



The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

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Club AGM and Elections

Monday 13 December 2010

Christmas meeting

Duty Roster

This week – Monday 6 December 2010		Next meeting – Monday 13 December 2010	
Chairman	Keith Ball	Chairman	Graham Cuthbertson
Night Reporter	Peter Cleary	Night Reporter	Dick Bushell
Front Desk	Michael Moroney	Front Desk	Michael Moroney
Front Desk	Gino Savio	Front Desk	Larry Jacka
Steward	Roslyn Savio	Steward	Prue Daras
Steward	Rob Wansbrough	Steward	Bob Davison

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Up-coming events

Monday 6 December 2010
Club AGM
& Election of 2011-12 Board
Contact : Keith Ball

Wednesday evening 15 December 2010
Tree of Joy – Santa's Workshop
In David and Jill Turnbull's Garage
Contact : Brian Furrer

Saturday 11 December 2010
DIK Working Bee
Contact : Bob Davison

Saturday 8 January 2011
New Year Lunch
Geranium Cottage
Contact : Carol Russell

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 dturnbull@lhogroup.com.au **before 11am** on the day of the meeting.

President's report



I found Monday a quiet but interesting night and it was nice to see a good roll up although Frank was a bit stretched with the additional numbers. There were a large number of announcements and it was a great response to Brian Furrer's request that we support Galston Meals on Wheels and not hold Kris Kringle. I think that given the small nature of the presents required for Meals on Wheels that we could do both and I will ask the club their thoughts on Monday next.

Thanks to Trish Bell and Dick Bushell for standing in on such short notice. Trish's talk about Human Resources was very interesting and informative while Dick made us all envious and wanting to go to Italy, perhaps not on a motorbike.

We still have a number of activities before the year end with painting the containers this Saturday morning, Christmas lunch on Sunday, DIK Saturday week. Our last meeting on Monday 13th for Xmas and all partners and finally Tree of Joy presents on Wednesday 15th. The first meeting for the next year is on Saturday the 8th January 5:00pm at Geranium Cottage

Don't forget to check our Program, the last meeting for the year is Monday 13th and the first meeting for next year at Springfield House is Monday 17th.

The AGM is being held next Monday so come along, we will be voting on the revised constitution and by-laws and electing the club office bearers for next year.

Graham

At our last meeting – 31 November 2010

Sergeant David called the meeting to order at 7.08pm. Apparently we were all having such a good time chatting and drinking that he took the initiative to delay the start of the meeting. This example of lateral thinking is to be commended.

David then introduced President Graham who invited Tony Makin to lead us in Rotary Grace. The Loyal Toast was then proposed by Dick Bushell. President Graham welcomed our guests Colin Sharpe and Chiara, who by now is probably known to most of us. Chiara then talked about her week that was.

It was a busy one starting with a school mufti day on Tuesday. Decisions, decisions. What to wear. This gave us an insight into Chiara's world in Italy where she has this dilemma facing her every day. Uniforms do have an advantage after all. Wednesday was spent at driver training at RYDA (acronym I know). Thursday to the city with Brittany Bickford; Friday she received her science assessment; Saturday to Kiama and Sunday back to the city to celebrate a fellow exchange student's birthday, which also included a trip to the zoo to see the baby elephant; and a walk over the bridge. Monday was spent walking the Bickford dogs, and recuperating I suspect. We also discovered that Chiara is a Harry Potter aficionado and she advised that the new HP film is very good and not as dark as people think.

President Graham then suggested we do some more chatting and drinking with some eating thrown in for good measure.

Carol reminded us about the Christmas Party on Sunday 5th December at Castle Hill Country Club. We meet at 12 noon for chatting and drinking on the balcony with dinner commencing around 12.45. Drinks can be purchased from the bar at own cost. There is a lift available as an alternative to the stairs if needed.

Sergeant David then apologised a lot but it was generally agreed he doesn't apologise anywhere near enough.

Brian Furrer advised the Tree of Joy was on track and that the distribution of presents would be held at David Turnbull's place (along with chatting and drinking) on Wednesday 15th December from 7pm. All members are welcome, and encouraged, to

come along for what is always a fun night. Brian advised that Meals on Wheels Hornsby had withdrawn from the Tree of Joy but had been replaced by the MoW Galston who, being new to the concept, hadn't quite understood the kind of presents that were presented. Accordingly he asked if club members would forgo the traditional Kris Kringle and provide the presents asked for by MoW Galston for their beneficiaries. This was unanimously agreed, ie everyone!

Stan thanked those members who attended RYDA for their support but in doing so raised a disappointing issue regarding the behaviour and attitude of some of the students who attended. In raising this matter it was also acknowledged that the teacher responsible handled the matter very effectively. It was agreed that a letter to CTHS be submitted to the Board who will decide if it should be sent to CTHS.

Tim Bowland asked for volunteers to assist in painting one of the containers located at the fire station this coming Saturday morning starting at 8.30. A number of members indicated they would be available. Unfortunately I can't recall who but I'm sure they know who they are. He reminded us that the container has to be moved. A daunting prospect that will no doubt require much chatting and drinking. Tim also asked to meet with the Book Fair committee to discuss a change in venue.

Alan Paynter advised the Exchange Student Christmas Party will be held on the 18th December, 7pm start, at the Hunters Hill Sailing Club. Cost \$50pp, casual dress. Howard Fleming has had his hip replacement at the SAN and is doing OK.

Dick Bushell read a letter of thanks from the Guides for our efforts in cleaning the grounds on the 25th August.

Bob Davison reminded us about DIK on the 11th December and took the opportunity to advise us what a great cook Chiara is.

Trish Bell then gave us a job talk.

Job talk doesn't do her presentation justice as she took us through the myriad of challenges that face employers in the world of Human Resources (HR). Trish is the owner of her own consultancy business – Head2Head. She advised the old "Personnel" Dept is now "Payroll" typically reporting to the Finance area. HR looks after the "dark side" and deals with IR and ER legislation. She is often called in to

assist mainly SME's with HR related problems and her strong message was that most SME's act too late in the process. Employees tend to be much better informed than employers and this is where many of the challenges lie.



She indicated that "Work Choices" was really a watershed for the employment environment in Australia due to its complexity and it was really only large employers with internal legal support who were able to understand its implications. SME's tended to wait until something happened before taking any action. She stressed the importance of Job Descriptions and how they are used as a tool by both employees and management to ensure each party understands its obligations. Thanks Trish, a great lesson for those of us in small business.

Dick Bushell then took us on a Two Wheel Tour of Tuscany. He responded to an ad in a mag and it took off from there. With five other couples he and Ros took day trips around the Tuscany region in Italy.



The photos clearly showed the beauty of the scenery and nothing I say can add any

value to that. However, there did appear to be lots of chatting and drinking involved – they must have all been Rotarians. It was obvious a good time was had by all and thanks Dick for the presentation.



The raffle was won by Tim Bickford with Colin Baxter taking out the Heads and Tails.

President Graham then closed the meeting but not before reminding us about the AGM next week; on 22nd Feb there will be a joint meeting with the 6 clubs in our immediate area; and, the first meeting next year is on the 8th Jan at the Geranium Cottage.

Jim Simpson – Night Reporter

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Anniversaries



Monday 6 December
Shobana and Kumar Fernando



Birthdays



Tuesday 7 December – Gwen Baxter

Saturday 11 December Kaija Lam

Saturday 11 December – Sandy Burrage

Sunday 12 December – Jill Turnbull

Ladies Christmas function Monday 31 November 2010



Rotary Christmas Lunch Saturday 5 December 2010

Castle Hill Country Club. It is located at the bottom of Spurway Avenue at Castle Hill.

How to get there..... Best to **turn left** off Showground Road, into Carrington Road at the Council Chambers, turn **left** when you reach the end of Carrington, then when you hit Windsor Road turn **right**. Once you go past the Crown Plaza Hotel, it is the next street about 100m past the Hotel.)

(I have given you these instructions because if you go right to the end of Showground Road onto Windsor and turn left, you will not be able to turn right into Spurway.)

We will gather at 12 noon, there is a scrumptious luncheon organised and Waiter Service is available for Drinks which need to be paid for individually at the time of purchase. (No BYO, sorry)

Chiara's Family of the week

Every member is encouraged to invite Chiara out with them, if weekends are a problem or are booked then a meal during the week. Please send your invitations via Tim and Alison who will update the spreadsheet and publish it on a regular basis.

Chiara Giacomini (Italy)

Family of the week program

Week Ending Sun	Host Family	Planned Activities	Chiara with You
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5 Dec	Bickford	Xmas lunch	Club
12 Dec	Bickford		
18 Dec	Bickford	Christmas Party Dinner Dance	
19 Dec	Bickford		
26 Dec	Bickford	With Mum and Dad	
2 Jan	Bickford	With Mum and Dad	
9 Jan	Bickford	With Mum and Dad	
16 Jan	Bickford	camping with Bickfords	Bickford
23 Jan	Bickford	camping with Bickfords	Bickford
30 Jan	Bickford		
6 Feb	Bickford	Rowing	Clarkes
13 Feb	Savio	Kosciusko walk	Club
20 Feb	Savio		
27 Feb	Savio	25-27 Feb Umina Beach (Umina RC)	Umina Beach R.C.
6 Mar	Savio		
13 Mar	Savio	Singapore with Savios	Savio
20 Mar	Savio	18-20 March Conference Canberra	
19-26 Mar	Savio	With Savio's over Easter	
27 Mar	Savio	25 March safari	
3 April	Savio	Safari	NA
10 April	Savio	Safari	NA
17 April	Savio	Safari	NA
24 April	Savio		
1 May	Savio		
8 May	Davison		
15 May	Davison		
22 May	Davison	Week in city	Davison
29 May	Davison		
5 June	Davison	Farewell to Students Function	
12 June	Davison		
19 June	Davison		
26 June	Davison		
3 July	Davison		
10 July	Davison		

Youth Exchange Christmas Party



"YOUTH EXCHANGE CHRISTMAS PARTY"



Santa will be there!

As our Inbound Exchange Students prepare for their first Australian Christmas, and our 'Outbounds' arrange to head off to adventures around-the-world, let's celebrate with a night of fun & friendship.

AUSSIE SPIT ROAST & BUSH DANCE

DATE: Saturday 18th December 2010

TIME: 7.00pm until 11.00pm

VENUE: Hunters Hill Sailing Club
Merrington Place (off Clarke Rd)
Woolwich

DRESS: Casual (Dancing Jeans)

COST: Rotarians & Friends \$50.00 pp
Students: \$45.00 per person
Children 15 or under: \$20.00 pp
(includes Aussie Christmas Dinner, 'Outback Bush Band', Entertainment by our Students, Cash Bar)

R.S.V.P.: 30th November 2010

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'Celebrating Rotary Youth Exchange!'

Presented by The Rotary Club of Gladesville

If you would like to attend this great event see the form at the end of this Bulletin

Humour

A Christmas Story for people having a bad day:

When four of Santa's elves got sick, the trainee elves did not produce toys as fast as the regular ones, and Santa began to feel the Pre-Christmas pressure.

Then Mrs. Claus told Santa her Mother was coming to visit, which stressed Santa even more.

When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth and two others had jumped the fence and were out, Heaven knows where.

Then when he began to load the sleigh, one of the floorboards cracked, the toy bag fell to the ground and all the toys were scattered.

Frustrated, Santa went in the house for a cup of apple cider and a shot of rum. When he went to the cupboard, he discovered the elves had drank all the cider and hidden the liquor. In his frustration, he accidentally dropped the cider jug, and it broke into hundreds of little glass pieces all over the kitchen floor. He went to get the broom and found the mice had eaten all the straw off the end of the broom.

Just then the doorbell rang, and irritated Santa marched to the door, yanked it open, and there stood a little angel with a great big Christmas tree.

The angel said very cheerfully, 'Merry Christmas, Santa. Isn't this a lovely day? I have a beautiful tree for you. Where would you like me to put it?'

And so began the tradition of the little angel on top of the Christmas tree.

Contributed by Rob Hamer

Patrick walks into a bar in Dublin, orders three pints of Guinness & sits in the corner of the room, drinking a sip out of each pint in turn. When he had finished all three, He went back to the bar & ordered three more. The barman says, "You know a pint goes flat soon after I pull it your pint would taste better if you bought one at a time."

Patrick replies, "Well now, I have two brodders, one is in America; and de odder in Australia; and here I am in Dublin. When we all left home we promised dat we'd drink dis way to remember de days we all drank togedder." The barman admits that this is a nice custom & says no more.

Patrick becomes a regular customer and always drinks the same way ordering three pints & drinking a sip out of each in turn, until they are finished.

One day he comes in and orders just two pints. All the other regulars in the bar notice and fall silent. When he goes back to the bar for the second round the barman says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief but I wanted to Offer my condolences on your great loss."

Patrick looks confused for a moment, then the penny drops and he starts to laugh, "Oh no," he says, "Bejesus, everyone is fine! Tis me,I've quit drinking!"

Contributed by Colin Sharpe

Club Programe 2010-2011				All Program Changes thru Colin McGowan 30 Nov 2010	
Dec-10		Family Month		Partners	
Mon	6	AGM		No	K Ball
Wed	8	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30			G Cuth resid
Sat	11	DIK		Yes	Bob Davison
Mon	13	Christmas Meeting			
Mon	20	No Meeting			
Wed	15	Tree of Joy – Santas Workshop at Turnbull's		Yes	Brian Furrer
Mon	27	No Meeting (Boxing Day Holiday)			
Jan-11		Rotary Awareness Month			
Mon	3	No Meeting (New Years Day)			G Cuth

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Sat	8	New Year Lunch at Geranium Cottage	Yes	Carol
Mon	10	No Meeting		
Wed	12	Club Board Meeting -Cancelled		Tom Wcott resid
Mon	17	Club Assembly		Graham Cuth
Sun	16	Bunnings Thornleigh BBQ		Barry Lambert
Mon	24	Meeting		
Wed	26	Australia Day Pub Hol		
Mon	31	New York based Shen Yun dancers and musicians (100 strong) coming to Sydney- promotion	No	
Feb-11		World Understanding Month		
Sat	5	Start of Trailer Raffle		Rob Hamer
Mon	7	Meeting		
Wed	9	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30		R 'mary C resid
Fri	11	Ronald McDonald Meal		Doug Lam
Fri-Sun	11-13	Chiara Kosciusko Walk		Graham Cuth
Mon	14	Tim Boland arranging cheque presentation to Charity following insurance resolution.		Tim Boland
Mon	21	Meeting rescheduled to tomorrow night		
Tues	22	Uganda Orphanage -Rosie O'Halloran. 6 Rotary Clubs invited		Graham Cuth
Sat	26	Warrah Working Bee		Dick Bushell
Sun	27	NORDBY Retirement folks 8-12noon, Kokoda Memorial Walkway BBQ area (adjoining Cafe end Killoola St Concord)	Yes	CM/CR
Mon	28	Youth Night -RYPEN, RYLA, NYSF reports		Tom Wesdtcott
Mar-11		Literacy Month		
Sat	5	Start Bowelscan program at Cherrybrook Village		Barry Lambert
Mon	7	Meeting		
Wed	9	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30		Bob Dvson resid
Frid	11	Our Clubs First Book Fair (starts 12 noon, Uniting Church, NLRd, Cbrook)	Yes	
Sat	12	Book Fair (start 8am) and PETS Training with Canberra District	Yes	
Mon	14	Meeting		
Frid	18	District Conference, Canberra- ACT NOW-Take the Lead- Keynote Speaker Jack Thompson	Yes	Colin McGowan
Sat	19	Finish Bowelscan program		
Sat	19	District Conference, Canberra- ACT NOW-Take the Lead	Yes	Colin McGowan
Sun	20	District Conference, Canberra- ACT NOW-Take the Lead	Yes	Colin McGowan
Mon	21	Meeting		
Sat	26	Hills Home Show BBQ Fund Raiser (Also PETS Meeting)		Carol Russell
Sun	27	Hills Home Show BBQ Fund Raiser		Carol Russell
Mon	28	Meeting		
Apr-11		Magazine Month		
Mon	4	Meeting		

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Sat	9	District Assdembly for new directors (tbc)		
Mon	11	Meeting		
Wed	13	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30		Tim Bland resid
Mon	18	Meeting		
Sat	23	Bunnings Thornleigh BBQ (Easter Sat)		Barry Lambert
Mon	25	No Meeting- Anzac Day and Easter Mon		
Tues	26	Lions Anzac Day dinner (tbc)	Yes	
May-11		Community Month		
Sun	1	Last day of the trailer raffle. Mothers Day Sun 8th		
Mon	2	International Night +Raffle Draw for Trailer Raffle		Tim Boland
Sat	7	Australian Rotary Health Day at Rosehill Races (if is same as last year) tba	Yes	Crussel/C Wright
Mon	9	Ross Ballinger past members night		Ross Ballinger
Wed	11	Combined Club Board Meeting at 7.30 Thornleigh		Thornleigh
Sat	14	Weekend away- absolute highlight of the year	Yes	Carol/Prue
Sun	15	Weekend away- absolute highlight of the year	Yes	Carol/Prue
Mon	16	Meeting		
Mon	23	Meeting- Community Service Presentation		Dick Bushell
Sun	29	Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal (tbc)		Dick Bushell
Mon	30	Vocational Awards	Yes	Rosemary Clarke
Jun-11		Rotary Fellowship Month		
Mon	6	Meeting		
Wed	8	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm		CMcG residence
Sun	10	Bunnings Thornleigh BBQ		Barry Lambert
Mon	13	Queens Birthday Pub Hol		
Mon	20	Youth - Art Competition Prizegiving + Final Presentation of Exchange Student	Yes	Tom Westcott
Fri	24	Club Changeover Dinner- new venue- Epping Club	Yes	CM/GC
Mon	27	No meeting		

Photo of the week - Tuscan Village – Colle De Val D'Elsa





INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS'

"CHRISTMAS PARTY BBQ & DANCE"

Santa will be there!



Email, Mail or Fax acceptance to:

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Name: _____

(Please attach separate sheet of names if form covers multiple guests)

Postal Address (for tickets) _____

Phone: (H) _____ (M) _____

Number of tickets [Write number in appropriate box(s) below]:

☐ Rotarians & Friends @ \$50.00 = \$ _____

☐ Students @ \$45.00 = \$ _____

☐ Children Under 15 @ \$20.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL: = \$ _____

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Or

I authorise The Rotary Club of Gladesville to charge my

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