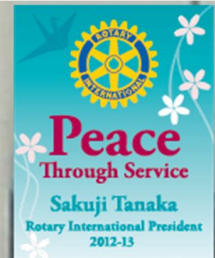




The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Club Bulletin

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Monday June 10

Queen's Birthday Holiday – NO MEETING

Monday June 17

Pride of Workmanship Awards

Monday June 24

Ian Faulks - Australia's road safety performance

Duty Roster

Next Meeting – Monday 17 June		Following Meeting – Monday 24 June	
Speaker Host	Peter Cleary	Speaker Host	Douglas Lam
Night Reporter	Douglas Lam	Night Reporter	Rob Hamer
Front Desk	Brian Furrer	Front Desk	Brian Furrer
Front Desk	Stan Baseley	Front Desk	Cawas Sahukar
Steward	Alan Paynter	Steward	David Turnbull
Steward	Carol Russell	Steward	Colin Wright
Photographer	Ross Ballinger	Photographer	Ross Ballinger

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Upcoming Events

Monday June 10 Public Holiday – No Meeting	Monday June 10 Bunnings Thornleigh sausage sizzle
Friday July 5 District Changeover – Castle Hill RSL	Saturday August 24 Trivia Night – Cherrybrook Community Ctr

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



At our last meeting Miska gave a rundown of his year in Australia covering his week in New Zealand, to the Safari around Australia and everything in between. He only recently returned from safari so he did rather well with the preparation of his presentation in the limited time (we also had a technology problem...). He said that he had learnt a lot and matured a lot in his time here. He thanked the Club and Families for hosting him. Miska is living with Bev and I and his appreciation is more than he can express. He presented the Club with a gift, a book called “The Finnish Miracle” by Andre Noel Chaker. It describes the characteristics of Finnish people (Andre was from Canada and says a Fin could not write such a book). It is very interesting, and available to anyone interested, when I finish. Miska returns home on Thur 20th June (flight SQ222 departs 3:15pm).

I mentioned that our Club doesn't have an outbound student for next year, the applicant we interviewed pulled out. Although District had their selection weekend on 1st/2nd June, we have to about 21st June to submit a late application, so there is still a chance. Without the family of an outbound to host, we have only three families to host Vilde – Clarkes, Davisons and Fergusons (in that sequence). Please consider hosting Vilde, even just for a couple of months – let me know if you are interested.

We have our volunteers for Bunnings Thornleigh on Mon 10th – thank you John for filling the last slot.

A reminder that the next board meeting is Wednesday 12th June at my place, 7:30, for both the present and incoming boards. You should have your report/plan documents to me by 9th June so I can prepare the draft changeover document.

The Club changeover is on 28th June at the Epping Club. Payment should be to Brian Furrer by 17th June. A week later (Fri 5th July) is District changeover – register now if you are going.

Because 10th June is a public holiday, our next meeting is 17th where we have our Pride of Workmanship Awards. Peter will present to very worthy recipients within our community.

President Bob Davison

Night Report

Tonight was “Miska’s final presentation night”

President Bob Davison opened the meeting and welcomed guests and visitors.

Guests: Mark & Megan Gilchrist, Caitlin Gilchrist, Mark & Julie Doran and several partners of members.

Apologies: Bev Davison who was attending another exchange student’s final presentation at Neutral Bay Rotary Club.

President Bob made the following announcements;

- Dr Wansborough had left a partition on the table requesting the government provide age appropriate accommodation for people with mental illness.
- Bob said he had been to a seminar put on by the Brain Injury association and talked about the Dr's partition.
- Club changeover is on the 28th June, please pay treasurer Ian before or on the 17th June.
- Pres Bob advised the members that the Red Shield Collection had raised \$45,000 from the Barry Smith venue efforts.
- Treasurer Ian will be away for several weeks over the next few months and during this period Brian Furrer will be acting treasurer.
- District Changeover is coming up you must register on line. Currently attendees from the club are: Tim & Alison, Bob & Bev, Clive & Jenny and Larry.
- Pres Bob is looking for a young person in year 10 or 12 to sponsor out on the Rotary Youth exchange program this coming January. If you know of any potential students then you should contact Bob immediately as applications are required yesterday.

Rob Hamer announced;

-There will be a Trivia night on the 24th August so can members start thinking about getting some tables together. Rob is also looking for prizes to raffle on the night. Can members assist in finding sponsors for raffle prizes.

Barry Lambert announced;

-That there is to be a BBQ at Bunnings Thornleigh on the 10th June. Volunteers for crew have been filled.

Rosemary Clark announced

-That the club was getting a new exchange student from Norway in July and because we did not have an outbound student to provide us with a host family so we only have 3 host families. Rosemary asked members to consider hosting for a period to lighten the load on the other host families. Being involved with exchange students can be a very rewarding experience and she encouraged members to step forward.

Dinner was served.

Rosemary Clark introduced Caitlin Gilchrist. Returned exchange student who went to Spain. Caitlin gave an account of her life over the last 6 months since she returned home. Rosemary introduced Miska who gave his final presentation to the club. Miska thanked all his host families and club councillor for their hosting and support. He then showed us some photos of his year in Australia and his trip to New Zealand. Miska expressed interest in learning about the aboriginal stories he heard around Uluru. Miska said he worked at the Ice Rink two times a week teaching people to play Ice Hockey. At the end he presented Pres Bob with a book about Finland and asked members to borrow it.

The Raffle was won by Colin Wright

Heads and tails was won by David Turnbull

The next meeting is the 17th June. "Pride of Workmanship" awards night.

There is a combined Board Meeting at Bob's on the Wednesday 12th.

Night Reporter: Tim Bowland

Caitlin and Miska catch up:



Megan, Mark and Caitlin Gilchrist:



Miska talking about his year:



The Head Table:



Update from the Ballingers in Europe

We are more than 2/3 of the way into our trip and I thought that I would update the club on a few of the highlights as we are having a great time.

Dubai was quite hot but not oppressive. We did high tea up in the tallest building (in the world?) up 122 floors out of 160 floors (very brave for me). We did a 4WD trip to the mountains in Oman and lunch at a resort owned by the boss Shiek that is only accessible by 4WD, boat or parachute (we

saw one). I could not find out how the system of government really works except that it seems to be a hereditary dictatorship. Over all we liked the place and would stop over again.

We went on to Venice to meet the group (there are 16 of us). The glass factories in Murano and the lace making in Burano were a great day out (Helen especially the lace). A gondola ride by the group through the canals with a singer and accordion player was a great experience. Venice is very touristy. Been there done that.

The bus ride to Paris via Salzburg in Austria (very interesting) Lucerne in Switzerland (would go back) and on to Paris for 3 nights. We met the rest doing the River cruise there. About 80 in total. Included was dinner and show at the Moulin Rouge. They know how to pack them in there.

We met the ship at Trier on the Moselle River. A very old quaint and pretty town. The following days included A visit to a winery. Family owned for 8 generations, 4 hectares, production of 40,000 bottles selling for 6 to 8 euros (say \$A10) all done by hand as all the farms are on steep (45 to 60 degree) south facing slopes Many walks through little villages with old castles , churches (at town of 50,000 could have 50 Catholic Church. They are taxed about 2%? to go toward so the religion of your choice no wonder the churches are so opulent and maintained well .

Sailing along with the very picturesque villages, churches, castles and farms in the background. Supping on a cold beer a glass of wine or afternoon tea..A very civilised way to travel. Visiting the Audi car factory. 2300 A3 a day using about 800 robots as well as some people. The chassis works had a lot of the robots and the assembly of the rest inside the chassis was quite people intensive.

Inspection of a couple of ornate and grand castles, palaces and churches (including an organ concert) and a monastery.

Many locks some as high as 27 m

A ride on a horse and carriage in the Black Forest in Bavaria .

Listening to a small orchestra playing Mozart and Strauss sitting on normal chairs in a large room in Vienna.

We went to a performance of the Vienna Boys Choir. Although its been overcast or showery and quite cool days about 10 to 12 degrees it hasn't stopped us doing things and every day it's been something different. Helen even found time to do some shopping We had a great group and all got on well together and enjoyed the company of a lot of the other passengers..



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Anniversaries - Sandy & Mike Burrage – 20 June

Birthdays - nil

Food for Thought



A successful man is one who can make more money than his wife can spend

A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

- Not sure, but it wasn't me!

Humour



Barnum & Bailey was transferring the circus from one town to another. The elephants were connected trunk to tail. They came along a railroad crossing and as the elephants were halfway across the tracks, a train came along and killed two of them.

Shortly thereafter, QRNational received an invoice from Barnum and Bailey for \$10,000. QRNational immediately called Barnum & Bailey and requested an explanation for the charge, writing, "What is the cost of a new elephant?"

Barnum & Bailey responded, "\$1,000 each."

B&M responded, "But, we only killed two of them!"

Barnum & Bailey said, "Yes, but you pulled the tails off of eight others."

**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)
Payment to Brian Furrer by 17th June.**

		Club Program 2012-2014		RED YES = PARTNERS on a meeting night.	
		Updated 07/05/2013 by RWH			
Jun-13		Rotary Fellowship Month			
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
Sun	8	Meet at Fire Stn 9.30am for * Guide Hall grounds clean up			
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
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
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Miska's Family Program			
2012-2013			
Week Ending Friday	Host Family	Planned Activities	Miska with You
June - 15	Davison	Bridge Climb	
June - 20	Davison	Miska Flies Home: flight SQ222 departs 3:15pm	

Directors 2012-13		
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Treasurer	Ian Roberts	0401 898 989
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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
Social Committee Leader	Colin Wright	0409 393 027