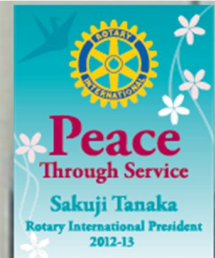




The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Club Bulletin

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<p>Monday June 3 Miska presents on his year in Australia</p>
<p>Monday June 10 Queen's Birthday Holiday – NO MEETING</p>
<p>Monday June 17 Pride of Workmanship Awards</p>

Duty Roster

Next Meeting – Monday 3 June		Following Meeting – Monday 17 June	
Speaker Host	Rosemary Clarke	Speaker Host	Peter Cleary
Night Reporter	Tim Bowland	Night Reporter	Douglas Lam
Front Desk	Ian Roberts	Front Desk	Brian Furrer
Front Desk	Graham Evans	Front Desk	Stan Baseley
Steward	Colin Sharpe	Steward	Alan Paynter
Steward	Tom Westcott	Steward	Carol Russell
Photographer	TBA	Photographer	TBA

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Upcoming Events

<p>Sunday May 26 Red Shield Door Appeal Knock</p>	<p>Monday June 3 Miska's presentation "The Year That Was"</p>
<p>Monday June 10 Public Holiday – No Meeting</p>	<p>Monday June 17 Pride of Workmanship Awards</p>

Meetings

Monday 6.30pm for 7.00pm – Springfield House – 245 New Line Road, Dural. <http://www.rotarydistrict9680.org.au>
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 notify Jilda.
Phone 9439 1422 or email accounts@lhogroup.com.au before 11am on the day of the meeting.

****If you are expected and do not show you may be required to pay for the meal****

Presidents Report



David Rosenberg gave a very interesting talk about Pine Gap where he was stationed from 1990 to 2008 as a data analyst. This is a joint operation between US and Australia focused on communications and weapons data gathering and analysis. It is a real spying story and David even commented that he was surprised that he was permitted to publish most of what he wrote. If you missed the meeting, David wrote his story in a book: “Inside Pine Gap – the Spy who came in from the Desert” which you can borrow when I finish.

On Sunday (26 May) we had fourteen drivers volunteer for Red Shield Appeal. This included three partners (Kaija, Margaret and Beverly). I thought the Rotary Club of Pennant Hills organised the event well. After registration, I was in a short queue and four students were assigned. They were in year 12 from Barker College and were a delight to drive around. A big thank you to all

those who volunteered (and to Rob who volunteered his car since mine was in for repair ☺).

Miska has returned from three weeks on Safari, and apart from some wet weather, he had a great time. I thought it was clever how he mentioned where he had been “and will give more detail in my presentation next week”, a good way to advertise next week’s meeting, which is a partners night.

A reminder that the next board meeting is Wednesday 12th June at my place, for both the present and incoming boards at 7:30pm..

The Club changeover is on 28th June at the Epping Club. Invitations are going out this week, and Ian Roberts is taking payments now (after next week’s meeting you can make payment to Brian Furrer, or see me). This is the biggest event in our calendar being the conclusion of the current Rotary year and the start of the next, so I hope that you can all make it.

President Bob Davison

Night Report

Sergeant Tony Makin started the meeting. Jim Simpson led us in Rotary Grace and Colin Baxter raised the royal toast to Queen, Rotary and country. Tony then introduced President Bob Davison who in turn introduced our guest speaker for the evening, David Rosenberg, ex-high-tech spook from Pine Gap: our secret Defence “observatory” in Alice Springs jointly administered by the high-tech “Wizards” of US and Oz.

Bob then invited Miska to talk briefly on his safari and he definitely was brief. Miska gave us a faint sketch of his travels with his fellow exchange-students leaving us to fill in the gaps with our imagination – we’ll forgive him seeing it was his first day back but he has promised to be more elaborate in his talk next week – don’t miss this “confession” of all the highlights of his last ~~twelve~~ eleven months in Australia. Miska dropped a few one-liners about his day at Dreamworld,

snorkelling and playing with turtles at Green Island, Cairns, was in awe of Uluru, the underground existence as well as the opals at Coober Pedy – he actually fell in love with a finger-nail sized “rock” he saw but, at \$30,000 a pop his feelings weren’t quite reciprocated so he rested his head on the shoulders of the green-eyed monster and stoically resolved to do without – smart man Miska – there’s nothing better than learning at an age when you can bounce back from such heartbreak!!

Something that Miska couldn’t hide was his disappointment at the continuous rain they experienced – so he summed up his Melbourne stay with “we flew back to Sydney”.

Bob then reported on the Red Shield Appeal and the 14 Rotarian drivers – including Margaret McGowan, Kaija Lam and Bev Davison - who helped make it a success. Bob had students from Barker College and said that the entire drive was organised, this time, by the Pennant Hills Club – everything worked liked the proverbial clock – On ya Penno!!

Bob then brought up the issue of Dick Bushell being in trouble yet not really being in trouble and made some suggestions that could save us the embarrassment of having our e-mail accounts compromised: install security, compose short-sentence/phrase passwords with a judicious mixture of numbers, upper and lower case letters AND do not open any attachment from any sender you do not recognise. It also helps to treat every e-mail from the Philippines, Ethiopia and Russia with suspicion till posterity/friends confirm or cancel your instinct.

Reminders go out for changeover night – It’s on the 28th June at the Epping Club – Ian has started taking payments: \$60.00 per head. Also, remember to ask for school vouchers if you make purchases from Woolworths – Rosemary will give you life membership to her fan club!

Barry Lambert drew our attention to the BBQ at Bunnings, Thornleigh on Monday the Queen’s Birthday – he needs three volunteers for the morning shift and three for the afternoon – call Barry.

And, from such mundane life, David Rosenberg, our guest speaker, suddenly transported us into the gripping world of international undercurrents and covert operations that are carried out at the Joint Defence Facility – Pine Gap, Alice Springs. This facility, David, told us, is jointly funded and staffed by America and Australia, the bulkier contributions in both areas coming from the United States.

Alice Springs and the Soviet Union are on the same geographic side of the globe, Alice Springs gets roughly only two weeks of rainfall per year so there is considerably less static/electronic interruption to satellite signals and the binding force between our two nations as consolidated in the ANZUS treaty are the best reasons for Pine Gap to have been created, specifically for the purpose of intercepting satellite signals, more so, any communication originating from or pertaining to aircraft, naval ships, weapons facilities or downed pilots. For such interception of signals, obviously, there is the need for signals analysts – enter David and his ilk.

During the cold war this facility would have been worth its weight in ICBM’s (No abbreviations without an expansion – Inter-Continental Ballistic Missiles). Not only would the US have been on tenterhooks to determine the intention and nuclear capabilities of Soviet Russia, it would also have given its proverbial eyeteeth to know the number and exact location of Soviet nuclear missiles.

David punctuated his talk with many slides and examples of communications signals with their corresponding tell-tale wavelengths. He also pointed out the difficulty that signals analysts faced in recognising not only the wavelength but also its origin and any familiar pattern associated with it – this helped in identifying the source and therefore the authenticity of the signal.

With the iron curtain lifted, however, and with the dismantling of the Russian communist block, attention is now more on counter-terror than on counter-espionage. This fight, David feels, must never stop and the only way to make a difference is to constantly upgrade satellite capabilities to

keep pace with technology – this will ensure the integrity and sovereignty of both our nations specifically and the world in general.

The lucky ticket drawn was that of Tony Makin and the Heads-and-tails was won by Tom Westcott. Stan closed the evening's proceedings by leading us in the National Anthem.

Night Reporter Bob Myers

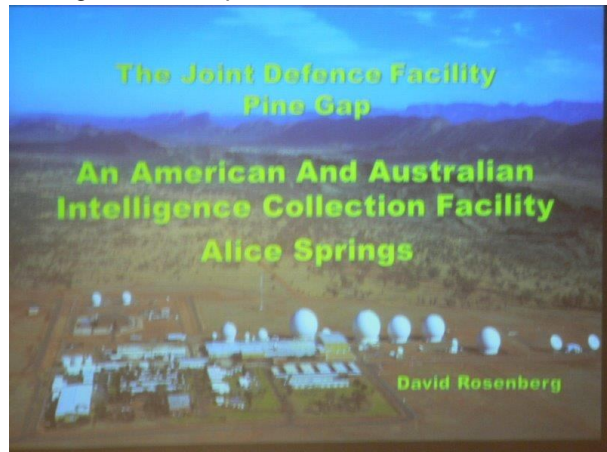
Rosemary asking for Woolies school coupons.
Ask for them every time you shop (please):



David Rosenberg:



Talking on Pine Gap:

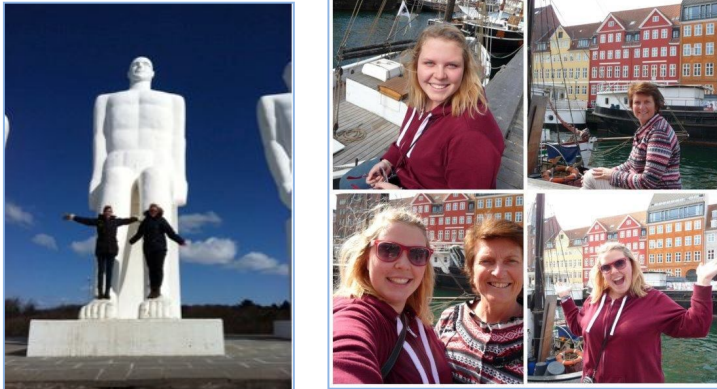


Two Reports from Bethany in Denmark

We have 2 reports from Bethany, who is having a wonderful time on exchange in Denmark.

Her April report starts "I have been here 116 days." Read it all at [Beth's April report](#)

For May she said "I turned 17 and the best present I got was to see my parents" and more (with photos) at [Beth's May report](#)
(if the links don't work, these reports are on our website www.wphcrotary.org)



Greetings from Howard and Megan Fleming

Hi All,

We are still following the Murray River Valley, camping beside Lake Boga that is situated between Swan Hill and Kerang, where we visited the Catalina Flying Boat Base built in 1941 to service WW2 aircraft.

From there we travel to Hopetoun, free camping on the lake for 3 days where we bush walked and fished for Murray Cod and Yabbies.

Passing through the major wheat belt of western Victoria we bush camped in the Weldfeld Nat. Park. This is the sowing season for the farmers to be ploughing and planting their crops but due to the very dry conditions the farmers have delayed sowing while waiting for rain that helps germinate the seeds.

Then onto Horsham for the weekly laundry wash, stock up the pantry, fill up with fresh water and fuel.

Into the Grampians National Park where there are spectacular bush and mountain walks, wild flowers and native animals. While in the Park at Halls Gap we attended the Annual Wine and Food Festival, watching cooking demonstrations and tasting all the local produce and wines.



Regards Howard & Megan

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Anniversaries - Rob & Janet Hamer – 2 June
Colin & Anne Sharpe – 4 June
David & Jill Turnbull – 5 June
Tony & Pamela Makin -13 June

Birthdays - Lynne Paynter – 3 June
Graham Cuthbertson – 4 June
Roslyn Savio – 11 June

Food for Thought



Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them.
- Dalai Lama .

Humour



In a murder trial, the defence attorney was cross-examining the coroner:

"Before you signed the death certificate, did you take the pulse, listen to the heart or check for breathing?"

"No."

"So, when you signed the death certificate, you weren't sure the man was dead, were you?"

"Well, the man's brain was in a jar on my desk, but I suppose he could have still been practicing law for a living."

Club Changeover Dinner Epping Club Friday 28th June 2013



**Cost \$60 per head. Time 6.30pm for complementary drinks and 7.00pm for dinner.
Limited on-site parking available for members doing car share (discuss with Bob).
There is parking in nearby Council car park AND in Coles underground car park (open 24/7)
Register with Ian Roberts before 17th June (or Bob in Ian's absence).**

		Club Program 2012-2014		RED YES = PARTNERS on a meeting night.	
		Updated 07/05/2013 by RWH			
Jun-13		Rotary Fellowship Month			
Mon	3	Miska's presentation "The Year That Was"			Rosemary Clarke
Mon	10	Public Holiday - No meeting			
Mon	10	BBQ Bunnings Thornleigh.		Yes	Barry Lambert
Wed	12	Club Board Meeting - Bob Davison's home.			
Mon	17	Pride of Workmanship Awards		Yes	Peter Cleary
Mon	24	Ian Faulks - Australia's road safety performance: Seat belts, RBT, and speed cameras - so why are people still dying?			Rob Hamer
Fri	28	Changeover Dinner The Epping Club			Bob/Clive
Jul-13		Rotary Fellowship Month			
Mon	1	No meeting following Changeover.			
Tues	2	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm			Clive Denmark
Fri	5	District Changeover at Hornsby RSL			Clive Denmark
Mon	8	Tony Gatt, Business Development Manager, Foodbank NSW Limited. Confirmed 23/01/2013 by Barry Lambert.		Yes	Barry Lambert
Sat	13	BBQ Bunnings Thornleigh.		Yes	Barry Lambert
Mon	15	Geoff Otypka Confirmed 04/03/2013			Rob Hamer
Mon	22	Looking for speaker			
Tues	23	1st Trivia Night Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm			Rob Hamer
Mon	29	Membership Night - Special Guest Speaker - Dominic Perrottet MLA			Rob Hamer
Aug-13		Membership Extension Month			
Mon	5	Alan MacLean - The Lights of Cobb & Co. Confirmed 05/05/2013			Rob Hamer
Tues	6	2nd Trivia Night Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm			
Sat	10	SOCIAL		Yes	Social
Mon	12	Landscape Photography Rob Clarke. Confirmed 11/03/2013			Rob Hamer
Tues	13	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30			Clive Denmark
Tues	16	Final Trivia Night Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm			Rob Hamer
Sat	24	Trivia Night - Cherrybrook Community Centre		Yes	Rob Hamer
Mon	26	Club Assembly			Rob Hamer
Sep-13		New Generations Month			
Mon	2	Councillor Dr. Michelle Byrne, Mayor, The Hills Shire Council		Yes	Rob Hamer
Mon	9	Looking for speaker + G/Sale Pickups handed out if any left over from previous week.			
Tues	10	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30			Clive Denmark
Sun	15	Meet at Fire Stn 9.30am for * Guide Hall grounds clean up and * Pickups.			
Mon	16	Membership Night			Ross Ballinger
Tue	17	Garage Sale - Meet at Fire Stn at 7pm for pickups.		Yes	
Wed	18	Garage Sale - Meet at Fire Stn at 7pm for pickups.		Yes	
Thur	19	Garage Sale - Meet at Fire Stn at 7pm for pickups.		Yes	
Fri	20	Garage Sale- Move Items to Fire Stn		Yes	
Sat	21	Garage Sale- at Fire Station. 6am start.		Yes	
Sat	21	Garage Sale-Dinner at Bivianso's Italian Restaurant (New Line Rd Dural) 6.30 for 7.00pm VENUE TBC		Yes	

Sun	22	Garage Sale- 8am at Fire Station for 9 am opening. Finish and clean up at 1.00pm	Yes	
Mon	23	No Meeting post Garage Sale - Rest night!		
Wed	25	DG Visit, Joint meeting Zone Clubs		Clive Denmark, Rob Hamer

Miska's Family Program			
2012-2013			
Week Ending Friday	Host Family	Planned Activities	Miska with You
Sun 5 May – Sat 25 May	Davison	Safari	
June - 20	Davison	Miska Flies Home	

Directors 2012-13		
Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook		
President	Bob Davison	0413 008 574
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Youth Services Director	Rosemary Clarke	0439 819 965
Community Services Director	Douglas Lam	0419 421 659
International Director, Foundation and PR	PDG Larry Jacka	0418 690 898
Vocational Director	Peter Cleary	0419 499 827
Fundraiser Director and President Elect	Clive Denmark	0400 425 210
Club Welfare Officer (non-executive)	Stan Basely	9634 1084
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