

**Rotary Club of
West Pennant Hills
Incorporated**

14th Annual Club Report

2000-2001

Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills, Inc

Club Board Year 2000-2001

President	Jim Kehoe
Vice President	David Turnbull
Past President	Richard Champion
Directors	
Club	David Turnbull
Community	Ray Wilkes
International	Howard Fleming
Vocational	George Beyrouthi
Youth	Dick Bushell
Secretary	Jim Simpson
Treasurer	Rod Crossweller

Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills Incorporated

14th Annual Club Changeover – 29th June 2001

Master of Ceremonies **Rtn Barry Freeman**

Call to order **Introduction of Official Guests**
- **PDG Alex Gow and Janet Gow**
Introduction of other guests and visiting Rotarians

Grace **Rtn Keith Ball**

Toast to the Queen **Rtn Ross Parkinson**

Entrée

Toast to Rotary **Past President Graham Coles**

International
Response **Past District Governor Alex Gow**

Toast to the Ladies **Rtn Tony Makin**

Response **Rotaryann Muriel Kehoe**

Main Course

President's Report **Rtn Jim Kehoe**

Desert

Awards **Ron Emmit Award**
Unsung Heroes Award

Recognition of Outgoing board	Past President	Richard Champion
	Club Service	David Turnbull
	Community	Ray Wilkes
	International	Howard Fleming
	Vocational	George Beyrouthi
	Youth	Dick Bushell
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**Induction of new
President** **Past District Governor Alex Gow**

**Introduction of
New Board** **President David Turnbull**
Brief Preview of Rotary Year 2001-2002

Coffee

President's Report

2000-2001 was a year of arrivals and departures, visits and community and international activities.

A club is only as strong as its members and in 2000-2001 we lost more than we gained. We said a final farewell to Alyn Day, a sad loss to cancer. We also saw a number of long standing members move about the state including Past President Richard Champion as well as Graham Draffin, both of whom have joined Rotary in their new locations. Other members who have left us due to pressure of work, other activities, or the unavoidable impact of increasing years included Cees DeJong, Gabriel Felkai, Don Hansell, Peter Salter, Siva Sevanesan, Bob Smart, Noel Stewart and Ray Wilkes. The Board and the club extends to all of them a grateful thanks for their efforts within the club, covering The Tree of Joy, Bulletin, Secretarial, Treasurer and general activities and sends them best wishes for the future. On the brighter side we welcomed Ray and Sue Ashton, Geoff and Allison Cripps, Graham and Judy Cuthbertson and Erik and Dianne Lindstrom.

The Olympics occupied part of our time at the beginning of the year, and we were pleased to be able welcome members of the Jamaican team to the club. A number of club members were also active participants in the Games themselves as transport drivers or officials and staff at a variety of sporting venues, it was a delight to see that some of our former exchange students participated at this level. I was also fortunate in being nominated by Rotary to act as a Torch Bearer for the Paralympics, which was a very memorable occasion.

Despite sterling efforts by our Fund Raising Committee the fund raising success this year was not able to emulate the efforts of last year, and the details are included in the financial reports. I would like to thank the Fund raising Committee for their efforts and to David Turnbull for the other fund raising events that were staged.

Our Treasurer has been most active in the control of the club's finance and the Board expresses its appreciations for his magnificent efforts. The statements included in this reports are as at May 31 and are unaudited at this stage, but there are only a few minor items yet to be incorporated. During the year we commenced the task of getting the records of the club membership onto a Computer based system, and this will continue into 2001-2002 when we should see the accounts of the club incorporated into the system, making life easier for both the secretary and the treasurer.

The Hills Clubs, as a group, sponsored the U Turn The Wheel Driver training program for secondary school students, which was an extremely successful operation, and seems likely to become an annual event. The club assisted with sponsorship.

Community Service saw many members actively involved with our local community and our efforts were very gratefully received by the communities at Nordby, Inala and Ronald McDonald House. We have acquired a very accomplished team of paving layers and painters, who are looking for more work in the next Rotary year.

Our Vocational Director, George Beyrouthi, has been incredibly active this year, both inside and outside of his portfolio. He has ranged from Vocational visits to Vocational awards, from Apprentice of the Year to Livewires. He even managed to include a fund

raising event for a Russian orphanage and find time to be on the District Youth Exchange Committee. We wait with interest to see the future plans for George's proposals to establish a link with a Russian Rotary Club.

The Youth program including the arrival of our Exchange Students from Brazil and New Zealand, continued to involve members of the club with our youth. The new State Government legislation has been causing some concern, but the Risk Management plans proposed by District look as though they will help in this area.

The Program Director, Ross Ballinger, once again managed to provide us with a wide ranging and interesting selection of speakers and thus an varied and challenging meeting program. His ability to produce speakers at the last minute due to unforeseen cancellations and changes never ceases to amaze!

Donations approved by the Board during the year included the following:

Autism Action	1,000
Ausdog	500
Australian Rotary Health & Research Fund	1,000
Children's Cancer Research	500
Total	3,000

Our sergeant, in addition to his efforts to maintain decorum and an air of genteel chaos at our meetings with his innovative fines and a one-in-all-in approach, also managed to provide us with a varied Social Program. Thank you Henry.

The year saw quite a large number people away for quite some considerable amounts of time, which meant that some of the club meetings attracted a much smaller attendance than usual. There is a real requirement in the next few years to embark on programs that will attract more members to the club, if we are to continue to provide the services we do to both the local and overseas communities.

We were not fortunate, this year to receive a visit from our special New Guinea project, Leslie Koni, but we continue to support his educational needs.

The sixteen months that I have held the office has been both interesting and challenging. The help and assistance that has been forthcoming from both the Board and general members has made it possible. I would like especially to thank David Turnbull for all his efforts this year. He has demonstrated that he will be able to slip into the President's role with ease and confidence, and we can all look forward to an enjoyable 2001-2002 in Rotary.

My final and most special thanks must go to Muriel, for her assistance and cooperation throughout the whole period.

Jim Kehoe

President

Club Service Report

The 2000-2001 year has been a great learning curve for me as Club Service Director. I started the year with certain expectations and then was told quite clearly that disregarding whatever had been said, I was responsible for 'everything'. Unfortunately, 'everything' did not get done during this year and the Club has suffered as a result of this.

After a belated start the 'trailer' raffle got under way, but in an abbreviated format and hence did not raise the funds that the Club was reliant upon. My thanks to Keith Ball for undertaking this difficult task at short notice and for achieving a good result in the circumstances.

Alan Paynter took up the challenge of running 'Tree of Joy' and achieved a fantastic result. We now have the format in place to be able to continue the good work on this project

Community Services Director, Ray Wilkes managed between his very heavy business and family commitments to successfully organise the works at Inalla School, the Nordby picnic and the Ronald McDonald House dinners.

The Club should be very proud of the works at Inalla. The paving and painting on the Post School Options building have turned out very well the school are extremely pleased with the result. We hope that we can continue with more work in this area.

Club meetings have been fun with Sergeant Henry Elliott providing interesting introductions and raising a few dollars for our dwindling kitty. Thanks Henry. George Beyrouthi has also kept us on our toes with some impromptu '3 minute' job talks. I would hate him to be timing the eggs

Ross Ballinger has provided us with a continual stream of interesting guest speakers. Thanks for your efforts Ross.

We have endeavored to improve the image of the Club meetings with our many banners and my thanks to Tony Makin for the stands for each table.

The stewards have generally been getting there a little earlier to dress the room before others arrive. Keep up the good work.

The Club bulletin has gone through some trials and tribulations this year as we initially trialed the electronic format. This is great if you remember to download it and provide a copy to your partner to keep them up to date. It is the way of the future but we will still provide some hard copies for those who require them. My thanks to Col Gage for his continued great service in this area, unfortunately Col has decided not to continue with the Bulletin next year and we will be looking talented to fill his shoes.

We have unfortunately lost a few good members during the year, for various reasons. It is up to all of us to try and redress this situation and get our membership to a level where

we can undertake bigger and better projects. We need to make our Club a vital club that attracts and holds members.

My thanks to all the members who have given me advice during the year. There are always times when things aren't happening the way they should and at that time I appreciated the past experience of some of our senior members.

I have enjoyed my year and it is certainly a good lead in to the president's position as you gain a better understanding of the operation of the Club.

President Jim I trust I have been of assistance to you and I look forward to your council next year to advise me.

David Turnbull

Club Service Director 2000 – 2001.

Community Service Report

Community Service Summary

The following Community Service events occurred during the program year:

1. Inala Post School Options Building Program, Stage I - Patio Area
2. Inala Post School Options Building Program, Stage II - Paint Building Exterior
3. Bowelscan Program
4. Tree of Joy
5. Ronald McDonald House - Spring Clean
6. Ronald McDonald House - Bar-B-Q
7. Nordby Retirement Village Picnic
8. Chinese Community
9. Paralympics
10. Red Shield Appeal
11. Volunteers For Olympic Games

Report On Service Programs

The Community Service Program achieved four notable successes through the year: namely, the Inala Post School Options Building, Ronald McDonald House, Tree Of Joy and the Nordby Retirement Village Picnic.

Inala

The Inala Post School Options Building Program was undertaken in two stages. Stage I involved the laying of concrete tiles to create a paved patio recreation area for Inala clients and staff.

The work undertaken by the West Pennant Hills Rotary Club was gratefully appreciated as the following account from Inala indicates.

"Prior to this work being carried out the building was very unattractive, gutters needed repair, the paint work was in very poor condition and there was no suitable outdoor area for the clients to have lunch, lessons or just enjoy the sunshine. The new paint work together with the paved area, completed last year (2000), has made a tremendous difference to the lives of the clients and staff."

Ronald McDonald House

Ronald McDonald House involved the annual Spring Clean Program and an evening barbeque for families residing at McDonald to care for their children. The Spring Clean event was well attended and was gratefully appreciated. The Barbeque represented an opportunity for Rotary to ease the burden for parents residing at McDonald House. This event was well received and was deeply appreciated by many parents.

Tree of Joy

The third success was the Tree Of Joy. This event involves the local Community helping families in need during the Christmas period. The program overcame a late start to create the joy of Christmas to many children.

Nordby Village

Finally, the last success was that of the Nordby Retirement Village Picnic. While the weather tried hard to deter attendance at this event, it was well attended by Nordby residents and Rotarians. The event was gratefully acknowledged by Nordby. Many Rotarians and wives contributed to a most successful day, despite the inclement weather.

The spirit of the West Pennant Hills Rotary Club members provides a strong foundation for next years Community Service Programs.

Ray Wilkes

Director Community Service 200-2001

International Service Report

In reviewing the Club's International Service's aims and objects that was submitted at the 2000 District Assembly, our committee and the club achieved the majority of these programs with the highlight of two outstanding events.

The Club members supported the District 9680 G.S.E. Team and helped prepare the Team for their trip to the Netherlands. The GSE Team which consisted of the Team Leader and four team members are travelling to the Netherlands District 1550 in June for three weeks to complete the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International Exchange Program.

In March 2001, The Netherlands GSE Team from District 1550, completed their four weeks study exchange program in District 9680 and the surrounding areas, studying our culture both socially and vocationally.

The Club attended and supported the informal dinner in March this year where the District 9680 GSE Team did their first Presentation to a Rotary meeting and a farewell presentation was given to the Netherlands GSE Team for their return journey home.

We have continued to support the Wesley Koni Trust Fund for Wesley's burns injury rehabilitation and have been in contact with the Salvation Army Unit in Port Moresby who advises the Club on Wesley's progress in PNG and when in Melbourne for Plastic Surgery.

Our Club International night was held when the guest speaker from the International Olympic Committee presented his subject on the IOC and the development and correct hanging of individual flags.

During the Sydney Olympic Games some of the club members had contact with International visiting Rotarians through personal acquaintances and the Rotary Recreational Fellowships of the Yachting and Aviation Divisions.

The Club's International Service Committee through the Rotary China Friendship Exchange welcomed the Chinese delegation of the Chinese Association For International Understanding (CADFIU) who has their principal office in Beijing. The delegates were shown the highlights of Sydney during their stay in Australia.

H.A.Fleming

International Service Director

Vocational Service Report

Operational Livewire.

Following the advertising within the local newspaper and the allocation from the national campaign, we ended up with 5 Livewire candidates. They were Andrew Cowan who ended up being a finalist, Bettina Dixon, Amanda Wood, Rajesh Bhardwaj and Kristy Moore. Five mentors from the club were matched with the Livewires. They were Denis Carpenter, Peter Cleary, Ross Ballinger, Graham Coles and George Beyrouthi. This fantastic programme helps young people between the age of 18 and 25 years to start their own business. The aim is to encourage each livewire entrant to develop a comprehensive business plan detailing the relevant aspects of their prospective business prior to committing any money. The Rotarians who act as mentors to the livewire help them to focus on the practical side of business and steer them towards meeting all the criteria stipulated in the guidelines. In December we invited Andrew, Bettina and Amanda to address the club.

Apprentice / trainee of the year award

Following an intensive search for suitable candidates we nominated three young people. They were Carly Heathcote (Castle Hill Tavern), Sherol Hanna (Pest Force) and Kevin Tso (KlinnSmith Beecham). Jim, David and George interviewed each candidate and the three were invited to come to our club in October. Carly was awarded the plaque and the other two candidates were awarded a certificate of commendation. The aim of this award is to highlight the importance of striving for excellence in one's vocation, and to encourage training.

Pride of Workmanship.

Two nominations were received. The first candidate, Con Perry, was nominated by Rod. The second candidate, Valda Hirst, was nominated by George Beyrouthi. Con, a mechanic who runs his own workshop on Wheel, impressed Rod for his good service. Valda, an assistant Manager at the Cherrybrook Shopping village, had helped the Rotary Club in its endeavours to raise funds at the village. She has been of great assistance in allocating us the space and time in setting up the Christmas raffle, the Joy of Tree and the bowels scan campaign. This programme main objective is the promote Vocational Service and encourage the pride of workmanship in all vocations and hence award those who display qualities in their service.

Vocational visits.

Two vocational visits were organised during the year. The first was at Boral at Rosehill (where Keith Ball works) and the second was at SMC Pneumatics in Castle Hill. Both visits were very interesting from a vocational point of view. At the SMC Pneumatics, dinner was organised by SMC management and through the collection of the usual dinner fees we were able to raise funds of the magnitude of approximately \$600.

Vocational talks.

Members of our club were asked to speak for few minutes about their vocation. After the director reports each week, speakers updated their fellow members with what was new in their business, family and any topic of interest.

From Russia with love.

The club hosted one intern from Russia who came with a group of young graduates from Russia to learn how business was conducted in Australia and NZ. Alexandra was invited to the club to address the members. This visit generated interest in Russia and somehow regular contacts followed with a club in the Siberian part of Russia - Irkutsk /Balkai. We undertook a project where we imported art work produced by mentally handicapped children in an orphanage supported by the Irkusk / Balkai Club and we auctioned the artwork within our club and raised \$300. The money was sent with DG elect Barry Phelps.

George Beyrouthi

Vocational Service Director (2000 / 2001)

Motto :

"As a Rotarian - unless you are involved you are probably missing out on the fun"

Youth Service Report

Youth activities have centred around four three main areas this year.

International Youth Exchange Program

We participated in this program this year by accepting Joao Morbin as our inbound student from Sao Paulo in Brazil. As most inbound students from the Southern Hemisphere follow a calendar school year the same as we do, Joao arrived in January this year and will finish his exchange in January 2002. So far he has stayed with Gabriel and Chris Felkai and has recently moved on to stay with Peter and Vicki Curtis. Some of you may remember them as the parents of our outbound student, Olivia Curtis who went to Denmark a couple of years ago. Joa is a very quiet unassuming lad although this is improving as his confidence in English grows. He will be moving on to stay with Ros and I in August and will probably spend the rest of the time with us as no other host parents have come forward. He has not attended as many club meetings as I would have liked up until now. This was mainly due to his safari and the difficulty in getting him to meetings when he was at the Felkai's but we are looking forward to seeing him much more often from now on.

Unfortunately, we were unable to attract any suitable applicants for an outbound exchange next year so we will not be sending a student out in 2002.

NZ Matched exchange program

We participated in this program through Diane Beyrouthi and her NZ match, Rebekah Smith from Auckland. Rebekah is currently spending her semester with the Beyrouthi's and is attending Loretta Ladies College with Diane. At the end of the current school term, Diane will travel to NZ with Rebekah to spend a school term with her family in Auckland. Both of them attended our meeting recently and gave excellent presentations.

MUNA

We sponsored two teams to attend the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) which was held at Pymble Ladies College over the long weekend in June. Our teams represented Ethiopia and Poland and included Jacinta Harvey, Elicha Van Heerden, Ben Dougal, Natalie Hawron and Felicity Charles from Cherrybrook as well as Neha Prasad from West Pennant Hills.

The resolutions debated included

Israel/Palestine	Right of vote by member states
Peace time surveillance	Iraq
Refugees	Child Labour
Female health	Kyoto agreement
Nuclear waste	Food technology

It is understood spirited debate was waged on all these contentious and relevant issues and proved a wonderful learning experience for all those who participated.

National Youth Science forum

We have nominated an outstanding candidate, Karl Laing from Cherrybrook, to attend this highly sought after, two-week seminar early in January 2002. At the time of writing, we had not been advised if Karl had been accepted as competition for positions is very fierce. We are, however, quietly confident that Karl will gain a place. Karl is an outstanding science student currently in year 11 at Cherrybrook Technology High and is seeking to pursue a career in Automotive engineering. He has a very keen interest in all things automotive, which he no doubt gets in part from his father Paul, who runs his own automotive business in Parramatta.

We also participated in the RYLA program earlier this year, which is a three-day leadership workshop held at Vision Valley for young people in their early twenties. Unfortunately, our candidate was unable to attend at the last minute.

Not the best year we have ever had on the youth front, but we did participate in a number of key Rotary programs and, hopefully added, in some small way to the development of youth in our area.

Richard Bushell

Youth Director - 2000/2001

**ROTARY CLUB OF WEST PENNANT HILLS INC.
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE
PERIOD TO 31 MAY 2001**

GENERAL ACCOUNT	31 MAY 01	31 MAY 00
INCOME		
Annual Subscriptions	8,275	8,660
Dinner Fees	29,714	25,826
Fines and Raffles	1,980	2,726
Interest earned	76	8
Bulletin Advertising	250	
Farewell Dinners (PH Bowling Club)	1,386	
Donations to Club	320	
District Change Over Dinner	90	
Refund Showground Hall Hire (2000)	150	
Lovedale Lunch	535	
Great Aussie Rotary Meeting	900	
Other Income	73	
TOTAL INCOME	43,749	42,723
EXPENDITURE		
Rotary Dues	6,997	6,888
Dinners	29,052	25,748
Bank Charges	45	116
Welfare	215	232
Printing	333	109
Rotary Expenses	135	94
Exchange Student	740	
Great Aussie Rotary Meeting	950	
PH Bowling Club (Farewell Dinners)	1,386	
Patrick Badges	80	
Dept of Fair Trading	35	
PO Box fee	50	
Lovedale Long Lunch	535	
Other Expenses	466	6,470
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	41,019	39,657
Surplus	2,730	3,076
ACTIVITIES ACCOUNT		
INCOME		
Trailer Raffle	6,528	12,479
Chinese Lantern Festival	326	
Bowelscan	1,978	4,068
Interest	50	12
Vocational night at SMC Pneumatics	620	
Other Income	317	32,655
TOTAL INCOME	9,819	49,214
DONATIONS AND COMMUNITY EXPENSES		
Total (see over for details)	13,440	38,805
Deficit/Surplus from Activities	(3,621)	10,409

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DONATIONS AND COMMUNITY EXPENSES	31 May 2001	31 May 2000
First Step (Autism Action)	1,000	
School Book Prizes	400	
Printing	1,048	
PNG Nurses Air Fares	354	
Wesley Koni Trust	800	
Nordby Picnic	233	
Seniors Christmas Party	1,760	
Bowelscan	1,978	
Bank Charges	40	
RDU Supplies	52	
Australia Medic Alert	10	
Rotary 9680 MUNA	500	
Rotary U Turn Driver Training	500	
Ronald McDonald	389	
WPH School Well	27	
Rotary Health Fund	120	
RYLA	580	
Inala Materials	1,586	
Trailer Raffle Prize	692	
Tree of Joy Costs	141	
NZ Matched Exchange Student	120	
Transfer to General Account (Exchange Student)	740	
Red Ball Deposit	370	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	13,440	38,805

RECONCILIATION GENERAL ACCOUNT PERIOD TO	31 MAY 01
Surplus YTD	2,730
Balance 01 June 2000	3,792
Balance 31 May 01	6,522
Transfer to Activities Account	(3,000)
Transfer from Activities Account (Exchange Student)	740
Balance of Account	4,262

RECONCILIATION ACTIVITIES ACCOUNT PERIOD TO	31 MAY 01
Deficit YTD	(3,621)
Balance 01 June 2000	4,873
Balance 31 May 01	1,252
Transfer to General Account	3,000
Balance of Account	4,252