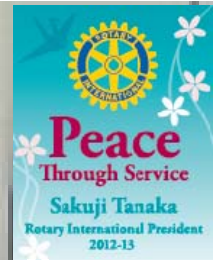




# The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Club Bulletin

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<b>Monday July 30</b> Guest Speaker from Brainwave Australia
<b>Monday August 6</b> Membership Night
<b>Monday August 13</b> Glen Pattison - Improving health & lifestyle through hypnosis

## Duty Roster

Next Meeting Monday 30 July 2012		Following Meeting - Monday 6 August 2012	
<b>Speaker Host</b>	Graham Cuthbertson	<b>Speaker Host</b>	Carol Russell
<b>Night Reporter</b>	Alan Paynter	<b>Night Reporter</b>	Tony Makin
<b>Front Desk</b>	Ros Savio	<b>Front Desk</b>	Michael Moroney
<b>Front Desk</b>	Michael Moroney	<b>Front Desk</b>	Ian Roberts
<b>Steward</b>	Gino Savio	<b>Steward</b>	Max Henderson
<b>Steward</b>	Col Wright	<b>Steward</b>	David Turnbull
<b>Photographer</b>	Steve Baker	<b>Photographer</b>	Steve Baker

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## Upcoming Events

<b>Monday 20 August</b> Faye Yarroll - Bilateral Cochlear Implant Recipient	<b>Monday 27 August</b> Tom Sweeney - The Plot Thickens...Love lives of all sorts of people!
<b>Saturday 25 August</b> Trivia Night @ Cherrybrook Community Centre	<b>Saturday 1 September</b> Guide Hall Clean Up

## 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](mailto:accounts@lhogroup.com.au) **before 11am** on the day of the meeting.

## President's Report



Our exchange student, Miska, arrived early Sunday morning and was greeted by Club Counsellor, Mark Doran, his first family (Mark and Megan Gilchrist), District Counsellors (Jan & Geoff Duffy) and 3rd family (Bob & Bev Davison). He was surprisingly fresh following the overnight flight from Singapore where he had undergone "training" for his exchange. Mark D had organised breakfast at the rocks, with views of the Opera House which was a good way to meet Miska.

Monday's meeting was themed "Christmas in July" and was an excellent meeting. My special thanks to Carol and Colin Wright for the decorations, to Rob for running Christmas trivia and Alan for leading the two competing teams in carols.

Miska, was there for his first meeting and gave a brief introduction, and a run down of his first hours in Australia. He is just 16 years old, and spoke very confidently, and added some humour with his task of collecting fines.

He fits in well – I am sure that he will have a great year in Australia, and that the Club will enjoy his participation.

Beth Ferguson and her parents (Rob and Christine) also came along to meet Miska (the Fergusons are his 2nd family). Beth introduced herself – she is so excited about going to Denmark in January. She has been to the Club before, having attended RYPEN (she even commented that her parents met through RYPEN!).

Rob Hamer told us a bit about the upcoming Trivia night on Sat 25th August. This is an important event for the club and we need most members (read "all") to organise a table of 8 for the night. We have a few other Clubs coming along, including Macquarie Rotaract Club. It will be an excellent night. As a practise run Rob asked the club some Christmas trivia questions. I couldn't answer many. Miska assured us that Santa is from Rovaniemi in Finland.

Then Allan Paynter ran a Christmas Carols competition. We were all winners.

At our next meeting on 30th July we have the Mr Alex Lopez, Chairman of Brainwave Australia, presenting on this, the President's, charity. Brainwave is a paediatric charity which supports families of children with a brain disease.

*President Bob Davison*

## Night Report

What a festive feel prevailed in the room with decorations and Christmas music providing a bright welcome to everyone to our Christmas in July dinner.

President Bob welcomed everyone to the meeting. We had 53 members and guests present including our new exchange student Miska freshly arrived from Finland and Beth Ferguson, our outgoing exchange student with her parents Christine and Rob Ferguson, Also present were Mark, Megan and Liam Gilchrist who are Miska's host parents.

Robyn Crossweller of Inner Wheel was present as well to explain to us the workings of the Inner Wheel organisation.

Robyn explained the similarities between Inner Wheel and Rotary, the International, National and District structure which is based on Friendship, and to raise funds for those in need in the local and international communities. The current theme is "Be a Friend". The Inner Wheel group in the Hills District has 24 members who meet monthly. Robyn left us with the thought:

*"Wherever you may be, its your friends who make your world"*

Stan Basely then gave us an update on Larry Jacka's health after his heart operation recently. He is progressing well and staying at his elderly mother's home, so that Mirium can take care of them both together.

Rosemary Clarke, Youth Director then spoke of the delight that Telopea School showed when a donation of \$800 was made to the school to help 4 kids be able to attend a school camp in November, when otherwise they would not have been able to go along. Telopea had winning entries in our Art Competition recently and it was from this contact with the School by Rosemary that this need was discovered. District Interviews are being held on 12th August, for the National Youth Science Forum. There had been 88 applications, however only 24 positions are available, therefore the quality of those chosen is expected to be very high.

On 19th August, a BBQ with host families is to be held to welcome all the new Youth Exchange Students

Clive Denmark then updated the club on progress to date with the Golf Day which is usually held in October. A new representative has come forward from the Hunters Hill Club and a meeting to be held soon to discuss arrangements which need to be made.

Rob Hamer spoke of "Tears in the Jungle". A fundraising night to be held at Springfield House on 24th September, when >170 people are expected to attend a Joint Zone Clubs meeting as a fund raising opportunity for this worthy cause.

Rob has invited other Rotary Clubs and organisations and a large attendance is expected to support this initiative to raise funds to save the Orangutangs in Borneo.

Rob also spoke of the Trivia night to be held on 25th August, and asked club members if they would be able to come up with prizes for the night. He is expecting 40 tables of 8 people and urged everyone to bring along family and friends to help make this a very successful, fun night in our club fundraising efforts for the year. A meeting to be held on Tuesday night 24th July to further organise.

A garage sale meeting to be held on Wednesday 24th to begin arrangements for this annual major fund raising event of our club.

Mark Doran introduced Miska to the Club. Miska is 16 years of age, he flew into Sydney on Sunday 22nd at an ungodly hour of the morning, and then on Monday morning was whisked off to Cherrybrook Technical High School to be enrolled. After that, shopping for school clothes before attending the Rotary meeting that night. Probably all a bit overwhelming for him however he did well to say a few words in English to us when introduced.

Beth Ferguson, our outgoing Exchange Student told us that she was a "RYPEN Kid", her parents having met at a RYPEN functions many years before. She is very excited about spending a year in Denmark.

President Bob then serenaded in the Christmas singalong segment of the evening when Alan Paynter led the various tables in a fun competition as to which group could be the most vocal. The front 4 tables won hands down!

Bethany Ferguson then drew her mothers name out as the winner of the bottle of wine on the evening. Tony Makin won the Heads and Tails.

President Bob, after being fined for not naming all the visitors and partners individually, then thanked them all by name for coming along and helping make the event a fun filled Christmas in July.

*Night Reporter Carol Russell*

### Photos from Last Meeting

Robyn Crossweller talking about the 'Inner Wheel'





Alan Paynter leading the singing



Barry 'Santa Claus' Lambert



Our Outbound Exchange Student Bethany Ferguson



Christine Ferguson, Bethany and Mark Gilchrist





Getting into the spirit of Xmas



Our new Exchange Student Miska Granlund with Mark Doran



### **Travel Update from the Flemings**

Hi All Members, It is Friday 13th up here and we are at Leichhardt Lagoon bush camp on the Norman River near Normanton till Sunday 15th. then to Karumba for 2days.

Karumba is on south end of the Gulf of Carpentaria where all the prawning fleets are stationed, just check your road map to see how isolated the town is.

Today really tested us out for this bush camping as it reached 40C at 3pm So being strong city folk we hopped in the Little Car air con ON and off charging through the bush looking for a good fishing spot. As it is The Dry up here the river is low and we saw dozens of Barramundi dead in the water due to low oxygen.

Tonight we are having a three course dinner at the Property Owners homestead and entertained by some of our fellow campers.

Those that enjoy sea food should appreciate it here as there is an abundance of large mud crabs, tiger prawns and barramundi plus lots of crocodiles on the river banks.

Must go as it is XXXX happy hour.

*Hope all is well. Howard & Megan*

### **Baker Trip – Final Instalment**

As you know, we have been back about 3 weeks now. My mobile broadband packed it in about 4 weeks before we got back and we spent some time with family and friends in Tamworth and Newcastle, so it took a while to get to these through to you. Leave it to you, if and when you want to put them in the bulletin.

In the order in which they have been taken. The first 2 photos are of Mt Isa. Lake Moondara is about 14 km out of town and is very picturesque. The lake is man made, and is in complete contrast of what you expect in this hot dry mining town. The dam was created for the town water supply and is stocked with numerous fish. It has excellent facilities including boat ramps and picnic areas. Wildlife is in abundance and apparently so are the fish. It is very popular with the locals. I took some beautiful sunset photos. The other photo gives you some idea of how the mine influences the town.

The next photos is Jean wrestling with Banjo the dinosaur. This was taken at Winton where they have a couple of very good dinosaur sites. The one we were at here (Australian Age of Dinosaurs) only opened in April and was certainly worth the visit. You can get up close to the reconstruction of these monsters.

We then moved on to Longreach. This is a very historic town. We spent an entire day just at the Stockman's Hall of Fame. Talk about a step back in time. Reminded me of my days in the bush. Most of the exhibits were indoors but they did have a show each day which was great fun. They had stock horses, bullock teams and working cattle dogs. It was very well done. In town they also had Cobb and Co stagecoach rides. Longreach also has the Qantas Founders Museum including a 747, 707 and a Catalina Flying Boat on display outdoors and a whole pile of others indoors. This was also very interesting. In the caravan park in Longreach, we had broilgas wandering around the caravan park being hand fed by the kids.



The next 2 photos are from Bourke. When we arrived in Bourke on Sunday, all of the shops had shutters up to protect all of the glass windows. It was like a different town when the shops were trading. While we were there, the Darling River was flowing strongly after all of the rain. The photo of the old lift bridge that went over the highway, was taken from the Paddle Steamer Jandra. We had a relaxing cruise on the Jandra - again with an abundance of wildlife. The other photo is for the mechanical / engineering / history buffs in the club. It is of a Crossely diesel engine that was originally imported from England to generate power in Sydney. It ended up on a rural property near Bourke and was recently restored. They run it every day for the tourists. It takes about 10 mins just to get it to turn over (all manual). I have quite a number of photos of the engine and a brochure if anybody wants more info.

The next photo is of Lightening Ridge. An interesting place, but very different from Coober Pedy where they also mine Opal. In Lightening Ridge everyone lives above ground as the excavated mines are too moist to live inside. It was a bit difficult to get decent photos here. Our Caravan Park was 200 metres away from the Thermal Pool. Needless to say we spend a few hours relaxing in the mineral water. At our next stop in Moree, the thermal pools were even closer and our van was right alongside. This turned out to be great particularly as the temperatures were starting to fall (significantly).

Our last stop to report was the Warrumbungle's. This is a spectacular landscape. We did a lot of hiking; taking in the mountain peaks and the wildlife. It was our first time there and would like to go back again when it is warmer and spend some time. One part of the park where the picnic areas are was surrounded by kangaroos. Coonabarabran is Astronomy central with the large Anglo Australian telescope and numerous privately owned smaller ones. We had a private night viewing (it was too cold for anyone else) looking at the stars. It gives you some appreciation of how huge the universe actually is.

Anyway that wraps it all up. I hope you enjoy these as much as we enjoyed our trip through Central Australia and Queensland. In all we took about 3500 photos between us. Jean & I are already think about where we will go next – probably WA.

*Regards, Steve*

The Warrumbungles



Age of Dinosaurs – Winton Qld





Crossley Deisel Motors – Bourke NSW



Darling River – Bourke NSW



Lightning Ridge - NSW



Lake Moondara, Mt Isa - Qld





Stockmans Hall of Fame, Longreach - Qld



Mt. Isa - Qld



### Social Activity Dates for the Diary

- 19th August - Family Picnic /Day trip
- Sat. 13th October - Theatre night - to be arranged
- Sunday 4th November - Car Rally / 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** - *Bev Davison - August 2*

### Humour



1. Overheard: "I had a disturbing discussion with my wife this morning.  
I said that men like Sylvester Stallone and Arnold Schwarzenegger are a dime a dozen.  
She said, "Here's a nickel, buy me six!"
2. Asia was by far my favourite destination, "the woman bragged at the party, though she had never been out of Australia.  
  
Enigmatic and magical, beautiful beyond belief. And China. Of course, is the pearl of the Asian oyster."

"What about the pagodas?" asked a man beside her. "Did you see them?"

"Did I see them? My dear, I had *dinner* with them."

3. One day the teacher was talking about marriage in class

"What kind of wife would you like? the teacher asked Johnny

"I would want a wife like the moon." he replied

"Wow!" the teacher said, "What a choice... do you want her to beautiful and calm like the moon?" she asked.

"No." said Johnny, "I want her to arrive at night and disappear in the morning"

### Food for Thought

Children have more need of models than of critics



		<b>Club Program 2012-2013</b>	RED YES = PARTNERS on a meeting night.	
<b>Jul-12</b>		<b>District Projects Month</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Organiser</b>
Tue	24	Trivia Night organisers' meeting.		
Mon	30	Brainwave Australia (Bob and Bev organising)		Bob Davison
<b>Aug-12</b>		<b>Membership &amp; Extension Month</b>		
Mon	6	Membership Night - District Director		Carol Russell
Tue	7	Trivia Night organisers' meeting.		
Wed	8	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.		
Mon	13	Glen Pattison - Improving health & lifestyle through hypnotism. Conf 28/04/12		Rob Hamer
Tue	14	Trivia Night organisers' meeting.		
Sun	19	Family Picnic /Day trip		Social Comm.
Mon	20	Faye Yarroll - Bilateral Cochlear Implant Recipient - "My only regret in life is that I had to wait so long to hear". Conf 28/04/12	Yes	Rob Hamer
Tue	21	Trivia Night organisers' meeting.		
Sat	25	BBQ Bunnings Dural	Yes	Barry Lambert
Sat	25	<b>Trivia Night - Cherrybrook Community Centre</b>	Yes	
Mon	27	Tom Sweeney - The Plot Thickens....Love lives of all sorts of people! Confirmed 01/05/12		Rob Hamer
<b>Sep-12</b>		<b>New Generations Month</b>		
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	Brook Lennox (nee Bowland) - Physiotherapy in Stroke Rehabilitation. Confirmed 01/05		Tim Bowland
Mon	17	Jan-Maree - Aussie Hero Quilts - making quilts for our service people. Confirmed 01/05	Yes	Rob Hamer
Sat	22	<b>Garage Sale- at Fire Station. 6am start.</b>	All	
Sat	22	Garage Sale-Dinner 6.30 for 7.00pm	All	
Sun	23	<b>Garage Sale- at Fire Station. 8am start.</b>	All	
Mon	24	<b>Joint Zone Clubs Meeting - "Tears in the Jungle" fundraiser.</b>	Yes	
<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	
Wed	10	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.		
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.Confirmed 17/07/2012		Bob Davison
Sat	27	Porsche Car Club Concours Day - Club Catering to event	All	
Mon	29	Norm Spalding - An Ambulance Officer's story. Confirmed 04/05/2012		Rob Hamer



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