



The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

Club Bulletin

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Monday December 9

Rotary Foundation – David Rands

Monday December 16

Christmas Meeting with Santa – have you been good?

Monday 13th January 2013

Club Assembly

Duty Roster

Next Meeting – Monday 9 December		Following Meeting – Monday 16 December	
Speaker Host	Larry Jacka	Speaker Host	Colin Wright
Night Reporter	Peter Cleary	Night Reporter	Graham Evans
Front Desk	Steve Baker	Front Desk	Bob Davison
Front Desk	Ian Roberts	Front Desk	Ian Roberts
Steward	Colin McGowan	Steward	Howard Flemming
Steward	Roslyn Savio	Steward	Bob Myers
Photographer	Ross/Bob M.	Photographer	Ross Ballinger.

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Upcoming Events

Thursday December 5

Vanuatu project meeting – 7:30 at Makin's

Friday December 13

Tree of Joy – Santa's Workshop

Tuesday December 17

Barry Freeman's New Board Meeting at Barry's

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



It feels good that the AGM is over. The club is in good shape financially & appears to have the makings of a good incoming board for next year. I congratulate past president Barry Freeman as Incoming President & am sure he will do an excellent job next year. He has agreed to join the current Board for the rest of this year & has already attended his first Board meeting. It's good to see a few new faces as well as some experienced hands returning next year.

Past DG Larry Jacka is having medical treatment & may not be able to come to next Mondays meeting (Ed: he has assured me he will be there). He has David Rands coming to talk on the Foundation. We wish Larry all the best for Monday.

After the Christmas Meeting on the 16th December there is a well-earned break for 3 weeks & for most of us an opportunity to spend the Christmas period with family. We can reflect on those less

fortunate than ourselves. Christmas is perhaps the worst time of the year to be lonely or broke. Brian & the **Tree of Joy** Committee will soon be gathering & allocating donated gifts to match the tags on the tree, hopefully that will help bring a little joy to the recipients. The board also agreed to my request for up to \$200 to give in cash or kind to help give 118 families, from those who have been receiving financial counselling at Lifeline to receive a small hamper which includes a tinned ham, a pudding or cake & a toy or two.

I'll talk briefly about some plans for the New Year next week

Regards *President Clive Denmark*

Night Report – AGM

Tonight was the AGM with elections. I was reporter for both, and will provide a simplified version of the AGM minutes (not the minutes to be lodged).

Sgt Jim opened the meeting right on time, and Pres Clive got right down to business.

Vilde gave a run down of her week:

- Wed a school swimming carnival,
- Fri Sailing with David, Jill and (sister) Margaret (which she thoroughly enjoyed),
- Fri night she stayed with school friends and did the Mud Run on Saturday. This she thoroughly enjoyed.
- She stayed with school friends again Sat night, and her friend had a birthday breakfast.
- (ED: when she arrived home the mud run clothes and shoes went straight into the wash – lots of mud!!)
- Of course, Sunday she enjoyed the Club Christmas lunch

Tony advertised that the Vanuatu project information night is Thursday 5th, 7:30pm at the Makin's (don't be late else you do the washing up). If you are not sure what 10 days in Vanuatu working on a school at Hog Harbour would be like, come along and find out. The trip is intended early May 2014.

Ross Ballinger advised of his change of address – the Club Directory will be distributed in the new year – so if anyone else has changes to make (Tom?) then get them to Rosemary and I, a.s.a.p.

Pres Clive complained that the top table was at a disadvantage with the wine raffle – he had the money box but no tickets... Tony quickly produced the tickets (Ed: how come he wasn't later fined for that?)

The AGM was opened at 7:55 with a quorum of 22 members. Minutes of last years AGM were accepted by Keith and Cawas.

Then Ian gave the treasurers report.

- He has focussed on data capture. We can't justify specialised software but rather use Excel which suits our needs.
- The 30 June 13 accounts were finalised within 5 days and presented to the auditor. The board report can be produced within 1 day.
- Total income of \$60k was down \$41k on the previous year. This was due to one offs the previous year: Maddies Caddy, sale of trailer being the main ones, and dinners are down due to lower attendance.
- Fundraising net is about the same. There was an additional \$2k in interest as Ian made our funds work – opening an ING online account that earned \$1600 at 3.75%. Youth expense was up slightly (\$9k) due to Rosemary's well run program.
- We had three events that were down \$3.5k: Garage Sale, Porsche Day, Chinese Lantern Festival (bad weather) but still managed to carry over a surplus of \$4k for the year.
- 1/3 of monies raised go to expenses (varies by project) and Tom is analysing the unit of effort per dollar raised to ensure we get the best return.
- The auditor report was clean, with the following suggestions:
 - Segregate collection / deposits / reconciliation. Ian proposed that the project organiser have someone other than the Treasurer collect funds
 - Receipt book with signatures as proof of payment
 - ABN updated to reflect "& Cherrybrook". The ATO has been making this update difficult unless the registered person deals with them (Keith thinks that is him)

Colin Wright asked that the items in the Auditor Report be discussed by the Board and actions be reported back to the Club.

The accounts were accepted by Barry Freeman and Peter Cleary.

Pres Clive thanked Ian for a superb job Ian has done in structuring the accounts and putting the funds to work. There was a unanimous agreement from the Club members present.

Barry Lambert then proceeded with the election of the new Committee. He asked for final nominations, and Cawas Sahuka was nominated and accepted. Due to the number of nominations a vote was not required. The positions elected for the 2014-2015 year are as follows:

President: Barry Freeman
Secretary: Jim Simpson
Treasurer: Bob Davison
Directors: Keith Ball,
Douglas Lam,
Max Henderson,
Cawas Sahuka,
Colin Sharp,
David Turnbull
President Elect: * position not filled *

Barry asked if there were any Directors reports for 2012-2013, and it was agreed that the reports in the latest changeover document were appropriate.

Barry asked for any items of general business – none were raised. The **AGM closed** at 8:15pm

Pres Clive advised the Club that early bird registration for conference had been extended to COB Wednesday, and reminded the Club that early bird for the June 2014 International Convention closes 14th December. This is a great opportunity to attend an international convention without the cost of travel, so consider going....

Barry Freeman welcomed the newly appointed committee members, and proposed a meeting (Ed: this has now been scheduled for 17th Dec 7:30pm at Barry's) to determine Director roles, projects and priorities for the Club next year.

Brian won the raffle (but couldn't produce the ticket – we trusted him).

Then Sgt Jim gave us an important message:

Kids in the back seat cause accidents, Accidents in the back seat cause kids!!

(Ed: a 2 seater sports car would resolve both of these ☺)

Followed by a fruitful fining session (yep, the Kiwis were picked on again for their losses!). Evidently Ross and Tony asked Rob for help to make a fortune on eBay – they were asked to share their new wealth!

Max won Heads & Tails.

In summary, an excellent AGM meeting.

Night Reporter: Bob Davison



Our Christmas Lunch – 1st December



Register NOW for the Sydney International Convention (discount ends 14th December)

.... Before it is too late! (to get the discount)

Bethany's October report

We have received Bethany's latest report.....

"Hej alle!

A few weeks ago I moved to my 4th and final Host Family and said goodbye to the pig farm. 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. Now I live with my host mum, dad and sister (Benedikte) in the middle of nowhere! It is nice because I don't have to worry about traffic near my house and I get to spend more time at home with the family, doing many things like cooking, hunting, horse riding and much more! I have such a cute room, which I have decorated with flags, pictures and other memories that I have made this year..... "



Read the rest of her report on our website. <http://www.wphcrotary.org/> link to "Latest Club News"

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Anniversaries

none

Birthdays

Kaija Lam – 11rd December
Sandy Burrage – 11rd December
Jill Turnbull – 12rd December

Food for Thought



Blessed are the young, for they shall inherit the national debt. - Herbert Hoover

Humour

The 5th Affair (5 of 6)

A man walked into a cafe, went to the bar and ordered a beer.

'Certainly, Sir, that'll be one cent.'

'One Cent?' the man exclaimed.

He glanced at the menu and asked: 'How much for a nice juicy steak and a bottle of wine?'

'A nickel,' the barman replied.

'A nickel?' exclaimed the man. 'Where's the guy who owns this place?'

The bartender replied: 'Upstairs, with my wife.'

The man asked: 'What's he doing upstairs with your wife?'

The bartender replied: 'The same thing I'm doing to his business down here.'

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

December 2013

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

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
20 Davison Gold Coast	21 Davison Gold Coast	22 Davison Gold Coast	23 Davison Gold Coast	24 Davison Gold Coast	25 Davison Gold Coast	26 Davison Gold Coast
27 Davison Gold Coast	28 Davison Gold Coast	29	30	31		

February 2014

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Walk Mt. Kosciuszko	8 Walk Mt. Kosciuszko	9 Walk Mt. Kosciuszko
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

		Club Programme 2013-2014	RED YES = PARTNERS on a meeting night.	hols
		Updated 05/11/2013 by RWH	Tentative date hold only	
Dec-13		Rotary Fellowship Month		
Tues	3	Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at the Lambert's.		Clive Denmark
Thur	5	Vanuatu RAWCS info night 7:30 at Makin's		Tony Makin
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
President Elect	Barry Freeman	0414 400 100
Past President	Bob Davison	0413 008 574
Secretary	Barry Lambert	0412 465 819
Acting Secretary	Keith Ball	0478 599 155
Treasurer	Ian Roberts	0401 898 989
Membership	Rosemary Clarke	0439 819 965
Club Services Director	Rob Hamer	0400 335 091
Youth Services Director	Bob Davison	0413 008 574
Community Services Director	Douglas Lam	0419 421 659
International Director, Foundation and PR	PDG Larry Jacka	0418 690 898
Vocational Director	Colin Sharpe	0408 810 463
Fundraiser Director	Jim Simpson	0439 465 725
Club Welfare Officer (non-executive)	Stan Basely	02 9634 1084
Social Committee Leader	Colin Wright	0409 393 027