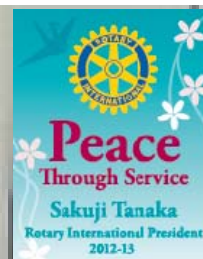


The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

Club Bulletin

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Monday 3 December

Annual General Meeting

Monday 10 December

The 4 Way Test - Speaking Competition

Monday 17 December

Christmas Meeting (Kris Kringle-gifts). Exchange student blazer presentation to Bethany.

Duty Roster

Next Meeting - Monday 3 Dec 2012		Following Meeting – Monday 10 Dec 2012	
Speaker Host	Bob Davison	Speaker Host	Peter Cleary
Night Reporter	Col McGowan	Night Reporter	Barry Lambert
Front Desk	Ian Roberts	Front Desk	Ian Roberts
Front Desk	Tim Bickford	Front Desk	Tom Wescott
Steward	Ross Ballinger	Steward	Keith Ball
Steward	Clive Denmark	Steward	Barry Freeman
Photographer	Ross Ballinger	Photographer	Steve Baker

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Upcoming Events

Saturday 6 January

President's New Year Lunch Celebration
@ Geranium Cottage

Monday 14 January

Ian Faulks - Distracted Driving

Thursday 13 December

Tree of Joy- Santa's Workshop
at David Turnbull's

Saturday 19 January

BBQ Bunnings Thornleigh

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****

Presidents Report



Rob Hamer gave an interesting introduction to our guest speaker, Joanne Sharpe, as he had spent many years in mental institutions as a child, and he could relate many stories. (After several retorts of, “well that explains everything”, he explained, that was where his father worked, hence his family home). Joanne spoke about her career as an occupational therapist in mental health. She chose studies in mental health because she doesn’t handle syringes and blood well – and as it turns out she enjoys the many aspects of mental health, as was apparent in the detail and enthusiasm of her talk. Well done, Joanne.

During the meeting Clive and Douglas ran a wine tasting – 2 whites and 2 reds. They are being sold for about \$12.50 a bottle, in 6-packs. This helps our operating account a bit with the small mark-up, and provides wine for the raffle and heads-and-tails. Hence if they are to your liking, then give Clive an order. For me, the shiraz is young, but should cellar well for a few years.

Last Sunday Barry Lambert ran a Bunnings BBQ at Dural. Sales were down a bit, which Barry confirmed correlates to the reduced traffic in the store – probably due to the opening of the Castle Hill store. We grossed \$872.50 for a profit of \$482.52 (not too bad), and David’s freezer is full of left over snags. Thanks to all who helped, David, Colin McGowan, Colin Sharpe, Clive, John, Rosemary and I. But special thanks to Barry who was there the whole day, and organised Bunnings and the supplies.

Coming up on Friday (30th) we have the Rotary Youth Exchange Xmas Party (bush dance) at Hunters Hill Sailing Club. Miska and Beth will be there as will Bev and I. It will be great if a couple more members could come – give me a call if you need details.

On Sun 2nd we have the Club Christmas Luncheon at Castle Hill Country Club starting at noon. There are about 45 booked – if you have not yet booked and would like to go, give Carol a call ASAP.

Then next Monday 3rd is our AGM. We have a few completed nomination forms, if you have another nomination please give it to Barry or I ASAP. Remember that the nominee needs to sign. These elections will shape the Club for 2013-2014, so it is important that members participate. After the AGM, we have a double birthday celebration – one of these being Miska who turns 17 on the day.

It is hard to believe Christmas is less than 4 weeks away. This is an important time for the Tree of Joy. Please support this program, by taking a few cards from the tree and providing some Christmas joy (gifts) to those in need. Thursday 13th, 7:30pm at David Turnbull’s is when we prepare the gifts for giving. It is a great time to socialise, so hopefully we will have a good turn-up.

Finally, we are now booking for District conference 15-17 March 2013. If you register before 1st December you get a \$40 discount. David has asked for yes/no (whether you are going) from everyone so he can book accommodation – let him know ASAP if you haven’t already.

President Bob Davison

Night Report

Jim Simpson is now a fully competent Front Desk EFPS operator thanks to tutoring from Ian Roberts.

Sergeant Tim Bickford opened the meeting by nominating impromptu Keith Ball to say Grace and Clive Denmark to propose the toast before handing over to Present Bob Davison.

Miska has a quiet week only a few words to say about his one party for the week.

Before dinner (Italian theme of meat balls and pasta) Clive Denmark and Douglas Lam ran the wine tasting to select the next batch of Club wines. A Riesling, Semillon Reserve Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon from Horseshoe Vineyards (Hunter Valley) were on offer. This vineyard

“Fell by the wayside after its wonderful start in 1986, with rich, full-flavoured, barrel-fermented Semillons and Chardonnays. These days John Horder's main occupation seems to be as a highly successful contract winemaker (Hunter Wine Services), particularly for Penmara. (James Halliday)

The most popular wines seemed to be the Riesling and the Shiraz at \$75-\$80 per 6pack.

Barry Lambert reported on the Bunnings Dural Barbeque. Barry expressed his thanks to the members who worked tirelessly under hot conditions: President Bob, Colin Sharpe, David Turnbull, Clive Denmark, Rosemary Clarke, Colin McGowan and John Fletcher. The takings were described as a disaster which later earned Barry a fine. Gross takings of \$872.50, netting \$482.52. Bunnings Dural admit that their patronage has fallen since the opening of the Castle Hill and Rouse Hill stores

“We have definitely noticed a downturn in patronage with the opening of the Castle Hill store in particular especially as they permit the community groups to fund raise until 6pm - their BBQ is located in the undercover car park - we don't have such luxury at Dural. Also our store is surrounded by people generally on acreage so fewer people per square metre of area covered by the store. Also judging by the trade in the store there is a trend in recent times for people to spend less - I think the figures at Christmas time will be telling”

Barry earned a second fine for displaying 375mL cans and selling the 350 mL size as a result of flogging off the Porsche BBQ surplus – Tim???. The next BBQ is Jan 19th at Bunnings Thornleigh. President Bob expressed the clubs thanks to Barry for staying the whole day, unlike the reporter who skived off early from his shift – good help is hard to find.

David Turnbull made a passionate plea for members to respond to his e-mail about whether they will be attending the Annual Conference OR NOT. So far only 4 couples are attending, barely enough to defend the clubs theme activity reputation.

President Bob reminded members about the Youth Exchange Christmas Dinner at the Hunters Hill Sailing Club on November 30th.

President Bob reminded members that further nominations are required for next year's Directors and the AGM next Monday.

Carol Russell reminded members about the Christmas Lunch on Sunday Dec 3. Same venue as last year. Drinks are at your own expense at the bar and there is no BYO. 43 attending .

Brian Furrer reported on the Tree of Life. His living room is filling up with presents. Santa's workshop will be at David Turnbull's on Thursday Dec 13.

Peter Cleary shared his experience with the scam to extract \$1600 from him while attempting to sell his caravan. Luckily he was smart enough not to get caught.

Rob Hamer introduced the night's speaker Joanne Sharpe by telling us that he had lots of experience living in mental institutions up the age 16. His dad was the institution supervisor/superintendent. Joanne was able to tell him many of his homes were still in existence.

Joanne gave a very informative talk about how she became an occupational therapist and the role of OTs in mental health. Joanne decided she did not want to pursue a science career like the rest of the family despite excelling at maths (4 unit) and science. She thought she would do nursing until it dawned on her that she did not like needles and the sight of blood. So plan B. Starting after graduation in 2006 Joanne has worked in acute mental health in hospitals, senior role in mental health intensive care and her current role as Clinical Benchmarking Project Officer with the NSW Ministry of Health, Mental Health Drug and Alcohol Office. Along the way she has added a Post Graduate Certificate in Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol and a Masters in Forensic Mental Health. Joanne explained what an Occupational Therapist does, the definition of occupation, where OTs work, what is mental illness, what is public mental health, what is forensic mental health, and what her current benchmarking job is. Members asked many questions

Sergeant Tim extracted fines from David T (retirement e-mail), Barry L (BBQ disaster), members who had never been a director, President Bob and Tony M for wearing jackets. Cross fines from Keith B on David T (retirement e-mail and hearing voices), Rob H on Tim B for misplacing his Porsche Jacket, Bob D on Tim B for completing another of his bucket list – racing a Porsche 944 at Phillip Island and coming 2nd in class.

The raffle was won by Douglas Lam. Roslyn Savio won the Heads and Tails.

Night Reporter Col Sharpe

Photos from the Last Meeting

Guest Speaker Joanne Sharpe



Tim Bickford talking about the motor racing on Philip Island



Our Exchange Student from Finland, Miska Granlund



Douglas Lam



Mark and Carol enjoying a tipple (or ten)



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.

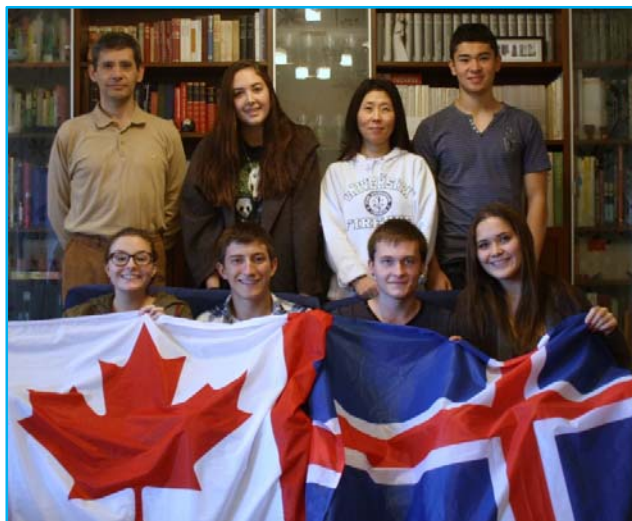
Barry Lambert Secretary

Caitlin Gilchrist's November Report

This month has seen my family in Spain host three other exchange students, one from Iceland and two from Canada for one week. It was great fun to see them all. The two boys are on Rotary exchange in southern Spain and it was interesting to hear all about life down there. I am good friends with the girl from Canada and we are at school together. So my house was full of exchange students! We had an Australian, an Icelandic boy, two Canadians, two half Japanese half Spanish siblings, a Japanese mum and a Spanish dad! Rotary has created a very multicultural experience for us a

My Sierra Madrid Rotary club has a new Australian girl coming to my club on exchange a week after I leave so they are excited to have another Australian which is a good feeling. There was a Rotary meeting for the possible new outbound students. They came to meet all the exchange students and gather information from us.

My school friends are all studying so when I get to see them it is great and none of them want me to leave. I did a report on Australia in my English class. Everyone was very interested in my facts about Australia. In December I am going on a trip to the South of Spain with my biology class to museums and national parks which I am looking forward to.



I have done a variety of things during the month. I went to the local dog pound and walked some of the 200 dogs that are there. In Spain people can't afford or fit big dogs in their houses so most of the dogs in the pound are very big! I went to the Museum Reina Sofia with my host mum and soon we will go to the Prado. I visited Segovia which is a very pretty city in the region of Castile and Leon. It was extremely cold and when we drove past the mountains it was snowing. We stopped so I could act like a three year old and play in the snow!

My host family is starting to think about my preparation for going home so that it is all set before Christmas and so I can enjoy my last few weeks here.

I have been very lucky to have this amazing exchange experience.

Best wishes to all *Caitlin*

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Anniversaries - *None this week*

Birthdays - *Miska Granlund and Bob Davison – December 3*

Food for Thought



"To a friends house the road is never long"

Humour



Contributed by Col Sharpe

SOCIALISM

You have 2 cows.

You give one to your neighbour.

The government charges a gift tax.

COMMUNISM

You have 2 cows.

The State takes both and gives you some milk.

FASCISM

You have 2 cows.

The State takes both and sells you some milk.

NAZISM

You have 2 cows.

The State takes both and shoots you.

BUREAUCRATISM

You have 2 cows.

The State takes both, shoots one, milks the other, and then throws the milk away.

TRADITIONAL CAPITALISM

You have two cows.

You sell one and buy a bull.

Your herd multiplies, and the economy grows.

You sell them and retire on the income.

Goldman Sachs (VENTURE) CAPITALISM

You have two cows.

You sell three of them to your publicly listed company, using letters of credit opened by your brother-in-law at the bank, then execute a debt/equity swap with an associated general offer so that you get all four cows back, with a tax exemption for five cows. The milk rights of the six cows are transferred via an intermediary to a Cayman Island Company secretly owned by the majority shareholder who sells the rights to all seven cows back to your listed company. The annual report says the company owns eight cows, with an option on one more. You sell one cow to buy a new president of the United States , leaving you with nine cows. No balance sheet provided with the release. The public then buys your bull.

AN AMERICAN CORPORATION

You have two cows.

You sell one, and force the other to produce the milk of four cows.

Later, you hire a consultant to analyse why the cow has dropped dead.

A GREEK CORPORATION

You have two cows. You borrow lots of euros to build barns, milking sheds, hay stores, feed sheds, dairies, cold stores, abattoir, cheese unit and packing sheds. You still only have two cows.

A FRENCH CORPORATION

You have two cows.

You go on strike, organize a riot, and block the roads, because you want three cows.

A JAPANESE CORPORATION

You have two cows.

You redesign them so they are one-tenth the size of an ordinary cow and produce twenty times the milk.

You then create a clever cow cartoon image called a Cowkimona and market it worldwide.

AN ITALIAN CORPORATION

You have two cows, but you don't know where they are.

You decide to have lunch.

A SWISS CORPORATION

You have 5000 cows. None of them belong to you.

You charge the owners for storing them.

A CHINESE CORPORATION

You have two cows.

You have 300 people milking them.

You claim that you have full employment, and high bovine productivity.

You arrest the newsman who reported the real situation.

AN INDIAN CORPORATION

You have two cows.

You worship them.

A BRITISH CORPORATION

You have two cows.

Both are mad.

AN AUSTRALIAN CORPORATION

You have two cows.

Business seems pretty good.

You close the office and go for a few beers to celebrate

A NEW ZEALAND CORPORATION

You have two cows.

The one on the left looks rather attractive.....

		Club Program 2012-2013	RED YES = PARTNERS on a meeting night.	
		Updated 27/11/12 by RWH	Tentative date hold only	
Dec-12		Family of Rotary Month		
Sun	2	Christmas luncheon - Castle Hill Country Club	Yes	Social Comm.
Mon	3	Annual General Meeting and Party		Bob Davison
Mon	10	The 4 Way Test - speaking competition & RYLA Candidates		Peter Cleary
Wed	12	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.		Bob Davison
Thu	13	Tree of Joy- Santa's Workshop at the Turnbull'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. Confirmed 30/06/2012		Rob Hamer
Sat	19	BBQ Bunnings Thornleigh.	Yes	Barry Lambert
Mon	21	Australia Day Meeting - Barry Freeman	Yes	Rob Hamer
Sat	26	Australia Day Holiday		
Mon	28	Australia Day Public Holiday - no meeting		
Feb-13		World Understanding Month		
Mon	4	Meeting moved to Binet display home Barbeque.		Rob Hamer
Thu	7	Ronald McDonald House Dinner		Douglas Lam
Mon	11	Murray Stone - Kids Research Institute Westmead Childrens Hospital		Rob Hamer
Wed	13	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.		Bob Davison
Sat	16	Dinner at Lemon Chello, Italian Restaurant, West Pennant Hills.		Social Comm.
Mon	18	Norm Spalding - An Ambulance Officer's story. TBC	Yes	Rob Hamer
Sun	24	Nordby Picnic day at Kokoda Memorial at Rhodes.	Yes	Douglas Lam
Mon	25	Youth Night		Rosemary Clarke

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
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	

Directors 2012-13**Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook**

President	Bob Davison	0413 008 574
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Secretary	Barry Lambert	0412 465 819
Actg Secretary	Keith Ball	0401 895 333
Treasurer	Ian Roberts	0401 898 989
Membership	Carol Russell	0418 431 157
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