

The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

Club Bulletin

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Monday August 12

Landscape Photography. Rob Clarke

Monday August 19

Membership Night - Special Guest Speaker - Dominic Perrottet MLA on Synthetic Drugs

Monday August 26

Club Assembly

Duty Roster

Next Meeting – Monday 12 August		Following Meeting – Monday 19 August	
Speaker Host	Peter Cleary	Speaker Host	Rob Hamer
Night Reporter	Graham Cuthbertson	Night Reporter	Colin McGowan
Front Desk	Brian Furrer	Front Desk	Brian Furrer
Front Desk	Larry Jacka	Front Desk	Ian Roberts
Steward	David Turnbull	Steward	Tom Westcott
Steward	Roslyn Savio	Steward	Colin Wright
Photographer	Ross Ballinger	Photographer	Bob Myers

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Upcoming Events

Saturday August 10

John Purchase Public School Landscaping

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Social – Lunch @ The Kirribilli Club

Tuesday August 13

Board Meeting @ The Clarkes

Saturday August 24

Trivia Night – Cherrybrook Community Centre

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



Presidents Report for Bulletin Monday 12th August

Mondays meeting seemed to go well with speaker Alan Maclean giving us a lively talk on early travel "in the colonies" by stagecoach. Makes us realise that in many ways we are very lucky to be living in the age of the motor car!

In Rob Hamer's absence Max Henderson gave us a run down on how the Trivia night to be run on sat 24th August is progressing. Rob & his committee appear to have organised a great spread of prizes & have everything in hand. I was a little dismayed when Max asked who had organised a table for the night. The show of hands was somewhat underwhelming.

It's not too late there are still 2 weeks to go, **please make an effort to pull together a table**, pair up with another member if you only have half a table. We had 20 odd tables last year and made \$5k. If

the numbers are down so too will be the amount we raise for one of our nominated charities! It's not an expensive night & it's a much less physical way of raising funds than the garage & book sales - please support Rob & his committee by turning up & asking friends. Cash & names will gladly be accepted over the next 2 Mondays.

Also, just a final reminder for the lunch on Sunday at the Kirribilli Club. Rob sent out an e-mail on Monday asking for final numbers by e-mail by Tuesday night. It looks like we have already taken up the 16 places Rob had provisionally booked **so if you have not responded and intend to go please speak to him as a matter of urgency.**

The planning for the Garage Sale and family Fun day (Sunday) is well under way. The committee will be having a short meeting after Monday's meeting & a full meeting on Mon 20th August. Next Tuesday will be the Board Meeting as planned at Rosemary's House but I have asked Tom to attend at 8.30 for the Garage Sale Agenda item and to explain how we are going to use the garage sale in a number of ways to promote our club and get the message out that we are interested in potential visitors & new members.

It was great to see so many of you helped at the working bee at John Purchase School. Work had almost finished for the day by the time I got there but I had a chance to see what had been achieved & was also able to go with Douglas, Tom & Gino to Warrah to see the sites for a couple of potential projects there. Douglas is hoping to finish off the work at John Purchase this Saturday, 10th August.

We are looking for some help in return from the primary schools & already have tacit agreements with Cherrybrook Public & John Purchase that they will take brochures for the Garage Sale & Family Fun Day (Sunday). I have also spoken to St. Agatha's so we just need to get agreement from West Pennant Hills Public & we will have covered the 4 primary schools in our area which should cover a high percentage of our target market.

Hope to see you all soon at one of the above activities or next Monday for Rob Clarke's talk on Landscape Photography.

President Clive Denmark

Night Report

Sergeant Jim opened the meeting with the wrong date and then Alan gave a toast to Denmark instead of Norway.

Douglas Lam spoke on the working bee at John Purchase School and they hope to finish it next Saturday. He is looking for help on Saturday 10th.

Larry Jacka spoke about the Foundation Dinner on the 18th November. Max reminded the meeting that the Trivia Night is only 2 weeks away and to get your tables organised. There is a Board meeting next Tuesday 13th at Rosemary's place. Our Exchange student Vilde is now at school and met some of the other inbound students last Saturday.

Our guest speaker Alan McLain gave us the history of Cobb & Co and the privations of travelling on their coaches. In the 1800's if a teacher was transferred to a new school he had to travel by coach, this included food & lodgings but if the coach was held up by poor roads & flooded rivers the passengers missed out on their food and had to sleep sitting up in the coach. Freeman Cobb saw the need for transport requirements when gold was found at Forest Creek which is now known as Castlemaine. The gold miners used to travel from Melbourne to Castlemaine and then onto Bendigo. The coach would hold 6-9 passengers inside and 5 outside. This was called a Concord Coach. The average speed was 9-11Km per hour.

There was a larger coach built called the Leviathan Coach which held 69 people but was very unstable on the outback roads. In the 1800's these coaches were held up quite often. Henry Lawson wrote about the "History of Cobb & Co." and the "Highway Men" who robbed them. To name a few, Captain Thunderbolt, Ben Hall, Frank Gardner, Dan Morgan & John Gilbert all of whom were eventually killed.

During the "gold rush" at Sofala & Hill End coaches would travel from Penrith to Bathurst and to the goldfields. The famous gold nugget found was called the "Holtermann Nugget" worth \$6.95M.

Cobb & Co. opened in Brisbane and then followed the mines to Dunedin in N.Z. A major source of income for the company was the mail contract but after the 1st World War the contract was given to the returning Service men and then the railway came along and Cobb & Co. lost most of its business.

Alan MacLean was thanked for his presentation and then drew the raffle for the bottle of wine which he won.

Heads & Tails was won by Colin Wright.

Night Reporter Stan Baseley







Our Guest Speaker Alan MacLean
talking about Stage Coach
Transportation history

John Purchase Public School Landscaping Project

Our first hands-on community project of the year. The goal is to help JPPS build a book nook for school kids who do not socialise well. After delayed by rain the previous week, we started on the project on 3rd August. I would like to thank Brian Furrer, Max Henderson, Tony Makin, Colin McGowan, Alan Paynter, Gino Savio, Colin Sharpe, David Turnbull, Tom Westcott, Colin Wright who partook in this exercise. President Clive came in for the PM session but was disappointed that we could proceed no further.

Gino went in with his little earth-mover and broke up the concrete slab with some brute force from himself, Tony Makin and Colin Sharpe. Meanwhile we moved the pavers to the site by wheel barrows. The pavers were estimated to weigh approximately 18kg each.

The site was then pegged out and levelled with much attention paid to the degree of sloping for drainage. We then barrowed in tonnes of road-base to build up and level the foundation. Unfortunately, the compactor that was due to arrive did not eventuate. So sadly we have to call it a day. Nevertheless, it was a good morning's work.

Weather permitting, we will continue with this project next Saturday 10th August and will report the progress back here.

A special thanks to Ann Sharpe who brought us freshly baked muffins with tea and coffee. A sausage sizzle with beer was provided by the PNC from the school for our lunch.



Site Survey



Ankle deep mud after the rain



*Now you see it!
(The curve part of the concrete slab)*



Now you don't!



A bit more here



Is it level yet?



Mind the pegs

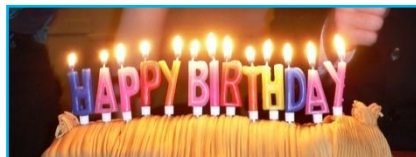


All hands on deck



*A good morning's work.... Site levelled and road-base applied
(But who left it there or did you see that!)*

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Anniversaries

Roberts – 16th August

Davisons – 17th August

Birthdays

Steve Baker – 15th August

Vilde Sollien – 15th August

Channa Jayasuriya – 18th August

Food for Thought



“Life is far too important a thing ever to talk seriously about.”

Oscar Wilde

Humour



Remus Rudd

No matter what side of the political fence you're on, THIS is FUNNY and VERY telling! It just all depends on how you look at the same things.

Judy Rudd an amateur genealogy researcher in south east Queensland, was doing some personal work on her own family tree. She discovered that ex-Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's great-great uncle, Remus Rudd, was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Melbourne in 1889. Both Judy and Kevin Rudd share this common ancestor.

The only known photograph of Remus shows him standing on the gallows at the Melbourne Jail.



On the back of the picture Judy obtained during her research is this inscription:

"Remus Rudd – horse thief, sent to Melbourne Jail 1885, escaped 1887, robbed the Melbourne-Geelong train six times. Caught by Victoria Police Force, convicted and hanged in 1889."

So Judy recently e-mailed ex-Prime Minister Rudd for information about their great-great uncle, Remus Rudd. Believe it or not, Kevin Rudd's staff sent back the following biographical sketch for her genealogy research.

"Remus Rudd was famous in Victoria during the mid to late 1800s. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Melbourne-Geelong Railroad. Beginning in 1883, he devoted several years of his life to government service, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad. In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the Victoria Police Force. In 1889, Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honour when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed."

NOW That's how it's done, Folks!

That's real POLITICAL SPIN!

Contributed by Peter Cleary

Report from Bethany Ferguson – Our outbound exchange student

Hello ☺

The past few weeks have been very busy, with many changes to my exchange. I have now moved to my 3rd (out of 4) host family and I am getting use to the idea of having 5 siblings, and living on a pig farm! I am also getting use to not having my close exchange friends living in Denmark anymore, but I am looking forward to meeting the exchange students who will come in a few weeks.

It was very hard saying goodbye to some of my closest friends that I have made on my big adventure but like I said in my last report: even though I am sad because that I have had to say goodbye, I am also happy because it means that in just 5 months I have stepped right out of my comfort zone and gone out of my way to make these amazing friendships in the first place, ones I will NEVER forget!



I think on exchange like I am, you have to be grateful for every experience that comes your way – and that is exactly what I am doing.

I have just come back from an amazing trip!! No, I don't mean Eurotour, another trip to Switzerland and Italy with my 2nd Host family!

I had the most amazing time on that trip and for me to write everything that I liked about it would take a long time but here's the short version!

This holiday consisted of Me, my host dad, mum, brother, sister and her boyfriend. We drove in the car all the way to Switzerland which took a whole 13 hours (we drove through the night) and when we arrived at the campsite I was so thankful to take a break from the long car ride!

The next 5 days were filled with activity and almost everyday we went on a hike around the Alps of Switzerland. My host brother (Jonas), sister (Sara), her boyfriend (Jens) and I all decided to go White Water Rafting together on day, and that was AMAZING!



Jens, Sara, Jonas, Aasa (host mum) and I on the Top of Europe!



Me and the others on my boat for White Water Rafting!



The view of our little village that we were camping in, from hiking in the Alps.



It was also Jens' birthday one of the days in Switzerland and as a surprise present my host family had planned for him to go Canyon Jumping, which was where you are in a harness and you jump off a platform 80 meters high and fly down through the crack of a canyon. It was great to see him and the other participants have fun, but I was glad I wasn't doing it! (Plunging down rapids in a rubber boat was enough for me!)

After some more hiking, standing on the 'Top of Europe' and more hiking it was time to drive to the beautiful beaches of Italy! We stayed at a campsite in Massa, which was not too far from Pisa and Florence, which we visited!

As we were so busy in Switzerland, not wanting to waste the short time we were there, we took a few days during our time in Italy to just relax by the beach, and I felt like home – beside the lack of English and billions of tourists there!

We also went to Florence for one day and it was lovely! It

was much like I expected, but many (many) more shops everywhere! Besides from sightseeing, I really wanted to buy something from Italy that I could keep for a long time and I thought, what better than a leather jacket from Florence! And there were SO many leather shops to help me choose!

I managed to find a nice leather jacket I loved, and so did my host mum, dad, sister and brother!



Host Dad, Mum and I in our new Leather Jackets from Florence!



Also in Florence we saw many beautiful, old churches, museums and I even got to be on a portrait like the Mona Lisa!

In Pisa I finally got to see the Leaning Tower of Pisa and show off how strong I am on camera by holding the tower with one finger – WOW!

After an amazing holiday, it was time to drive home which took a total of 1800 km and 2 very long days! Then it was straight into unpacking, washing and packing again for my next journey! The move to my new host family was very good, and although I was sad to leave my 2nd host family, I was excited to get to know another great and different family.

Only a few more weeks of holidays before it's time to go back to school and I have a bit of homework to do, plus visiting some more friends and enjoy this beautiful Danish summer!

Farvel alle!

Beth

Notices

13th August 2013 -- Ronald McDonald House Westmead Annual Golf Day (Flyer attached)

17th August 2013 -- Macquarie Rotaract Trivia Night (Flyer attached)

24th August – Our Club's Trivia Night (Flyer attached)

18th November -- Rotary Foundation Dinner Districts 9685 & 9675 (Flyer attached)

1st - 4th June 2014 – RI Convention Sydney (Flyer attached)

****** Please take note of Vilde's contact number below and invite her to participate with you in any suitable activities. This will enable the host family to have a small respite. By the way, her birthday is on the 15th August and she will be 17. ******

		Club Program 2013-2014	RED YES = PARTNERS on a meeting night.	
Aug-13		Membership Extension Month		
Sat	10	JPPS Landscaping		Douglas Lam
Sun	11	SOCIAL – Lunch@ Kirribilli Club	Yes	Social
Mon	12	Landscape Photography Rob Clarke	Yes	Rob Hamer
Tues	13	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 @ the Clarkes'		Clive Denmark
Tues	16	Final Trivia Night Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm		Rob Hamer
Mon	19	Membership Night - Special Guest Speaker - Dominic Perrottet MLA	Yes	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 @ the Hamers'		Clive Denmark
Mon	16	Membership Night		Rosemary Clarke
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
Oct-13		Vocational Service Month		
Mon	7	No Meeting - Labour Day Pub Holiday!		
Mon	7	BBQ Bunnings Dural LONG WEEKEND MONDAY		Barry Lambert
Tue	8	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at Bob and Bev Davison's		Clive Denmark
Mon	14	No Meeting- See Tuesday Night		
Tues	15	Golf Day Oatlands Golf Club with Hunters Hill Rotary Club		Clive Denmark
Tues	15	Dinner - Golf Day Oatlands Golf Club with Hunters Hill Rotary Club		
Sun	20	Porche Car Club BBQ + Coffee – TBC	Yes	TBA
Mon	21	Dick Bushell on Bikie's Diaries -- TBC	Yes	Barry Lambert
Sat	26	Chineses Lantern Festival – tentative date	Yes	Douglas Lam
Mon	28	TBA		

Vilde's Family Program			
2013-2014			
Vilde's Contact – email: sollien.vilde@gmail.com mobile: 0402 573 441			
Week Ending Friday	Host Family	Planned Activities	Vilde with You
	Clarkes 19-07-2013 to 30-11-2013		
	Davisons 01-12-2013 to 21-03-2014		
	Fergusons 22-03-2014 to 18-07-2014		
Directors 2013-14			
Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook			
President	Clive Denmark	0400 425 210	
Past President	Bob Davison	0413 008 574	
Secretary	Barry Lambert	0412 465 819	
Acting Secretary	Keith Ball	0401 895 333	
Treasurer	Ian Roberts	0401 898 989	
Membership	Rosemary Clarke	0439 819 965	
Club Service Director	Rob Hamer	0400 335 091	
Youth Service Director	Bob Davison	0413 008 574	
Community Service Director	Douglas Lam	0419 421 659	
International Service Director	Tony Makin	0411 248 865	
Foundation and PR	PDG Larry Jacka	0458 123 722	
Vocational Service Director	Colin Sharpe	0419 499 827	
Fundraiser Director	Clive Denmark	0400 425 210	
Club Welfare Officer (non-executive)	Stan Basely	9634 1084	
Social Committee Leader	Colin Wright	0409 393 027	