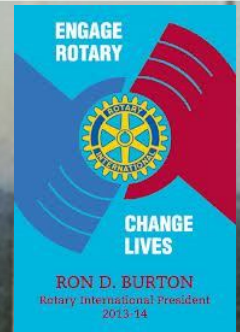




The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Club Bulletin

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Monday November 18

Special meeting – Nick Farr-Jones

Monday November 25

Youth night where we discover Norway – Vilde Sollien

Monday December 2

Annual General Meeting – Elections

Duty Roster

Next Meeting – Monday 14 November		Following Meeting – Monday 15 November	
Speaker Host	Rob Hamer	Speaker Host	Bob Davison
Night Reporter	Tom Westcott	Night Reporter	Graham Cuthbertson
Front Desk	Brian Furrer	Front Desk	Keith Ball
Front Desk	Ian Roberts	Front Desk	Ian Roberts
Steward	John Fletcher	Steward	Colin Wright
Steward	David Turnbull	Steward	Alan Paynter
Photographer	Ross/Bob	Photographer	Ross/Bob

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Upcoming Events

Saturday November 23
Bunnings BBQ – Dural

Tuesday November 26
Book Fair planning meeting – Davison's

Sunday December 1
Christmas Lunch – Castle Hill Country Club

Tuesday December 3
Board Meeting

Meetings

Monday 6.30pm for 7.00pm – Springfield House – 245 New Line Road, Dural. <http://www.rotarydistrict9685.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



Only 5 more meetings before Christmas. Mondays meeting with Nick Farr Jones as speaker looks as though it will be well attended with 6 partners & 22 guests giving us expected numbers of around 58. At my request Rob asked Nick what particular charities he supports & he mentioned Wesley where he was a board member for 10 years. It's a charity we support in several ways. We usually support Operation Hope by sponsoring a number of disadvantaged kids to go to camps at Vision Valley. Wesley are also one of the main recipients of the presents from the "Tree of Joy". The following week is a Youth Night which are usually pretty lively , then Comes the AGM.

It is the **AGM & the nominations for next year** that I want to address. Both Bob & I have sounded out likely candidates for the Presidency & what looks likely to be a number of senior board positions. Both our present Treasurer & secretary are standing down. Barry has given long and outstanding service to the club and wants a break & Ian feels that 2 years as treasurer is enough although he may be persuaded to fill another board position. We have had one approach to cover Treasurer from Bob but that will leave open the important role of youth director. The key directorships of Community service & Membership will also need to be filled.

Why am I going in to this amount of detail? Because I think we are headed for the crossroads as a club. We have always had good numbers, a very active program and a strong club ethos. Now the only feedback I am getting is that members are too busy with work or travel to consider a challenging Board position let alone considering being President or Incoming President/ Club service.

Please give it some serious thought. We need above all an enthusiast President. You do not need to do everything , with a good Board the load is well spread but you do need to be committed.

It would also be a real plus if we could get someone to commit to being incoming President /club service. This would spread the load & provide much needed continuity.

Then there are likely to be some key directors portfolios up for grabs. Being a director means attending a Board meeting once a month, having a good grasp of what your portfolio requires & pulling together a committee to achieve your goals. Members can help by serving on one or two committees so that directors know they have a strong team to share the workload.

Its your Club if you want it to thrive , indeed even survive , in the long term we need good meetings , meaningful service work & to continue to try to attract new members & we need you to play your part!!!

Regards ***President Clive Denmark***

Night Report – Dinner at BH Campus Training Restaurant

On Thursday 14th November Colin Sharp organised a social dinner at the BH Campus Training Restaurant known as Twenty One Fifty Three (which also happens to be the post code). We had forty one members and partners who were almost all there by 6:30 with high expectations. The students were near the end of their first year and I could sense a lot of nervousness, but they did well. The food was great and the bar prices very reasonable. Peter thought his desert portion was a bit large, not a complaint you hear in our family.

We had a great night (with no Rotary business), definitely worth doing again.

Talking of meals, we had a great breakfast at Colin and Anne Sharpes. There were fourteen of us enjoying sausage, bacon, egg, tomato coffee, shampers..... it was so good that Bev and I and a few others were there until mid afternoon. Well done Colin & Anne, we should make it a regular feature to have leftovers following the Porche BBQ!

Night Reporter: Bob Davison

Baulkham Hills Campus Training Restaurant

Menu

\$30.00

Entrée

Prawn Bisque

With Shredded King Prawn & Chives

Braised Pork Belly

On Crushed Minted Pea with Madeira Glaze

Mushroom & Gruyere Tortellini

With Burst Cherry Tomato & Caramelised Onion Sauce

Mains

Macadamia Crusted Barramundi

Rested on a Sautéed Leek & Sun Dried Tomato Risoni

Slow Cooked Beef Cheek & Mushroom Pot Pie

With Parsnip Mash, Baby Carrots & Broccolini

Confit Duck Maryland

On White Bean & Thyme Puree with a Fig & Rocket Salad & Red Currant Jus

Dessert

Chocolate Mocha Tart

With Vanilla Bean Double Cream

Strawberry Mille-Feuille

Strawberry Mouse with fresh Strawberries & Almond Biscuits

Frozen Hazelnut Praline Soufflé

Dietary requirements available on request

Individual menu items are limited as this is a training environment



Howard and Megan on the Panama

Hi All Club Members.

We have completed our cruise through the Panama Canal taking a total of 9 hours. This included 3 locks on the Atlantic Ocean side and 2 locks on the Pacific Ocean side. Between the two sets the ship anchored in the Gatun Lake waiting for other ships to clear the following locks. From the ships deck we had a marvellous view of the complete operation of the docking and manoeuvring of the ship in the lock chamber as our ship had

a two foot clearance either side of the lock wall. This was achieved by four locomotives or "Electric Mules" attached by steel cables to the ships bow and stern. We witnessed the transfer of the water from one chamber to the other and the opening and closing of the lock gates with the ship rising and falling in the water level.

Moving into the Pacific Ocean the ship cruised up the Central American Coast stopping in at ports in Costa Rica and southern Mexico. On organised tours we visited the local areas of these ports seeing how the locals lived and worked. We are nearing the end of our adventure in the America's and will be back in Aust. Mid November.

Ps I attended a meeting of Rotarians on board the ship. They were from the USA, UK, Canada and Australia. We were all given a make up card.



Howard & Megan

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Members are advised that the Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Inc. will be held at Springfield Function Centre, New Line Road Dural on Monday December 2nd 2013 starting at 7.00pm..

Business to be conducted includes acceptance of minutes from previous AGM, presentation and acceptance of the annual financial statements for 2012/2013, confirmation of auditor for 2013/14 and election of office bearers for 2014/15.

Copies of financial statements are available from the Treasurer prior to the meeting by request.

Persons wishing to nominate for board positions should contact Secretary Barry Lambert or President Clive Denmark for information. Nomination forms will be sent to all members.

Barry Lambert, Secretary

Proposed RAWCS Project in Vanuatu – May 2014

Fellows,

I have now got some details for the working trip to Vanuatu that we have been talking about for some time. The project will see us installing louvre windows and general maintenance on a school at Hogg Harbour. We will also help with a new craft room and assist teaching the students

Full cost looks about \$1,700 - \$1,800 per person plus meals, to be confirmed. This covers flights, a night in Luganville and accommodation at Lonnoc Beach Bungalows - which looks fabulous.

Last time we went the cost was tax-deductable. Since then the rules have changed but, if you can get your company to make a donation, this is still a possibility.

I need expressions of interest so we can arrange the flights and accommodation.

Suggested dates are 1st to 11th May (Thursday flight out and Sunday back - you can extend this period and have a holiday if you want). We need to go at the beginning of May to fit between another group going late April and other events. We also can't really go much earlier or later because of the weather in Vanuatu.

Be aware of other things around that time – The Club weekend away is currently on 17/18th May (this date is pretty firm being sandwiched between Easter and winter). Colin needs a good turnout for this to be viable. It is possible to do both but there is only a week gap. Also the International Convention is the first week of June.

Please send me an email now letting me know if you are interested, possibly interested or definitely not interested so we can plan the next move.

Regards,
Tony Makin

Proposed Weekend Away – Bateman's Bay – May 2014

Our Social Committee is organising a weekend away on 17th & 18th of May 2014.

The highlights are: Illawarra Fly Treetop Walk, Moss Vale, Kangaroo Valley, Ulladulla, Batemans Bay, Mogo Township, Mogo Zoo, Berry.

The cost is \$325 per person which includes:

- Luxury coach travel
- Twin share accommodation Sat night,
- Morning tea and lunch on both days, a dinner cruise on the Clyde River Saturday night & a hot breakfast on Sunday.
- All entry fees included in the itinerary

Colin Wright is asking for an expression of interest, so please tell or email him if you are interested.

URGENT APPEAL

Super Typhoon *Haiyan* smashes the Philippines Desperation as more than 10,000 feared dead

Disaster Aid Australia DART Response Teams, already working in the Philippines after the devastating earthquake on Bohol island, are in Leyte today with the Balay Mindanaw team to perform assessments and assist the sourcing and effective delivery of aid working alongside local government authorities.

Team Leader **Ed Cox** who was deployed to Indonesia after the 2004 Tsunami described the devastation on Leyte as, *"far greater than what I witnessed in my 10 years as an aid worker. I was in Bandah Aceh, Indonesia in 2004, what I have seen today is far worse than that, almost every home has been destroyed and thousands are missing: families are absolutely devastated."*

Everything that Disaster Aid Australia has in its warehouse will be sent to the Philippines. This disaster will need more ... and then more ...

So, will you please help us to provide vital help for our near neighbours?

Donations (tax deductible) to:

1 Direct credit

BSB 633 000 Acc. no. 1400 38993

Disaster Aid Australia Overseas Aid Fund

Ref: (your name)

2 Credit card (Visa or Mastercard – please circle)

No. ____/____/____/____/____/____/____/____/____/____/____/____/____/____/____/____

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Email: _____

3 Mail to: PO Box 790
Endeavour Hills Vic. 3802



Register NOW for the Sydney International Convention

Rotary's 105th International Convention



RotaRians, paRtneRs and fRiends

Where: Olympic Park, Homebush

When: 1st to 4th June 2014, (28th to 31st May: Pre-convention)

Registration: www.riconvention.org

**Cost: \$US310 including an 8 day free travel pass
(bus/train/ferry)**

How can you help?

1. Attend

(please complete early bird registration, before 15th December, to allow organising Districts to get hosting deposit refund, **needs over 50% early bird registration of 9675 and 9685 Rotarians**).

2. Volunteer www.rotary2014.com.au

3. Offer home stay (During / Pre / Post).

4. Appoint a Conference Officer/ contact person (please supply this name and email to your AG and PDG Paul Erickson).

5. Each member to invite all your Rotary contacts, individuals and clubs.

6. Join the RI Convention mailing list www.rotary2014.com.au

7. Publicise in newsletters and on correspondence.

District Promotions Committee contact: PDG Paul Erickson (paul.erickson53@hotmail.com) 47512040

October Report from Bethany

Hi!

I have just returned from the most amazing trip to Paris. I went as part of my French class from Horsens Gymnasium for 5 days and stayed right near in the city. I think that many of you will have enjoyed Paris, so here are the highlights to refresh your Paris memories.

Saw the Sacre Coeur Basilica and saw a beautiful view of Paris.



Went to Musée d'Orsay and saw some very beautiful, interesting and famous artwork.

We went down into the Catacombs of Paris, which was a little creepy but still very interesting. The Catacombs are underground passages and rooms that were originally a limestone quarry from the Roman period, but was taken into use as a burial cemetery in the late 1700's and is filled with bones and skulls. They were very popular and we had to wait 1.5 hour to get in, but still very worth it!



I got to see the old Arch de Triumph, and also the new one.

We went to see the Louvre Museum. We unfortunately didn't spend a long time there but we all made sure we saw the famous Mona Lisa.



We had an excursion to the Palace of Versailles. We saw through the castle (which is enormous and filled with beautiful displays) and then took a walk through the park with the big water plant, and then went to Le Hameau and Grand and Petit Trianon.



As we had such a busy schedule, most students did not have time to go up in the Eiffel Tower, but two of my friends and I decided to eat dinner together up the tower. It was very busy and a long waiting line, but again it was well worth it. the nighttime view was amazing!



On the last day we had 5 hours free time, which I spent with my friends shopping, and we also went to see the Notre Dame and enjoyed a lovely French lunch together.

It took us 2 hours on the plane and 3 hours on the train to get home and that seemed like a lot of traveling, but now it seems like nothing compared to the 26 hour trip that will take me home.

This week we have a one-week break from school, which is great. I have been catching up with friends and in a few days I will be taking a bus to Kiel, Germany to visit my friend Flora (an exchange student who was also in my class but only in Denmark for 6 months). Four other friends will be coming with me and I am very excited for this mini holiday with them!

Tomorrow I move to the fourth and last Host Family. I am very grateful to the Nielsen Family for being so kind to me for the last 3 months. I have really felt part of their family and I have enjoyed watching life on a real working farm.

From Beth

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Anniversaries

Rashna and Cawas Sahukar – 27th November

Birthdays

Barbara Furrer – 24th November

Rashna Sahukar – 27th November

Food for Thought



Everyone says that love hurts, but that is not true.
Loneliness hurts. Rejection hurts. Losing someone hurts. We confuse these things with love.
In reality, love is the only thing in this world that covers up all the pain and makes us feel wonderful again.

Humour

The 3rd Affair (3 of 6)

A mortician was working late one night.

He examined the body of Mr. Schwartz,
About to be cremated,
And made a startling discovery.
Schwartz had the largest private part
He had ever seen!

'I'm sorry Mr. Schwartz,' the mortician
Commented, 'I can't allow you to be cremated
With such an impressive private part.
It must be saved for posterity.'

So, he removed it,
Stuffed it into his briefcase,
And took it home.

'I have something to show
You won't believe,' he said to his wife,
Opening his briefcase.

'My God!' the wife exclaimed,

'Schwartz is dead!'

Timbuktu

The Australian Poetry Competition had come down to two finalists; a university graduate and an old aboriginal. They were given a word, then allowed two minutes to study the word and come up with a poem that contained the word. The word they were given was 'TIMBUKTU'

First to recite his poem was the university graduate.

He stepped to the microphone and said:

*Slowly across the desert sand,
Trekking a lonely caravan
Men on camels two by two
Destination – Timbuktu.*

The crowd went crazy! No way could the old aboriginal top that, they thought.

The old aboriginal calmly made his way to the microphone and recited;

*Me and Tim a huntin' went
Met three whores in a pop up tent
They were three, and we was two
So I bucked one, and tim-buk-tu.*

The aboriginal won. --

Submitted by Colin.

Vilde's Calendar – invite her out if date not yellow

November 2013

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Theatre in the Park	10 Youth Ex Cruise
11	12	13	14	15 plays sport	16 With Savio's	17 With Savio's
18 With Savio's	19 With Savio's	20 With Savio's	21 With Savio's	22 With Savio's	23 With Savio's	24 With Savio's
25	26	27	28	29 plays sport	30	

December 2013

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
30	31					1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Davison Xmas	26 Davison Family	27	28	29

January 2014

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Davison Gold Coast
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Club Progame 2013-2014			RED YES = PARTNERS on a meeting night.	hols
Updated 05/11/2013 by RWH			Tentative date hold only	
Nov-13		Rotary Foundation Month		
Mon	18	Nick Farr-Jones		Rosemary Clarke
Sat	23	Bunnings BBQ - Dural		Barry Lambert
Mon	25	Youth Night + Tree of Joy recipient or representative.	Yes	Bob Davison
Dec-13		Rotary Fellowship Month		
Sun	1	Christmas luncheon - Castle Hill Country Club Date and venue TBC.	Yes	Social Comm.
Mon	2	Annual General Meeting		
Tues	3	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at the Lambert's.		Clive Denmark
Mon	9	Rotary Foundation - Larry Jacka or ?		Larry Jacka
Thu	13	Tree of Joy- Santa's Workshop at the Turnbull's 7.30pm	Yes	Douglas Lam
Mon	16	Christmas Meeting (Kris Kringle-gifts).	Yes	
Mon	24	No Meeting		
Mon	31	No Meeting		
Jan-14		Rotary Awareness Month		
Mon	6	No Meeting		
Sun	12	Exchange Student Beth returns to Australia from Denmark (flight TG471)		Bob Davison
Mon	13	Club Assembly		Clive Denmark
Mon	20	John Krisenthal - Seniors Helpers.	Yes	Rob Hamer
Mon	27	Australia Day Holiday		
Feb-14		World Understanding Month		
Mon	3	John Lees Business Coach, Developer and Author	Yes	Carol Russell
Tues	4	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30		Clive Denmark
Thu	6	Ronald McDonald House Westmead. Dinner with and for the residents.	Yes	
Fri	7	Vilde's Mount Kosciuszko walk	Yes	Graham Cuth.
Sat	8	staying at North Perisher	Yes	Graham Cuth.
Sun	9	Ski Lodge	Yes	Graham Cuth.
Mon	10	Looking for speaker - Possible Binet Homes night.	Yes	Rob Hamer
Wed	12	Book Fair Meeting		
Sat	15	Sorting sessions for Booksale. Need approx 20 members/partners for am or pm	Yes	Clive Denmark
Sun	16	Sorting sessions for Booksale. Need approx 20 members/partners for am or pm	Yes	Clive Denmark
Mon	17	Looking for speaker		Rob Hamer
Sun	23	District 9685 Conference at Chatswood.	Yes	
Sun	23	Club social Barbeque 10-5, Kokoda Memorial Walkway BBQ area (adjoining Cafe end Killoola St Concord) Possible speaker on Kokoda.	TBC	Tony Makin
Mon	24	Youth Night -RYPEN, RYLA, NYSF reports	Yes	Bob Davison

Directors 2013-14**Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook**

President	Clive Denmark	0400 425 210
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Youth Services Director	Bob Davison	0413 008 574
Community Services Director	Douglas Lam	0419 421 659
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Fundraiser Director	Jim Simpson	0439 465 725
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