



The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

Club Bulletin

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Monday 31 October Melbourne Cup Night – Partners Night
Monday 7 November Youth Night and Exchange Student Presentation
Monday 14 November Guest Speaker - Dominic Perrottet - State Member for Castle Hill

Duty Roster

Next Meeting Monday 31 October 2011		Following Meeting – Monday 7 November 2011	
Organisers	Carol and Col Wright	Chairman	Rosemary Clarke
Night Reporter	NA	Night Reporter	Clive Denmark
Front Desk	Barry Freeman	Front Desk	Max Henderson
Front Desk	Michael Moroney	Front Desk	Michael Moroney
Steward	NA	Steward	Barry Lambert
Steward	NA	Steward	David Turnbull
Photographers	TBA	Photographers	Ross Ballinger/Steve Baker

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Upcoming Events

Sunday October 30 Porsche Car Club BBQ at Amory Organizer: Tim Bickford	Saturday 19 November Dinner and Theatre – Pavilion Castle Hill Organizer: Carol Russell
Saturday 12 November Theatre in the Park - Brooklyn Organizers: Carol and Rob	Saturday 26 November BBQ - Bunnings Dural Organizer: Barry Freeman

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

President's Report – 24 October 2011



It was good to see John Russell on deck after his successful prostate operation although he scotched rumours he was in training for the next city to surf.

Rod Croweller also looked pretty relaxed after his 5 weeks absence.

However on a bit of a downer note I regret to advise Victor Mahoney has submitted his resignation.

Since our last formal meeting we have successfully completed:

- The Burnside Homes BBQ at Redeemer School, North Parramatta for their Centenary celebrations (Community Service)
- The joint Golf day and Dinner with Hunters Hill Club raising about \$3,000 for our Charities
- The Lantern Festival at Cherrybrook which was a busy but enjoyable night that grossed \$1,367.00

Thank you to the organisers, Tony and Pamela Makin; Tim Bowland, Jim and Clive; and Doug and Kaija Lam and also to the members and spouses who very kindly donated their time. It was very much appreciated.

We have one last major charity fund raising event set down for next Sunday the 30th (Porsche Car Club BBQ at Newington).

Because it is a full day event (breakfast and lunch), and we have quite a few members away, we would like as much support as possible. It is an enjoyable day so hope to see you there. Please contact Tim Bickford if you have any queries.

After that we can put our feet up until next March (save for a Bunning's BBQ on 26th Nov).

The next couple of things coming up for us are:

- Mon 31 Oct – Our Melbourne Cup Dinner Cocktail Party night. This is a Partners Night so don't forget to book them in. Hors D'oeuvres will be served prior to mains. There will be prizes for the best "hat" and best Melbourne Cup dressed person. We will be running some sweeps and trivia quizzes. This will be an enjoyable social night and is not a formal meeting.
- Mon 7th November- Louise's Lastein's presentation and our Youth Night. This is a Partners Night.
- Sat 12th November- Theatre in the Park (Brooklyn) starting about 6pm. Picnic on the grass first. Carol and Rob Hamer are the organisers. A bus will be booked subject to numbers. Carol needs names by Mon 31st (refer- <http://www.theatreinthepark.com.au/>)
- Sat 19th Nov- Dinner and then the Pavilion Theatre (Move over Mrs Markham) - both at Castle Hill. This is a follow on from our well supported night in August (The Crucible). Carol needs names to reserve theatre tickets also by Mon 31st please.

Notes from the last meeting

President Colin opened the meeting, introduced the guest speaker Christopher Snelling, Director of the Powerhouse Discovery Centre at Castle Hill. He also welcomed back John Russell after his surgery.

Colin also noted to the meeting that more Clubs in the District were not including the loyal toast, Rotary Grace or singing the National Anthem in their meeting programmes.

Colin advised that our Club would review these procedures because these items are optional, not obligatory under the Rotary 'guidelines'

Announcements:

Clive Denmark advised that the wine sale would be underway from next Monday; quaffing wines at \$10, quality wines to come later. Single bottle "testers" are available see Clive.

Max Henderson sought support for RYDA: CTHS will be at HART, St Ives on the 1st and 2nd December. See Max if you can help

Rob Wansbrough advised the meeting that Greg Pidgeon was much improved and home from Hospital. The Doc had dinner with him last Saturday.

Louise gave her report on her activities since our last meeting as follows: The weekend before last was spent quietly at home; the week at School saw students start their year 12 studies and studying hard. Last weekend she went to a camp for exchange students for a course in "Surf Awareness", which sounded like a good weekend at the beach! Louise has now moved host families and is with the Hamers

President Colin advised the Club that Victor Mahoney had resigned. This was unexpected and Colin suggested that the message here "is the importance of taking care of, and show interest in our new members."

Tim Bickford gave details of the Porsche Car Club Carnival at the Newington Armoury and sought workers for the Club barbeque that will be held at the event next week-end. All members who can help are asked to do so. Park outside and walk in. If you didn't fill in the form at the meeting make your offer to help direct to Tim please.

Our Guest Speaker

Stan Baseley introduced the guest speaker, Christopher Snelling, the Director of the Castle Hill Discovery Centre, a part of the Powerhouse museum.

Christopher presented pictures and the history of the Powerhouse Museum and the Discovery Centre. Museum is more than 120 years old, having its genesis in the Garden Palace of the Great Sydney Exhibition of 1879, located in the Domain and Sydney Botanic Gardens.

When this building was destroyed by fire a replacement building for science and technology research and development was established at Harris Street Ultimo in 1883.

At this time it had a focus on botanical models, sanitary and domestic pottery and essential oils from eucalyptus leaves. This was the start of the Powerhouse Museum.

By 1947 the Museum had grown in function and stature, and purchased the Castle Hill site for further development in its essential oil research. This work ended in 1970 and the facility became the Ultimo Museum's store, part of the land was sold to TAFE.

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Christopher gave examples of the "Chair" collection, the collection of Howard "Rotavators" and others, including 2000 piano rolls, Doulton china and the costume wardrobe from the opening ceremony of Sydney Olympics Games in addition to the universally known car and transport displays.

Whilst storage and care remain important Museum functions; the presentation to the public of items of the on site collection is now the prime purpose of the Discovery Centre. The Centre is open for public inspection of the collection on Tuesday to Friday and for one Saturday each month. Special group visits can be arranged.

Stan thanked Christopher for his presentation.

The Sergeant

Sergeant Jim caught up with recent anniversaries and birthdays. These contributions together with a range of fines gave Jim (our Club) a good haul for the evening

Tom won the raffle and Clive the H&T

Pres Colin wrapped up the meeting

Night Report by Brian Furrer

Burnside Centenary Reunion

Five intrepid Rotarians and partners assisted Burnside to celebrate their centenary recently

We were asked to "just cook" a barbeque for the visitors and staff. We actually cooked for over 400 people (the caterers put out 400 plates and ran out). The menu consisted of sausages, onions and several types of kebabs.

We had three domestic sized barbeques, no baine marie or other containers and the kebabs were frozen. So much for not taking our equipment - we would have killed for the Rotary barbeque.

The weather was great, the customers were grateful (well at least some of them) and we had a frantic two hours cooking.

The best bit was that we walked away from the mess (as instructed) and left it for some other volunteers to clean up.

A great thanks to Rob and Janet Hamer, Graham Cuthbertson and Pamela.

We enjoyed it so much that we volunteered for the next one (ie in 100 years!).

The five intrepid Rotary Members and Partners at Burnside



R.Y.D.A.

Our local school, Cherrybrook Technology High is booked to attend the RYDA Program on THURSDAY 1st and FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2011, at HART (Honda Australia Roadcraft Training) Centre, 451 Mona Vale Road St. Ives, from approximately 9.15 am to 2.30 pm.

The RYDA Program is a road safety education course aimed at equipping young people aged 16 to 17 years old (generally Year 11 students) with the knowledge to stay safe on Australian roads. RYDA focuses on attitude and awareness of young people as drivers and passengers, with the theme My Life – My Choices. RYDA is now conducted in seventeen Rotary Districts across Australia and is established as one of the most successful and strongly supported Rotary youth programs in Australia.

RYDA is a one day program held at an out of school venue and includes six sessions that are designed to be interactive and cover a broad range of topics including hazard perception, stopping distances, alcohol, drugs, fatigue and driving, plus buying and maintaining a safe vehicle - all aimed at influencing the attitude of young people before they get behind the wheel of a car. Presenters are all experts in their field including Driving Instructors, Crash Survivors and Police Officers.

Students are divided into groups and are assigned a Rotary volunteer to guide them through the RYDA sessions. Morning tea and lunch will be provided – there is a section on the form to also advise of any special food requirements to assist us in our catering arrangements.

As per Rotary protocol, volunteers are required to sign a Child Protection Form on the day.

Our club requires a minimum of 3 volunteers for each day.

If you are able to assist or require additional information please contact Max Henderson 9237 9339 (Wk) or 9871 3462 (Hm) or max.henderson@nab.com.au

Theatre in The Park



Saturday 12th November– Small Chartered bus being organised subject to numbers. **Contact Carol by Monday 31st.**

Brooklyn Community Theatre presents...Theatre in the Park

A unique blend of quality live theatre, bushland views, and a relaxed family atmosphere. Plays are chosen to appeal to young and old alike.

Grab the family and join the Brooklyn community in the picturesque Brooklyn Rest Park overlooking the Hawkesbury River, for an evening of family entertainment.

Gates open and refreshments from 6pm, Curtains up 8.30pm

Where: The Rest Park (Bird Park), Pacific Highway, Brooklyn

Note: There is no parking at the site

Parking: Parking is available at Kangaroo Point, Pacific Highway, Brooklyn from where a courtesy bus will run to the Rest Park.

Courtesy Bus: The courtesy bus will run from 6pm on a loop between the Anglers Rest Hotel, Brooklyn Road, Brooklyn; Kangaroo Point, Pacific Highway, Brooklyn; and the bus stop on Point Road, Mooney Mooney. You can also flag down the courtesy bus anywhere along this route, it will be clearly signed. The last bus from the Rest Park will leave at 11pm.

Bring: Something to sit on (folding chair / rug)

Dinner and Theatre Night – Pavilion Castle Hill



Saturday 19th November- 6pm Dinner at Nobles Restaurant at Hills Lodge followed by 8.15pm show at The Pavilion Theatre at Castle Hill. **Contact Carol by Mon 31st so tickets can be booked.**

Move Over Mrs Markham

An elegant London flat becomes the setting for a tangled web of secret rendezvous.

If only Mr Markham hadn't found the second page of a love letter! If only Mrs Markham hadn't been so accommodating! If only Alistair, the interior decorator, hadn't taught the maid everything he knew about geese! Then there would not have been such a tumultuous traffic jam in Mrs Markham's bedroom.

Add a telephone operator and a famous author of books about dogs - and you have all the ingredients for a very funny show.

Misunderstandings, mistaken identities, double entendres, and many doors abound in this British farce by the masters of comedy, Cooney and Chapman

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 5th 2011

Business to be conducted includes acceptance of minutes from previous AGM, presentation and acceptance of the annual financial statements for 2010/2011, confirmation of auditor for 2011/12 and election of office bearers for 2011/12.

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

Barry Lambert - Secretary

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Anniversaries

Alan and Lyn Paynter – 6 November

Birthdays

David Turnbull – 6 November

Oatlands Golf Day Photos

Louise presenting the trophies



Sergeant Jim hiding his golfing prowess under his cap



Humour

"A rear gunner was being court marshalled. "What did you hear in your headset?" demanded a superior officer.

"Well," replied the airman. "I heard my squadron leader shout, 'Enemy planes at 5 o'clock!"

"What action did you take?" persisted the officer.

"Why sir," replied the gunner. "I just sat back and waited. It was only 4.30."

Contributed by your Editor

Food for Thought

"I have more trouble with myself than with any other man I have ever met!"
Dwight L. Moody

Family of The Week

Rosemary and Rob Clarke saying 'good-bye'
to Louise



Janet and Rob Hamer greeting Louise



Family of the Week Program

Louise Lastein - Denmark 2011-2012

current to 24.10.11

Week Ending Sunday	Host Family	Planned Activities	Louise with You
18th	Clarke		
25th	Clarke		
1-3 OCTOBER	Clarke	With McGowan's at Copa - Copacabana 	McGowans
9th	Clarke		
16th	Clarke	Camping and Surf awareness training.- Fri 14-Sun 16	District Committee
23 rd	Clarke		
30 th	Hamer		
6th NOVEMBER	Hamer		
13 th	Hamer	Hamer Family function Sat 12th	Hamers
19 th	Hamer	Outbounds briefing	
20 th - 27 th	Hamer Hamer	Janet and Rob taking Louise to the Gold Coast to watch the Rugby World 7's	Hamers
4th DECEMBER	Hamer		
11 th	Bickford		
18 th	Bickford	16th - Xmas party	Gladesville Club
25 th	Bickford		
JANUARY 2 nd	Bickford		
8 th	Bickford		
15 th	Bickford		
22 nd	Bickford		
29 th	Bickford		
5 th FEBRUARY	Bickford		
12 th	Hamer	Welcome Home Dinner - Friday 10th	District Committee
19 th	Hamer		
26 th	Hamer	Umina Beach weekend (Fri- Sun)	Umina Beach Club
4 th MARCH	Hamer		
11 th	Hamer		
16 th - 18 th	Hamer	Conference - Wollongong (Fri- Sun)	Club
25 th	Hamer		
1 st APRIL	Gilchrist		
8 th	Gilchrist		
15 th	Gilchrist		
22 nd	Gilchrist		
29 th	Gilchrist		
6 th MAY	Gilchrist		
13 th May – 2 nd JUNE	Gilchrist Gilchrist Gilchrist	SAFARI (13May - 2nd June)	District Committee
3 rd JUNE	Gilchrist		
10 th	Gilchrist		
17 th	Gilchrist		
24 th	Gilchrist		
1 st JULY	Gilchrist		
8 th	Gilchrist		

		Club Program 2011-2012			
Oct-11		Vocational Service Month			
Sun	30	Porsche Car Club at the Amory Homebush. BBQ and Coffee. Date to be confirmed			Tim Bickford
Mon	31	Melbourne Cup Night (Finger Food and Cocktail Party)		Yes	Social
Nov-11		Rotary Foundation Month			
Mon	7	Youth Night and Exchange Student Presentation		Yes	Rosemary Clarke
Wed	9	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at CMcG's place			CMcG
Sat	12	Warrah Working Bee proposed Sat am (or some other Community Service event)?			Tony Makin
Mon	14	Dominic Perrottet State Member for Castle Hill			Rob Hamer
Sat	12	'Theatre In The Park' - Berowra			Carol/Rob
Mon	21	Guest Speaker David Chambers, Regional Controller SES. Confirmed 7/4/11			CMcG
Sat	26	BBQ Bunnings Dural			Barry
Sun	27	Christmas lunch - Castle Hill Country Club (confirmed)		Yes	Social
Mon	28	Schools Four Way Speaking Competition (3 speakers /school- 4 Way Speaking Test)		Yes	Pete Cleary
Dec-11		Family Month			
Mon	5	AGM		No	Barry Lambert
Wed	7	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at CMcG's place (1 week early)			CMcG
Mon	12	Christmas Meeting (Kris Kringle-gifts). X'change student blazer presentation?		Yes	Social
Wed	14	Tree of Joy- Santa's Workshop at Turnbolls		Yes	Brian Furrer
Mon	19	No Meeting			
Mon	26	No Meeting			

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