



The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills

15th Annual Club Report 2001/2002

**David Turnbull
President**

Rotary Club of West Pennant Hill Inc.

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International Service	Barry Freeman
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President's Report

What a privilege it has been for me to be your president for the last 12 months. I have thoroughly enjoyed my year and I think together we have achieved a great deal. Our aim from the start was to have a vibrant Club, one that was doing things and having fun.

We have done things! We have had working bees at Inala and Jamison House, the West Pennant Hills sports day, Inala fete, Chinese Lantern Festival, the garage sale, the trailer raffle, Bowelscan, Tree of Joy, Ronald MacDonald House, the seniors' Christmas party and Nordby picnic.

We also had fun starting with Christmas in July, numerous partner's nights including the debates, Christmas party on the Nepean River, Sopwith social night, two weekends away, a fabulous Conference in Dubbo and a tremendous 15th anniversary reunion night.

We have also taken part in numerous Rotary events including District Changeover, interclub visits with Pennant Hills and North Rocks, vocational visits, a visit to Donations in Kind and the Charter Night for the new model club, the Hills Rotary Club.

Club Service Director, Dick Bushell, has done a fabulous job this year, in addition to attending to all the Club functions effectively and efficiently he has been the Bulletin editor and has done a tremendous job. I have really appreciated Dick's assistance as it has made my job a lot easier. Dick will be a hard act to follow.

Youth Service Director, George Beyrouthi, is unstoppable. If there is something available for youth George wants our Club to do it. Youth Exchange, Shell Livewire, MUNA, RYLA, Summer Science School and George's pet, From Russia with Love. Thanks George it's been a great effort!

Community Services Director, Alan Paynter, has kept us busy this year with his 'Ground Farce' projects at Inala and Jamison. It's great to see how much can be done with a little thought and lots of manpower. Alan also ran the Tree of Joy this year, which was a great success, along with the other various community projects. Thanks Alan for taking care of so many of the Club's activities.

Vocational Services Director, Tony Makin, and International Services Director, Barry Freeman, also contributed to a successful year with outings and discussion on various topics in their disciplines. Great job fellows!

Club Secretary, Keith Ball, and Treasurer, Rod Crosweller, have kept the records straight and their finances in place for the year. These are frustrating jobs within Rotary and I really appreciate the work these two stalwarts have done.

Most of all I wish to express my thanks to the members and their partners for giving me firstly the opportunity to be president but most importantly their support during my term. I have had a most rewarding and enjoyable year and I trust that I am leaving the Club in good shape for those to come.

My particular thanks to Jill for her support and encouragement over the last 12 months, we have worked together to do this and I am proud and pleased with the outcome.

I look forward to being a Club 'member' and to serving in other ways in years to come.

David Turnbull

Club President 2001/2002

Club Service Report

Club service activities this year were focussed on the following areas.

Planning

President David set an objective this year that club activities were planned well in advance and members were kept informed of all planned activities. This objective was achieved with the obvious benefits flowing on to the club. This started with our club plan at the beginning of the year which provided a working blueprint for the year. All club activities were planned well in advance and the club program was set ahead for a minimum of three months with all upcoming activities notified in the bulletin.

Committees

It was also intended to get more committee involvement in our club activities this year and this was achieved in the Club Service area. A number of very productive Club Service and Fundraising committee meetings were held during the year.

Programme

Program Chairman, Graham Coles has done an excellent job this year providing a wide range of interesting and varied speakers. This included two memorable "Great Debates", joint meetings with Pennant Hills and North Rocks Rotary Clubs, Nancy Bird Walton, the school debate between CTHS & Loretto, cricketer Gavin Robertson and ex News Corp executive, Bill O'Neil.

Fellowship

The year started on a jolly note with our Christmas in July progressive dinner. This continued with a club weekend away at Barrington Guest House, a great Club Christmas party cruising the Nepean on the Penrith Platypus, two well attended informal restaurant meetings in the new year, a round of friendship dinners, a farewell function on board the Sir Thomas Sopwith, another weekend away on the south Coast, a fun ten pin bowling night, one of the best District Conferences ever and a crazy whist night. This was supported by regular partners nights continuing the great fellowship tradition that is at the "engine room" of our club. Special thanks must go to Henry Elliott and his committee for organising many of these functions.

Fundraising

Fundraising activities centred on the garage sale and trailer raffle, both of which were an outstanding success. We reach our \$25k target for the year with our activities income totalling \$25,804 which was a fantastic effort. Special thanks must go to Brian Furrer for his huge input to the garage sale and Graham Cuthbertson for his organisation of the trailer raffle.

Bulletin

The bulletin continued through the year with interesting write-ups provided each week by virtually every club member in rotation. President and directors reports were regular features along with reports (sometimes with photos) of most of our activities. The club program was included each week showing our program for at least three months in advance. Copies were emailed in advance of the meeting to all those on email with hard copies available for everyone at each meeting. Copies were also delivered to any of our non-email capable members who were absent. The aim was to make sure all members, and their partners, were kept informed and felt involved with all club activities even if they were not able to attend. Judging from the feedback received, this seems to have been achieved.

Membership

Unfortunately we failed to reach our membership target of net five new members this year although at the time of writing, we look like gaining two new members in Graham Evans and Graham Miller but lost one with the resignation of Henry Elliott.

Dick Bushell
Club Service Director 2001/2002

Community Service Report

This has been a busy year for Community Service in our Club and I have been pleased to lead a willing and enthusiastic team. The Club can be proud of the projects we have been involved in this year, which include :

- Working Bees and Inala over 3 days
- Helping at the Inala fete
- Working Bees at Jamieson House over 3½ days
- Red Shield Day
- Bowelscan
- Nordby Picnic
- Elderly Citizens Christmas Luncheon
- Chinese Lantern Night
- Ronald McDonald BBQ Night
- Tree of Joy

Highlights for the year were our working bees at

- A. Inala where we successfully transformed a muddy patch of dirt into a functional, paved Kindergarten play area complete with sandpit, lawn and gardens;
- B. Jamieson House where we improved the gardens, made them safer and more friendly for the dementia patients. This was done by levelling sections of lawn, planting screening plants along fences, planting hedging plants around rose gardens, erecting archways with seating areas and inserting edging for future curved, endless gravel pathways.

These activities brought out the best, and the worst, abilities of our "Ground Farce" team but through fellowship and good humour excellent results were achieved.

Projects we covered this year were all important and all successful but none more so than the Tree of Joy. This project, which we have done now for over 12 years, is the most visible, most successful and most rewarding, not only for us, but the community and the underprivileged, that we have been involved in. I would urge those who have not participated previously to join us next year in this fantastic "feel good" activity.

Due to Gary Blackler's unequalled bargaining skills and support from Carlingford Lions club for materials at Inala, we were able to come in well under budget.

Participation in projects has been excellent and I thank all members, especially my hard working committee, for their support. We have certainly achieved our primary objective which we stated at the beginning of the year which was - to enjoy ourselves while helping others.

Alan Paynter - Community Service Director

International Service Report

General Comment

This year in International has been one of learning from the Director's perspective.

Due to workload pressures combined with some difficulties with scheduling activity within our small committee, this has been a year of minimal achievement in the International avenue.

However, despite these issues a number of things have been achieved.

Achievements.

From Russia With Love.

Our club's support of this program continued with the acceptance of Olesya Myashnikova as a guest of our club in July of 2001. Olesya was here for 3 weeks as a part of her university studies and saw a lot of Sydney and visited a number of corporate offices to get a feel for business life in Australia.

DIK.

During December a group from WPHRC spent a morning helping load a container for the Donations in Kind Program.

In simple terms this program seeks out old and second hand goods and sends them to groups in need in 3rd world countries.

During our work it was evident to all who participated what a great service this is. So much so, that DIK will feature in our International work in the new Rotary year.

PNG.

Once again WPHRC supported the Wesley Koni Trust as we will do again in the new Rotary Year.

Barry Freeman
International Director
2001/2002

Vocational Service Report

The highlight of the vocational year must be the visit to the Kimbriki Recycling Centre at Terry Hills. This inauspicious sounding venue turned out to be fascinating and was very professionally displayed by staff who obviously enjoyed making something out of nothing and improving the environment. The Ecogarden was loved by all and gave many of us ideas about the management of our gardens.

Erik Lindstrom managed to organise a trip to the Caltex/Mobile fuel pumping station. There we learned that fuel is pumped in enormous quantities from the refinery at Kurnell as far as Newcastle. Amazingly the pipe includes several types of fuel which are pumped through the pipe at the same time with a very skilful hand needed on the control gear to split the fuel into the correct tank at its destination.

Six members of the club did 5 minute presentations to the club at meetings about their lives and jobs. Surprisingly some members seemed to think that 5 minutes lasted about 30 minutes but all were interesting and entertaining.

Four members volunteered to become mentors for the Shell Livewire scheme. This is a scheme which encourages young entrepreneurs to put together a Business Plan to follow up on their bright new business ideas. Not all the mentors were required because some of the Livewires pulled out before reaching the stage of developing their plans. The remaining Livewire had a scheme to provide interactive educational videos to schools. He was very enthusiastic and developed the Business Plan after a great deal of effort. He learned a great deal about his project but did not reach the final.

Attempts to find suitable candidates for Pride of Workmanship Awards produced two possibilities but no award was made. This scheme will be carried over to early in the Rotary year.

Thanks to the committee – Erik Lindstrom and Denis Carpenter for their backup and ideas.

Tony Makin
Vocational Service Director

Youth Service Report

International Youth Exchange Programme:

Joao Morbin, our inbound student from Brazil until January 2002 was our main activity in this programme during the past Rotary year.

The club decided to host a new student from the Northern Hemisphere in July 2002. Anja Hoefelmeier from Germany will be our Inbound Student for the incoming year and she will be arriving in late July. I have already communicated with her by email and a letter back to me was published in a recent Bulletin.

The club also accepted to support an outbound Student in 2003. Her name is Kowshini Bazil and she will be going to Austria.

Muna:

Our Club sponsored two teams from Cherrybrook Technology High. The first team represented Mexico and the other Ukraine. I attended Muna and enjoyed watching about 100 students from different schools (representing various countries) debating several contemporary world issues in an assembly similar to that held at the United Nation. Several resolutions were put forward and each country (team) had to choose three resolutions to debate (for or against). Out of 11 resolutions, the most popular resolutions that teams wanted to debate were (in order of popularity):

- 1) That the assembly condemns the US and her allied as rogue nations for their prosecution of the so-called "war on terror" This resolution was defeated by 31 votes to 7 with the remaining countries abstaining.
- 2) That the assembly condemns Australia for Human rights abuses, particular with regard to its treatment of illegal immigrants. This resolution was carried with 27 votes for, 13 votes against and the rest abstaining.
- 3) That the assembly recognises the right of a homeland for the Palestinians and as a consequence of this, Israel be required to vacate the West Bank and the Gaza Strip immediately. This resolution was carried forward by 33 votes, 5 against and the rest abstaining.

The teams had to align themselves to one of the four blocks. These were the Western Block, the Islamic Block, the Asian Block and the non-aligned Block.

Canberra Science Forum:

Karl Laing from Cherrybrook Technology High attended this year Forum. Karl was subsequently invited to speak to our club and expressed gratitude for the experience he witnessed in Canberra. Karl intends to do an engineering degree when he completed year 12 later this year. We have recommended three students to be nominated for the Canberra Science Forum in January next year. They are Fabian Watson, Alex Kurusingal and Rebecca Halliwell. The first two are from Cherrybrook Technology and the later from Tara. I have interviewed the three students. Karl Laing, who attended the Forum in January this year helped me in the interviews.

Yearly School Debate:

We held our first Loreto – Technology school debate on 4th March, early this year. The club decided to support this yearly event. The students from both school put forward a for and against case for ***Imagination is more important than knowledge.***

A perpetual trophy was presented to the Loreto team. Robyn Crossweller generously took the adjudicator position.

Cherrybrook took the affirmative roll on the subject, and Loreto the negative view. The teams were:

Cherrybrook Loreto

Lauren Wade, Tara McNamee and Sam McEnroe **Advisor** Emily Moulahan

Cherrybrook Technology:

Lucy King, Eruni Jawardeena and May Samali **Advisor** Ailie Muir

Each speaker spoke alternatively between Cherrybrook and Loreto. Our adjudicator had a difficult decision, balancing the technical merit, presentation, and staying with the subject between the two teams. Cherrybrook were magnanimous in defeat and promised to give Loreto a harder task next year.

George Beyrouthi
Youth Director 2001-2002

**ROTARY CLUB OF WEST PENNANT HILLS INC.
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
PERIOD TO 20 June 02**

GENERAL ACCOUNT	20 June 02	30 June 01
INCOME		
Annual Subscriptions	7750	
Interest earned	3	
Transfer from AA (Exchange Student Allowance)	200	
Other Income (Dinners,Fines)	2750	
TOTAL INCOME	10703	48174
EXPENDITURE		
O/S Cheques	1265	
Dinners	1331	
Rotary Dues	5956	
RDU Supplies	805	
Printing	124	
Bank Charges	12	
PO Box Fee	52	
Sign	85	
Wine	117	
Badges	12	
Transfer to AA	120	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	9879	48174
Surplus	824	(990)
ACTIVITIES ACCOUNT		
INCOME		
Trailer Raffle	10700	
Garage Sale	7024	
Cake Stall	525	
Chinese Lantern Night	567	
Interest	4	
Bowelscan	2985	
Citibank Alliance	224	
Barbecue	959	
Farwell to Sopypy night	858	
Donations (Nordby, Inner Wheel, Public)	200	
Christmas in July dinner	676	
Captain's Call	176	
Christmas cards	156	
Science Forum Candidate	750	
TOTAL INCOME	25804	12951
Total (See over for details)		
EXPENDITURE		
Donations & Community Expenses (See over)	27890	13749
Deficit from Activities	(2086)	

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PERIOD TO 20 June 02**

DONATIONS AND COMMUNITY EXPENSES 20 June 02

O/S Cheques	435
Bank Charges	32
Exchange Student allowance	805
Inala Materials	1588
Science Forum Candidate	1250
Printing (Trailer Raffle, Garage sale, Advertisement)	1175
RYLA	596
Bowelscan	2968
Cherrybrook Guides	300
WPH Progress Association	240
Chinese Lantern Night	156
Barbecue supplies	806
Nordby Picnic	139
Trailer Raffle Prizes	1104
Captain's call Raffle	132
Ocean Youth Club of Australia	858
Garage Sale	260
Xmas Cards	240
Tree of Joy Costs	38
Transfer to General Account (Exchange Student)	200
Band Hire Deposit	200
Ronald McDonald House	147
Banner	110
PH Rotary	78
Jamesion House Materials	538
Seniors Christmas party	1880
MUNA	440
Wesley Koni Trust	800
Cherrybrook Bush Fire Brigade	500
From Russia with Love	200
CanTeen	5000
Prostate Cancer Foundation	1000
EXODUS Foundation	500
U Turn The Wheel	2000
Lauren Pilz Youth (Nat. Youth Science Forum)	100
Youth Suicide Prevention	200
Aust. Rotary Health Foundation	1000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	27890

RECONCILIATION GENERAL ACCOUNT PERIOD TO 20 June 02

Surplus YTD	824
Balance 30 June 2001	4101
Balance 20 June 2002	4925
Balance of Account	4925

RECONCILIATION ACTIVITIES ACCOUNT PERIOD TO 20 June 02

Deficit YTD	(2086)
Balance 30 June 2001	4694
Balance 20 June 2002	2608
Balance of Account	2608

