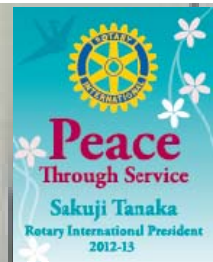




The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

Club Bulletin

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Monday August 6 Membership Night
Monday August 13 Glen Pattison - Improving health & lifestyle through hypnosis
Monday 20 August Faye Yarroll - Bilateral Cochlear Implant Recipient

Duty Roster

Next Meeting Monday 6 August 2012		Following Meeting - Monday 13 August 2012	
Speaker Host	Carol Russell	Speaker Host	Col Baxter
Night Reporter	Tony Makin	Night Reporter	Sandy Burrage
Front Desk	Michael Moroney	Front Desk	Michael Moroney
Front Desk	Ian Roberts	Front Desk	Ian Roberts
Steward	Max Henderson	Steward	Brian Furrer
Steward	David Turnbull	Steward	John Fletcher
Photographer	Steve Baker	Photographer	Steve Baker

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Upcoming Events

Saturday 25 August Trivia Night @ Cherrybrook Community Centre	Saturday 1 September Guide Hall Clean Up
Monday 27 August Tom Sweeney - The Plot Thickens...Love lives of all sorts of people!	Saturday 22 September Garage Sale Starts

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



During the week we had two fundraiser committee meetings.

On Tuesday Rob ran a planning meeting for the trivia night to be held on Sat 25th August. We are promoting this event to everyone outside the club that we can, it is equally important that we have full member support to make this night a success – have you organised a table yet? Rob has sent out the flyer for you to use to invite friends, family and work associates – see him if you need some printed copies.

The other fundraiser meeting I held on Wednesday for our Garage Sale which is on 22/23 September. The preliminary event planning is well under way – next we will be organising stall champions. I am hoping that every member (who isn't away) takes an active role in this signature fundraising event. Together we can make this the best garage sale yet

On Saturday night Bev and I attended the Gala Fundraising Event for my President's fund, Brainwave Australia. Due to a last minute cancellation, David and Jill Turnbull joined us. It was a well run event with some large corporate sponsors, including Mercedes Benz and Ferrero Rocher. We met Alex Lopez who was our guest

speaker this evening. After the fundraising auctions and raffle draw, we spent the remainder of the night on the dance floor to the music of Superstitious.

We had 25 attend Monday's. Barry Lambert had organised the new photo of the Queen (Diamond Jubilee) which was on display. Brian chose not to toast the Queen (which he is entitled to do), later explaining that it was hard to toast a Queen of Bond fame.

Miska gave a rundown of his week with such confidence it is hard to believe he has been here just over a week. He has started school at Cherrybrook Technology High with his new school uniform. I have asked Mark to issue a new member directory to include Miska's phone number making it easier for members to invite him out. Mark is his Club Counsellor and also publishes Miska's calendar, so let Mark know what you are planning.

Alex Lopez was introduced by Barry Freeman, who was once a business associate of Alex's, and is a very good friend. Barry was delighted to do the introduction. Alex's presentation on Brainwave Australia was from the heart, and had us all engrossed. Barry stated that this cause is a very worthy beneficiary of our fundraising activities, a statement that was met with unanimous agreement. After the meeting Alex provided me with some literature on Brainwave Australia, and a copy of the 90 second video, if anyone is interested.

Next week's meeting is Membership Night chaired by Carol. She wasn't there tonight to tell us what is planned, but Carol never ceases to amaze, so expect an interesting night.

President Bob Davison

Night Report

Miska made his second presentation but this one covered the whole week, which has been very busy, including ice skating, starting school (where he has already made a few friends) going to a christening in Orange with the Gilchrist family and watching a sporting event on Sunday.

Max promoted Clive's \$2.00 piccolos of Wolf Blass Sauvignon Blanc. Great wine and great value.

Rob spoke about the Trivia Night on 25/8 and the need to get tables organized. He then spoke about Tears in the Jungle Zone Meeting on 24/9 and said the first people to book in were DG John & Janelle Dodd.

Barry Freeman welcomed our guest speaker for the evening, Alex Lopez, Chairman of Brainwave Australia.

Barry has known Alex for many years. He is a friend and a great guy who first & foremost is a businessman who loves his spreadsheets. Alex has been involved in a number of charities and was also Vice President of the Spanish Chamber of Commerce. He is also involved with feeding the homeless, running a cell in the city one night a month.

Four years ago he was introduced to Brainwave Australia by attending a function and heard a mother speak. He became involved initially on the committee and believes he was brought in because the Board knew he would shake people up and get new corporate interest, this came namely from Macquarie Bank. Brainwave Australia was founded 18 years ago by Jo Nichols a mother whose son developed a brain tumour. During his operation in Melbourne the equipment stopped working, luckily the hospital had another machine but if they hadn't her son would in all likelihood have died. Jo & her husband then decided to run a charity ball to raise funds to purchase new equipment. The ball raised \$150,000.

Brainwave Australia look after children from 0 to 18 years covering a range of conditions from brain tumours, MS, epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, autism, strokes, cerebral palsy and neurological problems from traumas. After changing the constitution they now donate funds and assistance direct to the families who need it. This is done in direct consultation with the hospital and occupational therapist involved who provide a list of assistance needed for each case. Funds purchase equipment and help to modify homes.

In cases where the child is in a country location, rather than have the child & parent travel long distances to have therapy & then travel back, Brainwave Australia will cover the cost of the therapist to spend the day with the family at home.

They also organise parent's dinners, family days, children's camps & Christmas parties. With the parent dinners they arrange for trained carers to be with the children while the family has a much needed break. Brainwave Australia receives no government funding. It receives support from corporate and community members.

We have volunteered to help with a hands on project should one be recognized.

Alex answered questions and was then thanked by Barry for a very enlightening presentation.

The raffle was won by Barry Freeman who gave his bottle of wine to Alex.

In the fine session there were a number of Olympic references, Tim Bickford fined Peter Cleary for the image he had of him cycling (Tim's children refer to it as MAMIL – Middle Aged Men in Lycra), which raised a huge laugh.

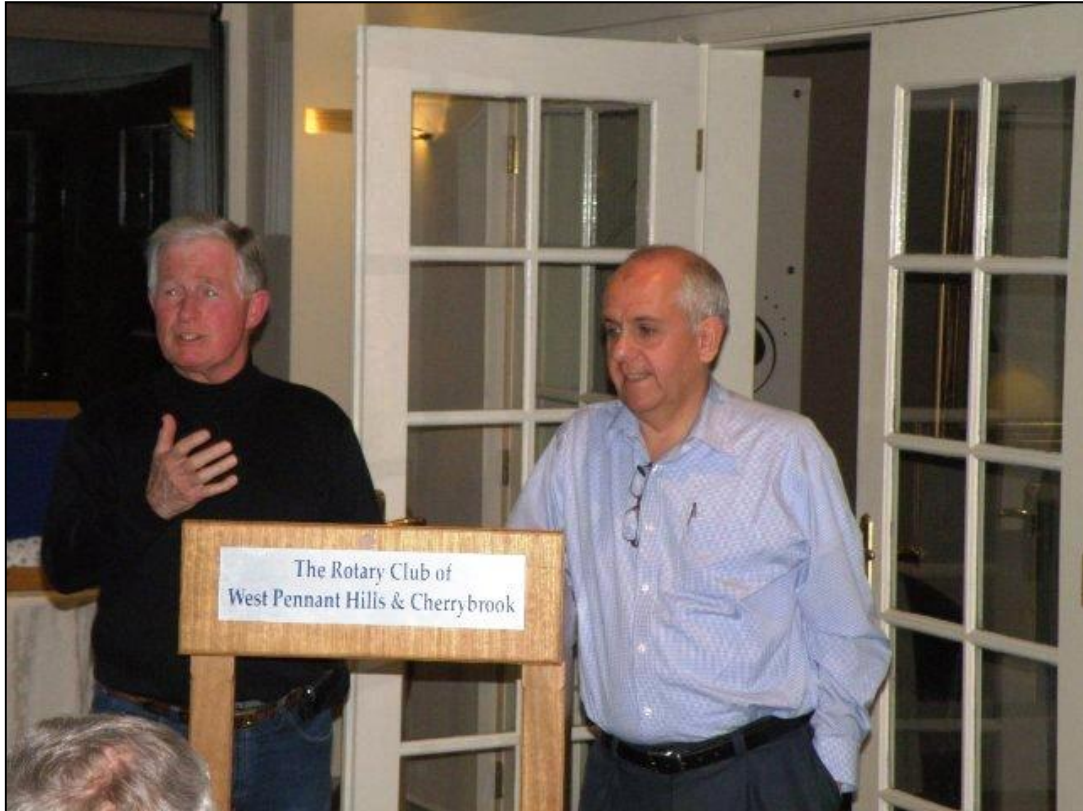
Heads & Tails was won by Peter (perhaps it was Devine retribution).

The meeting finished promptly at 8.30pm.

Night Reporter Bev Davison

Photos from Last Meeting

Barry Freeman introducing his friend and Guest Speaker Alex Lopez, Chairman of Brainwave Australia.



Misak telling us about his first week in Australia



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 - *Hany Gerges - August 6*

Humour



There I was sitting at the bar staring into my drink when a very large bickie steps up to me, b, grabs my drink and gulps it down in one go.

"Well, watcha gonna do about that? He says menacingly as I burst into tears.

"Come on man, the bickie says, "I didn't think it would make you cry. I can't stand to see a man cry."

"This is the worst day of my life, I say. " I'm a complete failure. IO was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot I found my car had been stolen and I don't have any insurance. Then I left my wallet in the taxi I took home. I found my wife in bed with another man and then my dog bit me."

So I came to the bar to work up the courage to put and end to it all, buy a drink and drop a capsule in and sit here watching it dissolve - then you show up and drink the whole thing!"

But enough about me, how's your day going?"

Food for Thought

"There is sufficiency in the world for man's need but not for man's greed"

Mohandas K. Gandhi



		Club Program 2012-2013		RED YES = PARTNERS on a meeting night.	
Jul-12		District Projects Month		Partners	Organiser
Tue	24	Trivia Night organisers' meeting.			
Mon	30	Brainwave Australia (Bob and Bev organising)			Bob Davison
Aug-12		Membership & Extension Month			
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	Trivia Night - Cherrybrook Community Centre		Yes	
Mon	27	Tom Sweeney - The Plot Thickens....Love lives of all sorts of people! Confirmed 01/05/12			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	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	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 Turrumurra 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. 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

Directors 2012-13

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