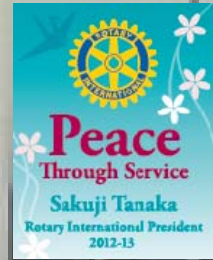




The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

Club Bulletin

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Monday 27 August Tom Sweeney – ‘The Plot Thickens’
Monday 3 September Miska's Presentation
Monday 10 September Wendy Carver - Lifeline, Harbour to Hawkesbury

Duty Roster

Next Meeting Monday 27 August 2012		Following Meeting - Monday 3 September 2012	
Speaker Host	Stan Baseley	Speaker Host	Max Henderson
Night Reporter	Rob Hamer	Night Reporter	Tom Westcott
Front Desk	Michael Moroney	Front Desk	Alan Paynter
Front Desk	Colin McGowan	Front Desk	Michael Moroney
Steward	Jim Simpson	Steward	Col Wright
Steward	Rosemary Clarke	Steward	Brian Furrer
Photographer	Steve Baker	Photographer	Steve Baker

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Upcoming Events

Saturday 25 August Trivia Night @ Cherrybrook Community Centre	Saturday 22 September Garage Sale Starts
Saturday 25 August Bunning's BBQ @ Dural	Saturday 13 October Theatre Night

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 accounts@lhogroup.com.au **before 11am** on the day of the meeting.

President's Report



Faye Yarroll was our speaker at Monday's meeting, and what an interesting story she had to tell.

Her talk was on Cochlear Implants, and she explained how she became profoundly deaf with 0% hearing. But as her story unfolded I couldn't but think what else could possibly go wrong, she has certainly had to face many of life's challenges. She is impressed with the Cochlear implant technology, and showed us how it works – very impressive, and an Australian invention. She now has 95% hearing and with the remote control (I want one of those!) can select the mode of operation (Bev says I have selective hearing without the remote).

I can see that with the micro technology employed, the end result is better than perfect (natural) hearing, in a way an unfair advantage! It was obvious that everyone enjoyed her presentation, and we ran a little over time (I don't think anyone noticed ☺).

Last Sunday, Bev and I had two lunchtime events. The first was the inbound Exchange Student welcome BBQ held at Heritage Park. Miska and the other inbounds were there, as was Beth Ferguson and many of the outbound students who will go on exchange next January, plus families and various club members.

These District events are a great way for the students to get to know each other and it was such a nice day. The students were treated to "cook your own damper on a stick" and there were five Colonial soldiers in full costume demonstrating the firing of muskets.

Then we went to the family picnic at Fagan Park organised by our Social Committee. The weather was perfect and we arrived just in time to eat. Carol's daughter and three grandchildren were there, and the members and partners as in the photo (Bev was the photographer). I appreciate the Social Committee organising these events, it is a good relaxing way to socialise and we should do it more often.

Saturday 25th August we have our next Bunnings BBQ at Dural. I have the required number of volunteers and have emailed them to confirm. Interestingly, Barry was contacted by Bunnings to ensure we will be there – he was walking the Great Wall at the time.

The Trivia night is also next Saturday, 25th August, which will be a fun night and a good fundraiser for the Club. Rob Hamer and his committee have finalised planning, the questions will be challenging but fun, and other activities are organised. We now have lots of raffle prizes, but could always do with more (if you have something, get it to Rob or I, or just bring it on the night). There are over 20 tables booked, if you haven't booked yet, just give Rob a call. If you haven't organised a table but would like to come, also call Rob, he is putting a few mixed tables together. Could partners bring a plate of slice for the light supper provided, thanks.

The Garage Sale is on 22nd and 23rd September. Banners go up this weekend, there will be several media adverts and the flyers will be distributed to members from Monday.

In preparation there is a Guide Hall cleanup from 8am on Sat 1st Sept (thank you to those who volunteered). All is coming together nicely - the roster will be discussed on Monday for stalls, pickups and member participation. Again, we will have a committee meeting after the Monday meeting.

Last meeting I mentioned the "Garden of Secrets" being run by The Rotary Club of The Hills-Kellyville which is on the weekend of 8/9 September. The private gardens are large and spectacular, and rarely open to the public. (see the flyer for details).

In this Bulletin Mark has included an article about "Tears in the Jungle". The Clarke family will be presenting to a combined Clubs meeting on Monday 24th September – this meeting is organised by Rob Hamer. Put it in your diary now, as we expect Springfield to be a full House.

Next Monday's presenter is Tom Sweeney on the topic "The Plot Thickens... Love Lives of all sorts of people". Now that sounds interesting, see you there.

President Bob Davison

Night Report

President Bob opened meeting

Fagan Park Picnic Day at Galston went very well but unfortunately a small attendance, but those who went had a lovely day and the weather was also very kind.

Next Saturday night is a Trivia Night at Cherrybrook Community Centre and we need some helpers to set up at 5pm on Saturday

- Brian Furrer advised that the 'Tree of Joy' coming up again.

He is looking for a committee so if interested please contact Brian. He also would like someone to take over the running of it as he has been doing it for many years and has done an excellent job.

- Garage Sale 22/23 September

Need to do a cleanup of Guides Hall on 1/9/2012 at about 8.30am for about 2 to 3 hours. Need volunteers

- Garden Showing

Hills/Kellyville Rotary is running a Garden Show on 8/9/2012. Details later

- Larry Jacka

Stan advised the meeting that Larry is out of Hospital and seems to be doing ok and suggested that he would appreciate a call on his mobile (0458205318) to wish him well

Clive Denmark then introduced our guest speaker Faye Yarroll (below)



Faye was born with Hereditary hearing loss and grew up using two hearing aids

As a teenager she spent 5 years learning the skill of lip reading

At the age of 25 she had an accident at Snowy Mountains resort when she lost the profound loss of hearing in the right ear. She worked for Hewitt Packard as IT Manager but her hearing was making her job too difficult.

In 2005 she had her Bilateral Cochlear implant in one ear and it was an outstanding success and in 2007 she had the other ear done. Her new world opened up with 90% hearing in both ears

The cost for each ear is \$40,000 with 90% back from HCF and today 25,000 people around the world have cochlear implants ranging from the ages of 3 to 98 years old

Raffle was won by Carol Russell

Heads and Tails was won by Allan Paynter

Night Reporter Graham Evans

'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

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

On Tour in S.E. Qld. with Howard and Megan Fleming

Following is an extract from my daily diary that be of interest to the members and I noticed that Steve's Mt. Isa touring paths and mine crossed some where in the last month. We have finished exploring the Nth. West corner of Qld and now are in the Sth. West of Qld. at Windorah being 500 km south of Mt. Isa, near the NT border and Birdsville Track.

We were pleased to arrive after two days of driving 405 km from Bedourie on the Development Rd which is gravel surface and covered in fine powered red dust that reduces our visibility when other vehicles pass us.

The road passes through several properties and the Diamantina River system, making the long journey very interesting, as we saw different breeds of cattle suited for this dry and hot climate grazing beside the unfenced road and all the native animals and birds.

Another interesting thing about this Diamantina River system is that it consists of about 20 waterways with water flowing across the roadway but in the wet season they all combine and create one large river system 100 km wide. These waterways naturally wear grooves or channels in the landscape therefore giving the whole Diamantina Shire the well known term as The Channel Country. This water then flows to Birdsville into Lake Eyre and finally to the Murrumbidgee River in Sth. Aust.

We crossed over many sand dunes some up to 10 metres high and stretching 100 km across the sandy plains which is unique for Australia. Windorah is the average town of a main street, a hotel, general store, service station and caravan park.

The motor home fuel gauge was showing near empty with the low alarm light on, so after filling up with fuel we drove to the Rest Stop camping area on the Cooper's Creek which forms part of the river system of the Channel Country to do some fishing and bird watching. They say this is the part of Aust. that inspired Banjo Patterson to write his songs and poems.

Hope all is well

Howard & Megan

Inbound Exchange Students at the Welcome BBQ



Social Activity Dates for the Diary

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

Greetings from the Ballinger's' in the Kimberly's

We have just returned to Broome after a great trip on the Odyssey a small ship with only 16 passengers. It also involved a light plane, a helicopter; it's a great way to see part of Australia that many are not fortunate enough to experience. The red cliffs the blue green water, the smooth clean beaches and warm water, colourful sunsets,



We went fishing a couple of times, mud crabbing, whale watching, jet boating through the horizontal falls, and detouring on the way home to take part in a search for a boat that was supposed to be sunk after a fire. It certainly was a great trip with good company

We leave tomorrow to go to Cape Leveque and next Tues. to the Kimberly loop in a 4wd bus



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Anniversaries - *Clive and Jenny Denmark - 31 August*

Birthdays - *Judy Cuthbertson - 23 August*
- *Peter Cleary - 29 August*

Humour



'The Loving Couple'

An elderly lady was invited to an old friend's home for dinner one evening.

She was impressed by the way her lady friend preceded every request to her husband with endearing terms such as: Honey, My Love, Darling, Sweetheart, etc.

The couple had been married almost 70 years and, clearly, they were still very much in love.

While the husband was in the living room, her lady friend leaned over to her hostess to say, 'I think it's wonderful that, after all these years, you still call your husband all those loving names.'



The elderly lady hung her head, 'I have to tell you the truth', she said, 'his name slipped my mind about 10 years ago, and I'm scared to death to ask the cranky old bastard what his name is.'

Contributed by Stan Baseley

Food for Thought

"He loves nature in spite of what it did to him." - Forrest Tucker

Contributed by Jim Simpson



		Club Program 2012-2013		RED YES = PARTNERS on a meeting night.	
		Updated 20/08/12 by RWH		Tentative date hold only	
Aug-12		Membership & Extension Month			
Tue	21	Trivia Night organisers' meeting.			
Sat	25	BBQ Bunning's Dural		Yes	Bob Davison
Sat	25	Trivia Night - Cherrybrook Community Centre		Yes	
Mon	27	Tom Sweeney - The Plot Thickens...Love lives of all sorts of people!			Rob Hamer
Sep-12		New Generations Month			
Sat	1	Meet at Guide Hall 8:00am for * Guide Hall grounds clean up.			
Mon	3	Miska's Presentation			
Wed	5	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.			
Mon	10	Wendy Carver - Lifeline, Harbour to Hawkesbury.			
Mon	17	Jan-Maree - Aussie Hero Quilts - making quilts for our service people. Confirmed 01/05		Yes	Rob Hamer
Sat	22	Garage Sale- at Fire Station. 6am start.		All	
Sat	22	Garage Sale-Dinner 6.30 for 7.00pm		All	
Sun	23	Garage Sale- at Fire Station. 8am start.		All	
Mon	24	Joint Zone Clubs Meeting - "Tears in the Jungle" fundraiser.		Yes	
Oct-12		Vocational Service Month			
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	
Wed	10	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.			
Sat	13	Theatre night			Social Comm.
Mon	15	Supt. P. Flogel, Commander - Castle Hill LAC NSW Police.			Rob Hamer
Mon	22	Disaster Aid Australia.			Bob Davison
Sat	27	Porsche Car Club Concourse Day - Club Catering to event		All	
Mon	29	Norm Spalding - An Ambulance Officer's story.			Rob Hamer
Nov-12		Rotary Foundation Month			
Sun	4	Car Concourse / BBQ.			Social Comm.
Mon	5	Melbourne Cup meeting		Yes	
Mon	12	Shelterbox Australia.			
Wed	14	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.			
Mon	19	Rotary Foundation - PDG David Rands			
Sun	25	BBQ Bunnings Dural		Yes	Barry Lambert
Mon	26	Joanne Sharpe - Occupational Therapists in Mental Health.			Colin Sharpe

Please don't forget to book an outing, dinner or activity with Miska
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Miska's Family of the Week Program

2012-2013			
Week Ending Friday	Host Family	Planned Activities	Miska with You
Sat. 25-Sun. 26 August	Gilchrist		Weekend with Rosemary and Rob
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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