

Pennant Hills - Cherrybrook Rotaract Club Incorporated



Bulletin

30th of March 2021

Presidents Post



What a month our club has had! We started with our AGM and from this we now have a new board that will go to the 30th of June 2022. I would like to congratulate Lyn for continuing on as our Secretary and her new role as our Vice President. I would also like to congratulate Kelly Xu as our new Treasurer and Maheeta Weerasuriya as our Membership Director. I have also resumed the role as president for another year.

Our new project, 'Walk to Cambodia', is a fundraising event where we will count our steps over the month and seek sponsorship for every step taken. Money raised will go to HHA Cambodia to help with programs aimed at reducing poverty in Cambodia. Please see below if you are interested in sponsoring our team.

During the month, Les Watson, who is well known in the Rotary community, came to speak to us. Our club learned many valuable leadership skills from him. Our most exciting event for the month, though, was having our charter celebration. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this celebration. I'm so proud of the members of the club for the tireless work that they have put in towards the club.

- Jason Terry

Our Charter Celebration

After many times of rescheduling this event our club was finally able to celebrate our charter with District Representatives, our sponsoring clubs and other Rotaract clubs from District 9685. This celebration was long overdue as we received our charter on the 30th of November of 2020. We held our event at Glenhaven Community Hall which came with all the facilities we needed for the event. This event was rewarding for all the members of the club and they were glad that they were able to celebrate it with Rotarians and Rotaractors. This is the first time that the members of the Rotaract Club of Pennant Hills - Cherrybrook were able to meet the sponsoring clubs that have supported us the whole way. The ceremonial proceedings started with the District Governor handing over the Certificate of Organisation to the club. Then our president and the District Governor handed out membership certificates and the Rotaract pins to each member. To end off the celebration we cut the cake and shared it with all the attendees. The ceremony ended with some very proud Rotaractors.



Quote of the Month



“Fight for the things that you care about. But do it in a way that will lead others to join you.”

- Ruth Bader Ginsburg

April's Guest Speaker - Sally Herrington OAM

Sally Hetherington OAM lived in Cambodia from 2011 - 2017. Seeing the unintended consequences of voluntourism, she teamed up with HHA Cambodia, a nightly English school at the time, to develop it into a reputable community centre. Working as the Operations Manager, Sally was responsible for implementing new programs addressing social issues, fundraising, logistics, mentoring and training the staff and ensuring the organisation's long-term future. Sally overcame countless obstacles, but the biggest lesson she learnt was that for sustainable change to happen, locals needed to lead. As a result of Sally's empowering approach to development, she successfully made herself redundant, leaving HHA Cambodia to be entirely run by local staff. Sally is the Founder and CEO of Human and Hope Association Inc, a registered charity in Australia that raises funds for HHA Cambodia to continue their poverty-alleviating programs.



Walk To Cambodia



Every year the charitable organisation called Human and Hope Association, organise a challenge called the 'Walk to Cambodia'. The walk is the distance from Sydney to Siem Reap (location of Angkor Wat) which is 7,252 km away. This is about 9,572,640 steps altogether! All the funds raised go to the extremely worthy cause of education for children. We, as a club, have decided to take on



this challenge and we are very excited to add our steps to the walk while attempting to raise as much as we can. We have set our goal at \$500 dollars but would love to raise even more. \$500 will send at least 5 children to school for a whole year! If you are interested in helping us reach this goal please sponsor us at:

<https://walktocambodia.org/>

Click on 'Sponsor a Walker' and find The Rotaract Club of Pennant Hills - Cherrybrook

Or follow this link:

<https://www.givenow.com.au/crowdraiser/public/therotaractclubofpennanthillscherrybrook>

Social - Strike Bowling - Macquarie Centre

On our next meeting date we will be holding a social at Strike Bowling, Macquarie Centre. It's a great opportunity for our club members to meet in an informal setting and have some fun after a difficult year of online meetings. Hope to see our members there!

Key dates February

4th of April.	Board meeting
6th of April	Social at Strike Bowling - Macquarie Centre
20th of April	Meeting with Guest speaker Sally Herrington- Pennant Hills Hotel

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7pm every month! So come along and join us today!