbertson	<b>Speaker Host</b>	Bob Davison
<b>Night Reporter</b>	Stan Baseley	<b>Night Reporter</b>	Col McGowan
<b>Front Desk</b>	Jim Simpson	<b>Front Desk</b>	Ian Roberts
<b>Front Desk</b>	Ian Roberts	<b>Front Desk</b>	Tim Bickford
<b>Steward</b>	Steve Baker	<b>Steward</b>	Ross Ballinger
<b>Steward</b>	Kumar Fernando	<b>Steward</b>	Clive Denmark
<b>Photographer</b>	Ross Ballinger	<b>Photographer</b>	Ross Ballinger/Steve Baker

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### Upcoming Events

<p><b>Sunday 25 November</b> BBQ - Bunnings Dural</p>	<p><b>Thursday 13 December</b> Tree of Joy- Santa's Workshop at Brian Furrer's</p>
<p><b>Sunday 3 December</b> Club Xmas Lunch @ Castle Hill Country Club</p>	<p><b>Saturday 6 January</b> President's New Year Lunch Celebration @ Geranium Cottage</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 notify Jilda.  
Phone 9439 1422 or email [accounts@lhogroup.com.au](mailto:accounts@lhogroup.com.au) before 11am on the day of the meeting.

**\*\*If you are expected and do not show you may be required to pay for the meal\*\***

## Presidents Report



Bev and I were away last week holidaying in Queenstown. We took Miska with us, which added a different dimension to the trip – we did more than we would otherwise have done, I am sure. I thank Clive for standing in for me. Clive announced that he has accepted the role of President Elect which I am told was met with a standing ovation. Great news! At last week's meeting you had a presentation on Shelter Box, which is a follow-on to the Disaster Aid presentation the week before. These are both worthwhile projects, but I thought I would mention my intention to donate to Disaster Aid this year (as identified in the Club Plan).

It was great to see Larry return to the Club after several months recouping from his bypass operation, and I certainly enjoyed his clever witticisms as he was introducing PDG David Rands. David was presenting on Rotary Foundation, discussing the recent changes and opportunities to be granted District and RI Foundation funds (with multiplier effect) for suitable humanitarian projects. We have looked at matching grants before, but not had suitable projects. Unfortunately we couldn't get the data projector working which delayed the start, and made it difficult to follow the numbers David gave, but the presentation was still worthwhile. Foundation invests the funds donated, and uses the investment returns to fund the many projects. The overhead costs are very small (about 2%) making the most effective use of Club and Rotarian donations. Our Club has budgeted to donate \$3,000 to Foundation this year. Many Club members are also contributing to Foundation at various levels. It would be fantastic if every member was a Centurion (donating \$100) – now that Larry is back I am sure we will hear more about the ways we can contribute.

Last Friday we cooked a BBQ for Wesley Dalmar. It was a Christmas party for children and their carers, and we were presented with a certificate from the very appreciative Wesley Dalmar staff. Thank you to all those who helped – especially to Tom who transported the trailer, but also to Colin and Margaret McGowan, Douglas Lam, Peter Cleary, Carol Russell, and Graham Cuthbertson (who unfortunately couldn't stay for personal reasons).

We have another Bunnings BBQ at Dural next Sunday (25th) and again, thank you to those who have volunteered. We are on track with our fundraising, and every BBQ helps.

Next meeting we have Colin Sharpe's daughter, Joanne, presenting on mental health (she is an Occupational Therapist). This will be an interesting presentation, and I am hoping for a good attendance (we have several members away, so if you can make it, please do ☺).

The week after that we have our AGM and party. For the AGM bit, please complete nomination forms for those you would like to see as officers or directors. You also need to have the person nominated sign that form. For the "party" bit, come along and celebrate!

And don't forget the Christmas Luncheon at Castle Hill Country Club on Sunday 2nd December – hopefully all members and partners can make it.

*President Bob Davison*

## Night Report

President Bob Davison presided over the meeting with Tim Bowland as Photographer, Larry Jacka as presenter (who made a much welcomed return after his recent hospitalisation) and the return of infamous David Turnbull as Sergeant at Arms.

Miska has returned from NZ where he had holidayed with Bob and Bev Davison and gave us a detailed account of some of his adventures there, they were many and varied and included things like "Frisbee Golf", karting, sailing around the sound on a 100 year old steamboat, mountain biking, visiting "minute" Chinese miners houses in Queenstown's mining settlement built in the 1860's and his infamous trip to the Bar (not the legal bar)

He also informed us of his move to the Fergusons as his host family. Bob Davison requested that if anyone that could give Miska a lift to the meetings it would be appreciated.

There is a board meeting on Tuesday at Bob Davison's house and on the 3rd of December there is the Annual General Meeting.

The Friday BBQ was a success and the Rotary Xmas lunch will be on 2/12/2012 at Castle Hill Country Club. Rosemary informed us that a RYLA candidate had been found from St Ives area and asked for a volunteer to give an award on behalf of Rotary on 11/12/2012 at West Pennant Hills Primary School at 6.45pm. David Turnbull agreed.

A call was also made for a volunteer counsellor for Bethany. Barry Freeman volunteered.

Larry Jacka gave us a humorous update regarding his recent hospitalisation and his steady road to recovery. Larry then introduced David Rand past District Governor who gave us a talk about the Rotary Foundation. His talk detailed that the fund currently had over \$800 Million funds under management and the goal is to reach the magic \$1 billion.

Funds are invested throughout the world and in a variety of professionally managed investments. The Foundation is currently the largest NGO in the world and its humanitarian missions are focussed in the areas of Health, Education, Peace, Poverty, Disease, Water and Sanitation, Literacy and Economic Development and one of its proudest achievements is having almost eradicated Polio world wide.

David also spoke about Centurions and the Paul Harris Fellows and the various levels Rotarians can donate on. Matching grants were also discussed and the tax benefits and multiplier effect that can be achieved for clubs that get involved in these.

Larry said that our club had about 26 Centurions and that anyone interested in donating as a centurion or as a fellow should see him directly.

This week's raffle was won by Rosemary and Sergeant David read that it was Brian Furrer's birthday, which was wrong and suitably fined President Bob for misinforming him.

Heads and tails was won by "me" 😊

Next week the speaker will be Joanne Short an occupational Therapist dealing with mental healthcare

*Night Reporter John Fletcher*

## Photos from the Last Meeting

David Rand - past District Governor



A welcome return to Larry Jacka talking about The Centurions



Following are two photos of Members at various stages of eating along with Miska telling us about his NZ trip



## Notice of Annual General Meeting

Members are advised that the Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Inc. will be held at Springfield Function Centre , New Line Road Dural on December 3rd 2012 starting at 7.00pm

Business to be conducted includes acceptance of minutes from previous AGM, presentation and acceptance of the annual financial statements for 2011/2012, confirmation of auditor for 2012/13 and election of office bearers for 2012/13.

Copies of financial statements are available from the Treasurer prior to the meeting by request.

Persons wishing to nominate for board positions should contact Secretary Barry Lambert or President Bob Davison for nomination forms or information.

Barry Lambert Secretary

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



**Anniversaries** - *Shobana Fernando – December 6*

**Birthdays** - *Bob Davison – December 3*

## Food for Thought



Many people convince themselves that if it is economically necessary, it's morally right?

## Humour



Who said Blondes are dumb?

A fair haired house wife received a phone call from the installer, 12 months after having several windows replaced with and an expensive double pane energy efficient design

They said the work had been completed for over year and she had not paid for them.

The installer seemed to think he would get better of her very quickly but when she said to the man that the fast talking salesman who sold her the windows told her,

“That in one year they would pay for themselves” he hung up

*Article courtesy of Clive Denmark*



### Words for teenagers

Northland College principal John Tapene has offered the following words from a judge who regularly deals with youth. "Always we hear the cry from teenagers, 'what can we do, where can we go?'"

"My answer is this: Go home, mow the lawn, wash the windows, learn to cook, build a raft, get a job, visit the sick, study your lessons and after you've finished, read a book. Your town does not owe you recreational facilities and your parents do not owe you fun.

"The world does not owe you a living, you owe the world something. You owe it your time, energy and talent so that no one will be at war, in sickness and lonely again. In other words grow up, stop being a cry baby, get out of your dream world and develop a backbone not a wishbone. Start behaving like a responsible person. You are important and you are needed. It's too late to sit around and wait for somebody to do something someday. Someday is now and that somebody is you!"

		<b>Club Program 2012-2013</b>	RED YES = PARTNERS on a meeting night.	
		Updated 23/10/12 by RWH	Tentative date hold only	
<b>Nov-12</b>		<b>Rotary Foundation Month</b>		
Sun	25	BBQ Bunnings Dural	<b>Yes</b>	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	<b>Yes</b>	Social Comm.
Mon	3	Annual General Meeting		Bob Davison
Mon	10	The 4 Way Test - speaking competition		Peter Cleary
Thu	13	Tree of Joy- Santa's Workshop at Brian Furrer's 7.30pm	<b>Yes</b>	Brian Furrer
Mon	17	Christmas Meeting (Kris Kringle-gifts). Exchange student blazer presentation to Bethany.	<b>Yes</b>	Bob Davison
Tues	20	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.		Bob Davison
Mon	24	No Meeting		
Mon	31	No Meeting		
<b>Jan-13</b>		<b>Rotary Awareness Month</b>		
Sun	6	President's New Year lunch celebration - Geranium Cottage	<b>Yes</b>	Social Comm.
Mon	7	No Meeting		
Wed	9	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.		Bob Davison
Mon	14	Ian Faulks - Distracted Driving.		Rob Hamer
Mon	21	Australia Day Meeting - Barry Freeman	<b>Yes</b>	Rob Hamer
Sat	26	Australia Day Holiday		
Mon	28	Australia Day Public Holiday - 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
Friday 30 November	Ferguson	Youth Exchange Xmas Dinner @ Hunters Hill Sailing Club	
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	

**Directors 2012-13**

**Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook**

President	Bob Davison	0413 008 574
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Actg Secretary	Keith Ball	0401 895 333
Treasurer	Ian Roberts	0401 898 989
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Club Services Director	Rob Hamer	0400 335 091
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
Club Welfare Officer (non executive)	Stan Basely	9634 1084
Social Committee Leader	Pru Daras	0412 441 052