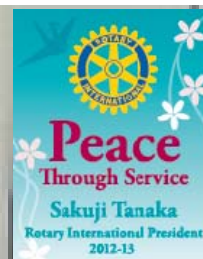


The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

Club Bulletin

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Tuesday 30 October

Rotary Golf Day and Dinner in lieu of Meeting

Monday 5 November

Melbourne Cup Meeting

Monday 12 November

Shelterbox Australia

Duty Roster

Next Meeting - Monday 30 Oct 2012		Following Meeting - Tuesday 5 Nov 2012	
Speaker Host	na	Speaker Host	Tim Bowland
Night Reporter	na	Night Reporter	Col Baxter
Front Desk	Ian Roberts	Front Desk	Ian Roberts
Front Desk	na	Front Desk	Carol Russell
Steward	na	Steward	John Fletcher
Steward	na	Steward	Doug Lam
Photographer	Ross Ballinger/Steve Baker	Photographer	Ross Ballinger/Steve Baker

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Upcoming Events

Saturday 27 October Chinese Lantern Festival	Tuesday 30 October Charity Golf Day @ Oatlands
Sunday 28 October Porsche Car Club Concourse Day	Wednesday 14 November RYDA for Boys at St. Ives.

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 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****

President's Report



Last meeting we had Jenny Heenan, CEO of Disaster Aid Australia, visit us from Hope Island RC. We also had Judy and Bev from Terry Hills RC visit us to hear Jenny speak. The RC of Endeavour Hills (Vic) had embraced Shelterbox (based in the UK) in 2003 as their project and established Shelterbox Australia. They became concerned by the lack of transparency with how the then Pnd600 was spent, especially when reported that the cost to supply and deploy a box was Pnd299. The lack of an acceptable explanation would not meet ATO and ASIC requirements hence in 2010 RC of Endeavour Hills decided they could not continue with Shelterbox Australia, and so with a seed investment of \$175,000 Disaster Aid Australia was established. Their boxes have bigger tents and are equipped differently to provide shelter and dignity to families struck by disaster. Interestingly, multiple kits can be configured to serve as a school or a hospital if needed. They also supply water purification and solar lighting kits. Just over two years from being established there are equivalent Disaster Aid organisations in Canada, USA, UK & Ireland, Malaysia with other countries making enquiries. This is an amazing story with so much achieved in such a short time.

On 12th November we have Shelterbox presenting their story to us. The aim is to see both organisations to determine which is better suited to our 2012-2013 donation.

We have a busy weekend coming up. Douglas is running our BBQ at the Cherrybrook Chinese Lantern Festival on Saturday 27th October. My "thank you" to those who have volunteered.

The next day (Sunday 28th October) we are cooking a BBQ at the Porsche Car Club Concourse Day. Tim Bickford has organised the trailer, food and volunteers for this event which should be a significant fundraiser for us. Again, my "thank you" to those who have volunteered.

Then the Charity Golf Day is on Tuesday 30th October at Oatlands golf course which we are running jointly with Hunters Hill club. This should be a splendid day for those playing, as Clive has put a lot of effort in to the organisation. Remember that there is no meeting on Monday, instead members and partners are invited to the Golf Day dinner at Oatlands – just book with Clive or Ian Roberts if you can make it (6:30pm start).

Unfortunately Bev and I will be away with a week in Bali so will miss these three events.

On 5th November we have the Melbourne Cup meeting and the Social Committee is organising a partners event – we would like to see everyone in race day paraphernalia. Jim asks that we bring the starters page out of the paper (SMH preferred) for some education on how to be an expert punter.

I mentioned last week about our next District 9680 Conference on 15-17 March 2013 to be held at the Shoalhaven Conference Centre in Nowra. David has volunteered to be the Club Champion for the conference, so you will hear from him shortly. You can book for the conference now at <http://conference2013.rotarydistrict9680.org/>.

President Bob Davison

Night Report

A quiet night with a smaller than normal number of members attending. However we did have two from French's Forest club visiting for the night.

After the normal formalities to kick the night off, and Miska's update on his activities, we were updated on the plans for the Cherrybrook Chinese Lantern Festival evening to be held on Saturday night, where we are to be providing BBQ's Sausages sandwiches, followed by the Porsche Club Annual Concourse to be held all day on Sunday where we provide the food catering for the day.

On a member welfare front we also heard that Col McGowan is on the mend faster than expected which is great news - looking forward to seeing him back soon.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Jenni Heenan from Disability Aid Australia - Jenni is also a Rotarian from Hope Island Club. In 2003 she was with the Endeavour Hills Rotary Club which had a regular programme of funding for Shelter Boxes. However after 5 years of funding boxes, they were sent an annual report for Shelter box which showed that the cost of the boxes was a lot less than what they had been funding - and when it was queried, the club was firmly told to mind their own business, not something that Australians take too kindly.

So a new organisation was set up - Disaster Aid Australia - a home grown Australian organisation run by an Australian Rotary Club with the stated aim of Helping with situations of Total Loss. As a transparent and accountable organisation, they are also a preferred supplier of AUSAID and have now moved more globally with operations in Australia, India, UK, USA and others around the world.

They provide:

Family Survival Boxes which cost \$800 each - distributed 2,500 boxes in the first 18 months off operations. These include large 3 room mosquito proof tents which can use for more than just accommodation but can be joined with other tents to form work spaces, hospital spaces, teaching spaces etc.

Clean drinking Water purification units called SkyHydrants, which are designed to produce 10,000 litres of potable water per day for a life of 10 years via a reverse osmosis method.

Solar lighting units called Solar Gem.

They have been distributed in places like Haiti after Hurricanes, Pakistan after floods and the Sudan after massive people movements due to conflict, sometimes in heat higher than 40 degrees. A slide show during her presentation gave us examples of many of these units in Action and also showed the DART teams - groups of people who attend and assist with the deployment in conjunction with local authorities. So successful have these teams become, than in a recent event in the Philippines, the shipment of Family Survival Boxes was cleared through customs and on its way to those who needed it within 35 minutes of landing!

Their equipment is currently produced, stored and distributed worldwide out of Shang-hai I China. However they are in the process of establishing reserves located in various strategic locations around the world.

The presentation, which was well received prompting good number of questions and was followed by the normal lively fine session, raffle and Heads and Tails - neither of which can I recall who won as I forgot to write it down!

Night Reporter Tim Bickford

Photos from our Last Meeting

Jenni Heenan, CEO of Disaster Aid Australia



Speaker Host and PP Graham Cuthberston thanking Jenni for her talk



Bev and Judy from Terrey Hills Rotary Club



Members enjoying Jenni's talk



Looks like some mischief going on at this table



Chinese Lantern Festival

On the evening of 27th October 2012, the annual Chinese Lantern Festival is to be held again at Cherrybrook Oval. Unfortunately this year, there will be an overlap to the Porsche Club event during the day. Community Service has committed to provide a sausage sizzle for the evening.

I am looking for 6-8 volunteers to participate. If you cannot make it to the Porsche event, please consider helping out. For those who have endless energy, continue on from the car racing event.

I have been very busy of late and possibly will be missing the meetings on the next 2 Mondays (8th & 14th). Please respond to this email ASAP.
Your assistance is much appreciated.

It is a worthwhile community project and helps the club to increase exposure and public profile not to mention the funds it can generate.

Best regards Douglas Lam

Rotary Charity Golf Day – Tuesday 30th October 2012

Jointly hosted by Hunters Hill and West Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook 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 or 0400 425 210

Social Activities

Melbourne Cup Night, 5th November, Partners Night

Come along, wear your very best hat, have some fun, have a bet or two and maybe win some dosh!!!
Oh my Gosh!!

Hawkesbury River Cruise

Unfortunately not enough interest shown, so that will not be happening. Sorry to all who indicated interest, we needed 30 persons

"Theatre in the Park"

10th November at Brooklyn Community Park.. it's on again

Those of us who went along last year had a wonderful evening under the stars with glass of bubbly or 3 and great live theatre

Some of us again will be going along so if interested in joining us, please contact myself or Rob Hamer and we can organise travel together. See contact details below to arrange your tickets.

Saturday 10 November

Brooklyn Community Theatre will present a thrilling play by the Queen of Mystery, Agatha Christie

This play will keep you in suspense to the very last...

Gates open and great food from 6pm ~ Curtains up 8.30pm

Avoid the queues and buy your tickets in advance from Hawkesbury River Real Estate (5 Bridge Street, Brooklyn) or on-line at - www.theatreinthepark.com.au - this year there is a \$5 discount for every four tickets purchased in advance.

Adults \$15 ~ Child (under 16) or Concession \$10 ~ Family \$35 (two adults and up to three children) ~ No charge for under fives

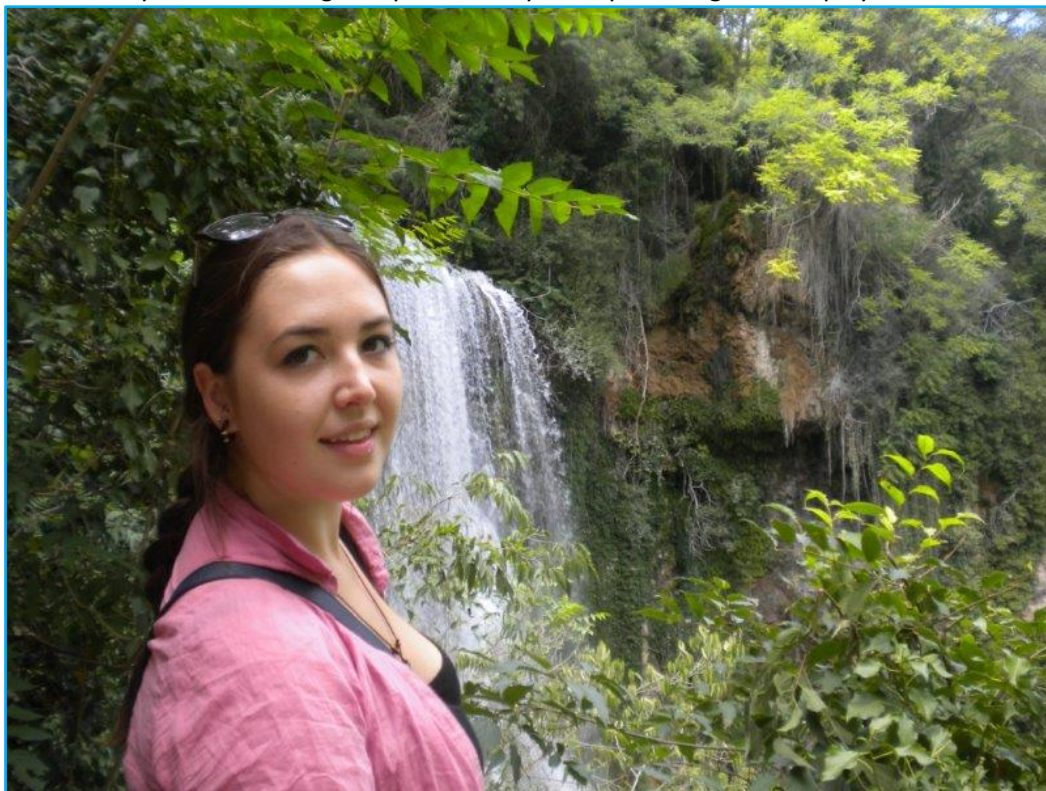
Courtesy buses will run to the Rest Park (Pacific Highway, Brooklyn) starting at 6pm, from the Anglers Rest Hotel (Brooklyn Road, Brooklyn) and the Mooney Mooney Club (Kowan Road, Mooney Mooney). The last return bus will leave the park at 11pm.

Hope to see some of you there..

Carol Russell and Colin Wright.

Caitlin Gilchrist's October Report from Spain

Hola everyone! I am doing really well on my Rotary exchange and hope you are well too.



I have become friends with the new Rotary exchangers. Rotary meetings are very interesting with the new guys. Catherine comes over to the house a bit and Sophie from Canada is a big animal lover like me. So together we go to the animal shows and we went to the Madrid Safari which was amazing. I took some exchange girls to Madrid to have a good look around which was fun.

The Americans in my school are doing better now it is their second month in Spain. Catherine and I have been reading Harry Potter in school so we bond over that. It is easy to be friends with someone else who is a fan.

In my English class I get asked my opinion on every question and so do the Americans and Canadian girl. My teacher's boyfriend is Australian so I think that's why she likes me so much. I have a speech in class coming up so I am doing it on Australia. I have my Rotary presentation to use however I will need to translate it back into English for English class! I need to talk very slowly so they understand my Aussie accent.

I am trying to find activities with animals that I can do. I went to a dog adoption show that was great. We saw all different breeds and it was great to see them go to good homes. From that day I found a company close to Tres Cantos where I can help walk the dogs. I start next weekend and I will walk dogs that need adoption with Sophie from Rotary

My family is fantastic as always. My host sister Ana had her 19th Birthday in October and all the close family came to the house to celebrate. It was great to see the extended family again. The little ones practised their English with me which was cute to listen to.



We have been planning for months to go to the Madrid Safari and we finally found time. My family were very patient with me and with how excited I was. They got me carrots to feed the animals and drove around with us all day. Sophie and I went with my host parents to the Safari. I didn't know what to expect, but the animals really do come up to the cars for food. As soon as you drive in deer and llamas run to the cars and shove their heads in the windows which we only opened a tiny bit. It was an extremely funny thing to watch. Then we drove into the next paddock and it

was camels and big bulls which surrounded the car. The camels are huge and I have photos of 5 camels trying to get in my window! I was so happy to see Zebras and when they finally came over it was so amazing for me. It is the first time I have been able to touch one let alone hand feed them. I have many photos of them! We drove through a paddock with a pride of lions. It was just the lions and us in a car, but they weren't active sadly. The last area had a really weird mix of animals like zebras, baboons, rhinos, hippos and black bears. The black bears tried to catch the monkeys and the safari car had to drive them away. They had a mini zoo area with the big cats which I enjoyed. It was a great day for me.

My family also surprised me with a Christmas gift. We are going to Paris and to Disneyland Euro!! I am so excited and thrilled. They are taking me just after Christmas. We will spend Christmas in Burgos with the family first. I am hoping for some snow but I don't think I will get that lucky. My family and school friends are all starting to realise that I am leaving in January. They don't want me to go and I don't want to leave them. It will be a sad goodbye when it comes.

Take care Xx Caitlín

In Barcelona in July



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Anniversaries - *Larry and Miriam Jacka – 27 October 27*

Brian and Barbara Furrer – October 28

Max and Lynne Henderson – October 31

Birthdays - *Keith Ball - Oct 21*

Food for Thought

Self delusion is pulling in your stomach when you get on the scales



Humour



"Well Bill" said God, I'm really confused on this one. I'm not sure where to send you Heaven or Hell.

After all, you helped society enormously by putting a computer into almost every home in the world, and yet you created that ghastly Windows. I'm going to do something that I have never done before. I'm going to let you decide where you want to go."

Mr. Gates replied, "Well thanks God. What's the difference between the two?"

God said, "You can take a peek at both places briefly if it will help you decide. Shall we look at Hell first?"

"Sure" said Bill, "Let's go!"

Bill was amazed! He saw a clean, white sandy beach with clear running waters. There were thousands of beautiful men and women running around, playing in the water, laughing and flocking about. The sun was shining and the temperature was perfect.

"This is great! Said Bill. "If this is Hell. I can't wait to see Heaven!"

God replied, "Let's go! And so off they went to Heaven.

Bill saw puffy white clouds in a beautiful blue sky with angels drifting about while playing harps and singing. It was nice, but surely not as enticing as Hell. Mr. Gates thought for only a brief moment and said to God, "God, I do believe that it would like to go to Hell."

"As you desire," said God.

Two weeks later, God decided to check up on the late billionaire to see how things were going. He found Bill shackled to a wall, screaming amongst the hot flames in a dark cave. He was being burned and tortured by demons.

"How ya doing Bill?" asked God.

Bill responded with anguish and despair, "This is awful! This not what it expected at all! What happened to the beach and the beautiful women playing in the water?"

"Oh THAT!" said God. "That was the Screensaver."

		Club Program 2012-2013	RED YES = PARTNERS on a meeting night.	
		Updated 23/10/12 by RWH	Tentative date hold only	
Oct-12		Vocational Service Month		
Sat	27	Chinese Lantern Festival (Bar-B-Q)		Douglas Lam
Sun	28	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
Nov-12		Rotary Foundation Month		
Sun	4	Social - Lunch Cruise on the Hawkesbury River	Yes	Social Comm.
Mon	5	Melbourne Cup meeting	Yes	Social Comm.
Weds	7	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.		Bob Davison
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
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
Dec-12		Family of Rotary Month		
Sun	2	Christmas luncheon - Castle Hill Country Club ??	Yes	Social Comm.
Mon	3	Annual General Meeting		Bob Davison
Mon	10	The 4 Way Test - speaking competition		Peter Cleary
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		
Jan-13		Rotary Awareness Month		
Sun	6	President's New Year lunch celebration - Geranium Cottage	Yes	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	Yes	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 or mobile 0431 166 636

Miska's Family of the Week Program

2012-2013			
Week Ending Friday	Host Family	Planned Activities	Miska with You
Fri 19-Oct to Sun. 21 Oct.	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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