

#### Monday 13 December 2010

### Christmas meeting – Yes it's a Partners night (Make sure and book in)

Come dressed for the occasion and bring Kris Kringle (\$10 each person max –Women's gift in red wrapping & Men's gift in green wrapping)

### Saturday 8 January 2011

Informal meeting - Geranium Cottage

### Monday 17 January 2011

Club Assembly

#### **Duty Roster**

This week - Monday 13 December 2010		Next meeting — Monday 17 January 2011	
Chairman	Graham Cuthbertson	Chairman	Graham Cuthbertson
Night Reporter	Dick Bushell	Night Reporter	Rod Crosweller
Front Desk	Michael Moroney	Front Desk	Michael Moroney
Front Desk	Larry Jacka	Front Desk	Channa Jayasuriya
Steward	Prue Daras	Steward	Clive Denmark
Steward	Bob Davison	Steward	Graham Evans

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### **Up-coming events**

Saturday 11 December 2010

DIK Working Bee

Contact : Bob Davison

Wednesday evening 15 December 2010

Tree of Joy – Santa's Workshop

In David and Jill Turnbull's Garage Contact: Brian Furrer Saturday 8 January 2011
Informal meeting
Geranium Cottage

Contact : Carol Russell

Sunday 16 January 2011

Fund Raising Sausage Sizzle Bunnings Thornleigh

Contact : Barry Lambert

#### 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** <a href="mailto:dturnbull@lhogroup.com.au">dturnbull@lhogroup.com.au</a> **before 11am** on the day of the meeting.

#### **President's report**



It was good to see a positive role up for the AGM. The meeting accepted the new Constitution but the By-Laws created a lively discussion around President Elect Colin's proposed board structure. While the meeting decided to basically leave our club structure unchanged the discussion shows that our members are thinking about the club and are interested in the management structure needed to help the club go forward.

My congratulations to the new board members elected and I believe the team President Elect Colin has put together will be successful.

We have had a very good, and for me enjoyable, first six months, our fundraising has achieved more than \$30,000 and thanks to Colin McGowan our insurance claim has been settled in our favour. We have sent a cheque for \$25,000 to the Rotary Bush Fire Fund in Victoria and our 2 immediate past presidents are looking to distribute \$9000 each to their selected charities, I will announce the fund recipients at our next meeting. We are preparing a major event for the club on the 14<sup>th</sup> February for these donations to be made so please put it in your diary together with the combined zone meeting at Springfield on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

To start the New Year there is our informal meeting on 8th January at Geranium Cottage with the Club Assembly meeting being on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Our Mother's Day raffle is kicking off on 5<sup>th</sup> February with a very busy February program with a Warrah working bee, Chiara's Kosciusko adventure, Ronald McDonald House, Nordby Picnic and our Book Fair in Early March. We are

starting the year running so look at your program to keep in touch.

Graham

#### At our last meeting - 6 December 2010

AGM opened a bit late however that must be accepted due to the importance of the night. Directors' reports were short: Alan P reminded us of our commitments for next meeting and Kris Kringle.

Tim Bo is looking for painters (verb) for the containers next Sat. please contact him if you are available.

Bob D reminded us of his DIK session on Sat also, he has enough starters so if you're free grab your paint brush.

Tom updated us on RYPEN which Clive has been working tirelessly on to have 68 attendees booked out of a max of 72, TOP JOB CLIVE. Also Tom has wine available for Christmas off the back of the ute.

Col Mc advised he attended Cherrybrook Public School to participate in an Awards presentation at which he presented a cheque of \$1000 to the school from the club.

Brian asked if all those who haven't returned the gifts for Galston Meals on Wheels could they do so next Monday. The Tree of Joy now has all the cards out so it's progressing well.

We enjoyed our dinner then the AGM got under way with proceedings run by Keith and minutes by Bob D.

Elections for officers was held

President Elect for 12/13 Rob Hamer For 11/12

Secretary Barry Lambert
Treasurer Bob Davison

Board Carol Russell Trish Bell

Tony Makin Tim Bowland

Clive Denmark Rosemary Clark

AGM closed @ 9.08pm and we proceeded to normality with the raffle won by Tim Bi. Heads and tails we were all out so the club won a bottle of white.

No sergeant's session due to the late hour.

Night reporter - Peter Cleary

Draft minutes from the AGM (Minus financials and individual Directors report) attached at the rear of this Bulletin.

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**



### Anniversaries



Tuesday 14 December 2010 Alison and Tim Bowland

Saturday 18 December 2010 Marilyn and Greg Pidgeon

Lyn and Bob Myers Thursday 23 December 2010

Tuesday 28 December 2010 Margaret and Graham Evans

Saturday 8 January 2011 Anne and Rob Wansbrough

Thursday 13 January 2011 Jo and Hany Gerges



### Birthdays



Tuesday 21 Dec 2010 – Ross Ballinger

Wednesday 22 Dec 2110 – Rob Hamer

Friday 24 Dec 2010 – Anne Wansbrough

Tuesday 28 Dec 2010 – Lynne Henderson

Tuesday 28 Dec 2010 – Jo Gerges

Wednesday 29 Dec 2010 – Helen Lambert

Friday 31 Dec 2010 – Pamela Makin

Friday 7 Jan 2010 – Cawas Sahukar

Wednesday 12 Jan 2010 – Alison Bowland

Sunday 16 Jan 2010 – Rosemary Clarke

### 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 Giacomin (Italy)**

Family of the week program			
Wook			Chiara with
Sun	-	Activities	100
12 Dec	Bickford	Christmas Darty	
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		
10	Dovison		

Davison

June		
26 June	Davison	
3 July	Davison	
10 July	Davison	

### **Youth Exchange Christmas Party**



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

#### Food for thought

From a retired and respected member of the Courts.

Dear Julia,

Let's put the seniors in jail and the criminals in a nursing home. This way the seniors would have access to showers, hobbies and walks. They'd receive unlimited free prescriptions, dental and medical treatment, wheel chairs etc and they'd receive money instead of paying it out. They would have constant video

monitoring, so they could be helped instantly, if they fell or needed assistance.

Bedding would be washed twice a week, and all clothing would be ironed and returned to them. A guard would check on them every 20 minutes and bring their meals and snacks to their cell.

They would have family visits in a suite built for that purpose. They would have access to a library, weight room, spiritual counseling, pool and education.

Simple clothing, shoes, slippers, PJ's and legal aid would be free, on request. Private, secure! rooms for all, with an exercise outdoor yard, with gardens. Each senior could have a PC, a TV, radio and daily phone calls.

There would be a board of directors to hear complaints, and the guards would have a code of conduct that would be strictly adhered to.

The "criminals" would get cold food, be left all alone and unsupervised. Lights off at 8pm, and showers once a week. Live in a tiny room and pay \$900.00 per month and have no hope of ever getting out.

Justice for all we say.

Contributed by Rod Crosweller

#### **Political Humour**

(The attitude reflected below is not necessarily that of the Editor who absolves himself of all such Political comment)

An airplane was about to crash; there were 5 passengers on board, but only 4 parachutes.

The first passenger said, "I am President Obama, the chosen one. The world needs me, I can't afford to die." So he took the first parachute and left the aircraft.

The second passenger, Julia Gillard, said, "I am the prime Minister of Australia and I am the smartest woman in Australian history,

so Australian people don't want me to die." She took the second parachute and jumped out of the aircraft.

The third passenger, Bob Brown, said, "I'm the leader of the Australian Greens and the nation needs my guidance and my boyfriend would miss me." So he grabbed the parachute next to him and jumped.

The fourth passenger, ex-PM John Howard, said to the fifth passenger, a 10-year-old schoolgirl, "I have lived a full life, and served my country the best I could. I will

sacrifice my life and let you have the last parachute."

The little girl said, "That's okay, Mr. Howard, there's a parachute left for you. ......Australia's smartest woman took my schoolbag!"

Contributed by Stan Baseley

		Club Programe 2010-2011	All Program Ch McG (7 Dec 20	anges thru Colin 010)
Dec-10		Family Month	Partners	
Sat	11	DIK	Yes	Bob Davison
Mon	13	Christmas Meeting (Khris Kringle-gift(s)). Colin Sharpe Induction. Britany Bickford blazer presentation	Yes	G Cuth
Wed	15	Tree of Joy- Santa's Workshop at Turnbull's	Yes	Brian Furrer
Mon	20	No Meeting		
Mon	27	No Meeting (Boxing Day Holiday)		
Jan-11	1	Rotary Awareness Month		
Mon	3	No Meeting (New Years Day)		
Sat	8	President's New Year celebration at Geranium Cottage (5pm)	Yes	Carol
Mon	10	No Meeting		
Wed	12	Club Board Meeting -Cancelled		
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		
Feb-1	1	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 Bowland arranging cheque presentation to Charity following insurance resolution.		Tim Bowland
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	D Bushell

Mon	28	Youth Night -RYPEN, RYLA, NYSF reports	Yes	Tom Westcott
Mar-1		Literacy Month		
Mon	7	Friends of Botanic Gardens- Deryl Mason (or following Mon)	Yes	
	9			Bob Dvson
Wed	9	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30  Our Clubs First Book Fair (starts 12 noon, Uniting Church, NLRd,		resid
Frid	11	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	District Conference, Canberra- ACT NOW-Take the Lead	Yes	
Sun	20	District Conference, Canberra- ACT NOW-Take the Lead	Yes	
Mon	21	Meeting		
Sat	26	Hills Home Show BBQ Fund Raiser (Also PETS Meeting)	Yes	Carol Russell
Sun	27	Hills Home Show BBQ Fund Raiser	Yes	
Mon	28	Meeting		
Apr-1	1	Magazine Month		
Mon	4	Meeting		
Sat	9	District Assembly for new directors (tbc)		
Mon	11	Meeting		
Wed	13	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30		Tim Bowland resid
Mon	18	Meeting		
Sat	23	Bunnings Thornleigh BBQ (Easter Sat)	Yes	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 Bowland
Sat	7	Australian Rotary Health Day at Rosehill Races (if is same as last year) tba	Yes	C Russell 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		220
Mon	23	Meeting- Community Service Presentation		Dick Bushell
Sun	29	Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal (tbc)		Dick Bushell
Mon	30	Vocational Awards	Yes	Rosemary
Jun-1		Rotary Fellowship Month	163	Clarke
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Mon	6	Final Presentation of Swiss Exchange Student Chiara Giocomin	Yes	CMcG
Wed	8	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm		residence
Sun	10	Bunnings Thornleigh BBQ		Barry Lambert

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Mon	13	Queens Birthday Pub Hol		
Mon	20	Youth - Art Competition Prizegiving	Yes	Tom Westcott
Fri	24	Club Changeover Dinner- Epping Club	Yes	CM/GC
Mon	27	No Meeting (on first meeting Day after Changeover)		

Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2009/2010 Venue: Springfield House, Old Northern Road, Dural Monday 6th December 2010

President Graham called the meeting to order at 7.05pm stating that the primary purpose of the AGM is to agree the proposed changes to the Constitution and the Bylaws, followed by the election of office bearers for 2011/2012. He then proceeded with general Rotary business not specific to the AGM which was recorded and published in the Club Bulletin for the meeting, and not in these AGM minutes.

At 7:45pm Pres. Graham invited Secretary Keith Ball to run the AGM. Larry was appointed the Returning Officer, and Bob Davison the minute taker for the AGM. He confirmed that we have a quorum (33 of 47 members in attendance) and advised that we need a minimum 75% affirmative to carry a motion.

Keith presented the 2009/2010 AGM minutes for acceptance – accepted by Rob Hamer, seconded by Bob Davison.

### Review of the Constitution

The RI Council on Legislation meets every three years to review the Rotary constitution. Keith has put our Club Name and details to this constitution, which we are otherwise required to adopt (as distributed to the members). A motion was moved by Larry Jacka and seconded by Rob Hamer that the revised constitution, as proposed, be accepted. This was put to a vote by the members: 33 in favour, nil against. Adoption of the Constitution was carried.

### Review of the Club Bylaws.

Wesley Koni has completed his education and the bylaw providing financial support to Wesley was deleted.

RI had proposed changes to the Bylaws in the area of Board members, committees and roles. Our Board had reviewed these at the November Board meeting to increase the possible members on the board from 6 directors to 9, and keep the officers unchanged, such that the Board could be increased from 11 to 14. Other changes proposed by RI were non contentious, and incorporated.

There was much discussion from the members around the changes to the Board.

Dick Bushell presented a case against the proposed increase in the Board members. In his experience we used to have 4 directors which was increased to 6. To increase this further

makes the Board unwieldy. Dick had general agreement to his objection and agreed to present an amendment to the Bylaws.

Brian Furrer referred to the terms of leadership committee and operational committee as used in the Bylaws (they are not defined). We are an operational club, and that is where our Board should be focussed. The Pres Elect (PE) should take the proposed Services Director role to gain experience working with the five avenues of service to assist in his Presidency year, Hence this Director position is not required. International Director could take the Foundation role. The Bylaws should support our Club that is activity focused.

Pres Graham then discussed the Club visit by DG George Papallo where the proposed RI Board structure was discussed. The proposed Projects Director rather than individual directors for each avenue of service was devised for very large clubs in the US, and may not suit our clubs requirements. We were encouraged to determine the structure which works best for us.

Our Board resisted the RI push towards the new (proposed) board structure over the past two years. The Bylaws have been drafted to give us maximum flexibility as our needs and member skills change.

At this point, Keith conceded that the wording of the proposed Bylaws may not be ideal towards this intent. He felt that limiting the board to have 6 directors could be acceptable if the PE & Board Elect has total flexibility as to how these Board positions are assigned.

Pres Elect Colin then explained that the larger Board is a two edged sword. District prefers a smaller Board, the current Board wants flexibility to have a larger Board. He agreed that the Projects Director should be the Pres Elect. He proposed we have the flexibility to increase the Board up to 14 to give us more focus on the avenues of service, and more flexibility to future boards. In 2011/2012 he was proposing to increase the Board only by 1 to include Foundation and Public relations (as one portfolio). If need be then we could consider separate Admin and operational Board meetings.

David Turnbull expressed concern that by increasing the size of the Board it becomes unwieldy, and we should not consider separate admin and operational Board meetings. The Board should function as one integrated team directed by the President, as it functions today. The structure of the Board isn't broken - so why try to fix it?

Several other members also expressed the view that the current Board structure with 6 directors functions very well. It was also agreed that we can appoint operational committees independent of the board, and as many as we choose - these are not limited by the Bylaws. Hence there was a general concensus that the current Board structure having 6 directors was preferred.

Dick then proposed an amendment to the Bylaws that reduced the Directors from 9 to 6, appointed roles "in consultation with" the Directors Elect. The list of committees was retained initially, and that any club member could be appointed to chair a committee.

Both Tim Bowland and Colin Baxter proposed that we retain the current Bylaws, and just remove the reference to Wesley.

Pres Graham then stated that we should not list the committees in the Bylaws, as currently and as proposed.

The final conclusion was that Dick produced an amendment which was recorded by Bob and then read out to the meeting.

The amendment, as proposed by Dick, was seconded by Graeme Yeates.

It was carried on a member vote: 27 For, 4 Against, 2 Abstain.

Further it was proposed to modify the amendment so as to remove the naming of the committees, and that the Pres Elect, in consultation with the Directors Elect, will define the committees. The term Directors Elect was changed to Board Elect. This modified amendment was proposed by Pres Graham, seconded by Barry Lambert.

The modified amendment was carried on a member vote: 32 For, 1 Against.

The modified amendment to the proposed Bylaws so carried is:

### **Bylaws Article 2: Board of Directors**

The committee of management, being the governing body of this club pursuant to article 10 of the constitution shall be known as "the board of directors" and shall consist of up to 11 members of this club, namely, no more than 6 directors elected in accordance with article 3, section 1, of these bylaws, the president, president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and the immediate past president.

# Bylaws Article 3: Election of Directors and Officers Section 1

- (a) At a regular meeting one month prior to the annual general meeting, the presiding officer shall ask for nominations by members of the club for President–Elect, Directors, Secretary and Treasurer.
- (b) The nominations shall be presented by members to the Secretary in writing at any time up to the time for election. The nominations duly made shall be placed on a ballot in alphabetical order under the positions of President–Elect and Directors and shall be voted for at the annual general meeting.
- (c) The candidate for President–Elect receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected to that office and shall serve as a Director for the year commencing on the first day of July next following the election and shall assume office as president on 1 July immediately following that year.
- The President-Elect will serve as a member of the Board as President-Elect, Vice President, Club Services Director, and Club Administration Director for the year commencing on the first day of July next following the election.
- (d) The candidates for Secretary and Treasurer receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected to those positions.
- (e) The six candidates for Director receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected as Directors.

### **Section 2**

Within two months after their election, the President–Elect, in consultation with the Board Elect, shall elect a sergeant at arms and allocate responsibility for all committees deemed necessary for the effective running of the Club in the coming year.

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If necessary, the President-Elect, in consultation with the Board Elect, may appoint any Club member to chair one or more of the committees.

(Note: only Articles 2 & 3 were modified. The remainder of the proposed bylaws were accepted unchanged, and not reproduced here)

### Election of 2011/2012 Committee members.

Larry Jacka retracted his nomination to the Board. Then there was a single nomination for each position hence an election was not necessary:

President Colin McGowan
 President elect (&Club Services) Rob Hamer
 Secretary Barry Lambert
 Treasurer Bob Davison

The following members were elected to the 6 Directors positions:

- · Rosemary Clarke
- · Tim Bowland
- · Carol Russell
- · Trish Bell
- · Clive Denmark
- · Tony Makin

As per the new Bylaws the Sergeant at Arms position and Directorship appointments will be completed by the Pres Elect in consultation with the Directors Elect within two months.

### Treasurer's Report - Carol Russell

Carol handed over to Pres. Graham who gave an overview of the 2009/2010 audited accounts.

Revenue was significant for the year, being of order \$250k, significantly more than the previous year. This is due to abnormal items, including district changeover monies (\$22k). The auditors lump all income as fundraising which is incorrect and Pres Graham will have rectified for future years. In "Note 7." There is a net surplus which is incorrect and will be revised in the final accounts.

The accounts were accepted by Keith Ball, seconded by Larry Jacka They were carried on a member vote: 32 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain. < Graham to provide copy of accounts for the final AGM minutes>

### General Business

There was no general business during the AGM, apart from discussions noted above.

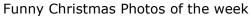
### **Director's Reports**

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Bob Davison asked for clarification on year to date directors reports for inclusion in the AGM minutes. Due to lateness of completion of a very active AGM, the reports will be tendered at the Board meeting this Wednesday for inclusion in the final AGM minutes.

The AGM closed at 9:05pm and normal meeting proceedings continued.

Minutes by: Bob Davison - 6<sup>th</sup> December 2010







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### INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS'

# "CHRISTMAS PARTY BBQ & DANCE"

### Santa will be there!



Email, Mail or Fax acceptance to: Paul Wynn Rotary Club of Gladesville P.O. Box 303 Gladesville NSW 1675 Email; wynn@ozemail.com.au

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